



Integration of Protected Mobility into 1 RAR: A significant enhancement to capability

What is 1 RAR?

1 RAR is an Infantry Battalion. This means it trains Soldiers and Teams to perform the role of the Infantry.

'The role of the Infantry is to seek out and close with the enemy, to kill or capture him, to seize and hold ground and to repel attack, by day or night, regardless of season, weather or terrain.'

What is 1 RAR's Mission?

To prepare Infantry Soldiers and Teams for War.

What does the integration of Protected Mobility mean for 1 RAR's capability?

- A substantial enhancement to its ability to expertly perform the role of the Infantry
- A significant improvement to its mobility – its ability to outperform the enemy
- A significant improvement to its protection – its ability to survive the enemy's attacks
- A significant improvement to its situational awareness – its ability to outthink the enemy
- A significant improvement to its sustainability – its ability to outlast the enemy

The integration of protected mobility will significantly enhance our ability to expertly perform our enduring Infantry role as part of a broader combined-arms team. Commanding Officer 1 RAR

The Protected Mobility capability enhancement formula



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= Enhanced Infantry and Combined Arms Capability



	Situation awareness		→	Decision superiority
	Survivability		→	Survive attacks
	Lethality		→	Potent precision
	Mobility		→	Move faster, longer
	Sustainability		→	Prolonged effectiveness
	Training / education		→	Fight smarter



The key requirements of the Infantry Soldier in close combat

Better Led, Better Disciplined, Better Trained and Better Equipped than any Adversary



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What is the Protected Mobility Vehicle – Medium, the 'Bushmaster'?

The Bushmaster is a combat proven, 11 tonne, 4x4, multi-role, protected, combat vehicle that will enable up to 10 Infantry soldiers and teams to close with the enemy in a high-threat environment.

The Bushmaster's protection is optimised against Improvised Explosive Devices, mines and ambushes.

1 RAR will employ a number of Bushmaster variants: troop carrier, command and control, mortar, anti-armour, logistics and ambulance.



What is the Protected Mobility Vehicle – Light, the 'Hawkei'?



The Hawkei is a new generation of protected vehicle. It is a 7 tonne, 4x4, multi-role, protected, combat vehicle that will enable Infantry soldiers and teams to close with the enemy in a high-threat environment.

The Hawkei will deliver leading protection, mobility and payload with unparalleled levels of blast and ballistic protection for a helicopter transportable vehicle.

1 RAR will employ the Hawkei for a variety of missions: troop movement, command and control, liaison, surveillance and reconnaissance.

The man or woman who will go where their Colours go, without asking, who will fight a phantom foe in the jungle and mountain ranges, without counting, and who will suffer and die in the midst of incredible hardship, without complaint, is still what they have always been, from Imperial Rome to sceptred Britain to democratic America [to modern Australia]. They are the stuff of which legions are made.
TR Fehrenbach

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