

[07/07/01 Death of Admiral Sir Anthony Synnot 4th July 2001](#)

Admiral Sir Anthony Synnot, a former Chief of the Navy and Chief of the Defence Force Staff, sadly passed away on July 4th, aged 79. Admiral Synnot had a long and distinguished military career including service in World War II, commands of destroyers and aircraft carriers and later senior appointments in the Australian Defence Force. He was Chief of Naval Staff from 1976 to 1979 and then Chief of the Defence Force Staff until 1982. Born at Corowa, NSW, and educated in Geelong, he joined the Royal Australian Navy in early 1939. After the war Admiral Synnot was involved in the early stages of the Malayan Emergency. He was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1970, taking up the first of a series of key senior appointments in which he contributed significantly to the development of the Australian Defence Force. After his retirement from active service, Sir Anthony Synnot served as Chairman of the Council of the Australian War Memorial. He is survived by his wife, Anne, and two daughters, Jane and Amanda.

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