



## 2RAR BLITZ COMPETITION

**F**resh from operations in Afghanistan, a section from the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (2RAR) came out on top in the Duke of Gloucester Cup at Singleton Military Area earlier this year.

The cup, which was first established in 1946, sees sections competing in a range of foundation war-fighting activities designed to assess team dynamics and individual soldier skills under mentally and physically stressful conditions.

Detailed assessment is conducted at every stage of the competition.

The Townsville battalion's eight-man section took out the prestigious cup, as well as the Sir Arthur McDonald Trophy for best night navigation/night firing and the Gurkha Trophy for best overall shooting results.

2RAR section commander Corporal Lee Newham said teamwork was paramount to success in the competition. "Morale within the section was always high, but when it came to crunch time there was always that motivation to keep driving us along," Corporal Newham said.

"I know that we have all put in our maximum effort and I believe we have achieved an outstanding result and to be rewarded for that is brilliant."

In October, the Duke of Gloucester Cup champions flew to Wales to take part in Exercise Cambrian Patrol, the premier infantry-patrolling event of the British Army – and came away with a highly sought-after silver medal after completing the gruelling 60km course in less than 48 hours.



MAIN PHOTO: A SECTION FROM 1RAR TACKLES THE URBAN-OPERATIONS PHASE OF THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER CUP AT SINGLETON.

INSET: THE WINNING 2RAR SECTION.