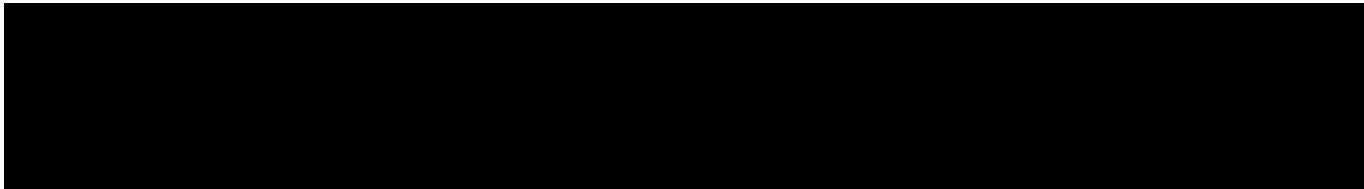


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**Cc:** Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: Aircraft Hall availability - 30 November and 7 December 2022

Thanks Sarah -  
Let's lock in 7th Dec and yes thanks for draft letter.

Regards,

Anne

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**From:** Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 5, 2022 5:52:42 PM  
**To:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Aircraft Hall availability - 30 November and 7 December 2022

Anne – see below. Looks like the 7<sup>th</sup> is the day for the book launch. Would you like a letter drafted for the GG?  
S.

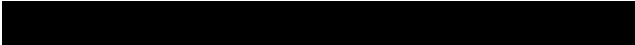
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**Sent:** Monday, 5 September 2022 5:51 PM  
**To:** Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Aircraft Hall availability - 30 November and 7 December 2022

Hi Sarah

The 30<sup>th</sup> is currently booked for another group.  
The 7<sup>th</sup> of December is available, I have placed a tentative hold on that date for you.

Joe Colangelo  


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**Sent:** Monday, 5 September 2022 5:06 PM

**To:** Joe Colangelo [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Aircraft Hall availability - 30 November and 7 December 2022

Hi Joe

The Memorial is looking to undertake a book launch on the evening of either 30 November or 7 December 2022. Can you advise on availability please.

S.

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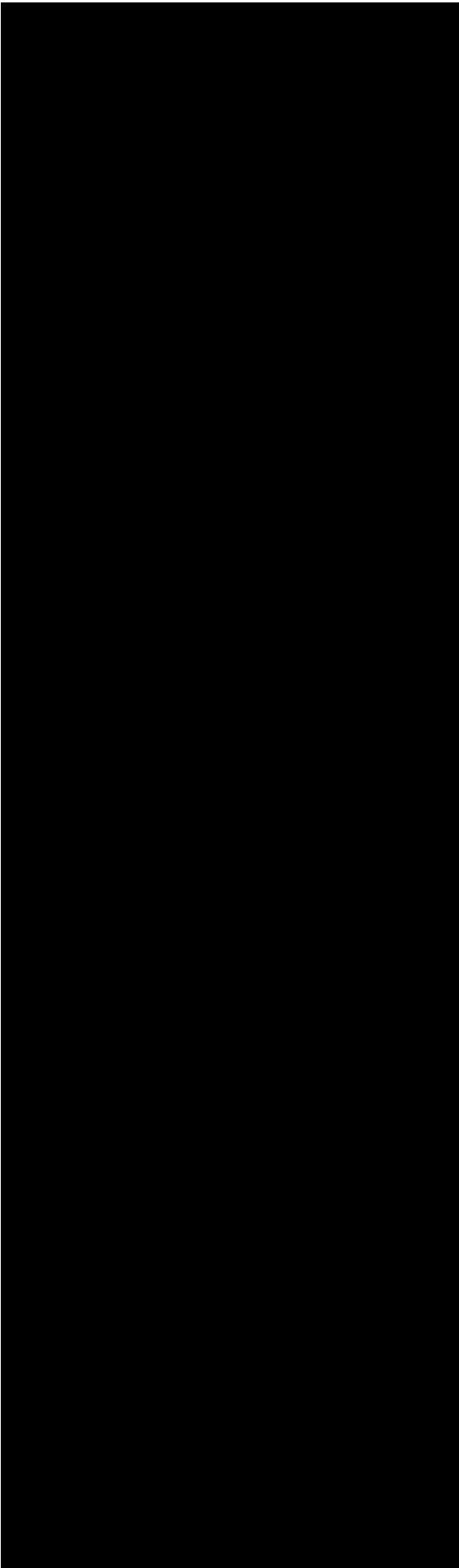
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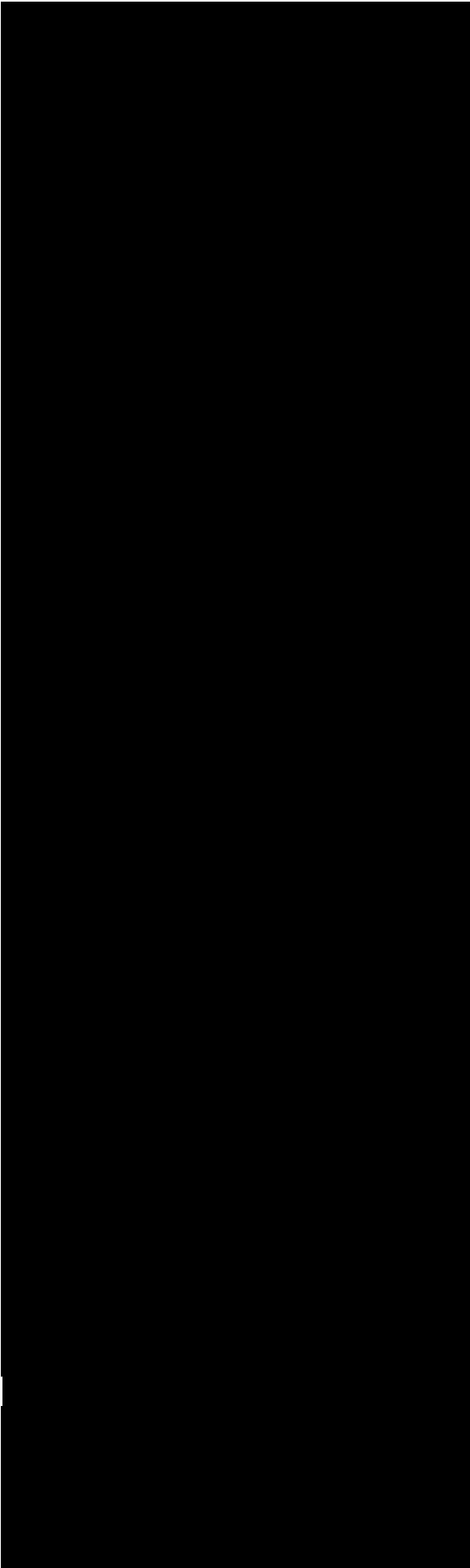


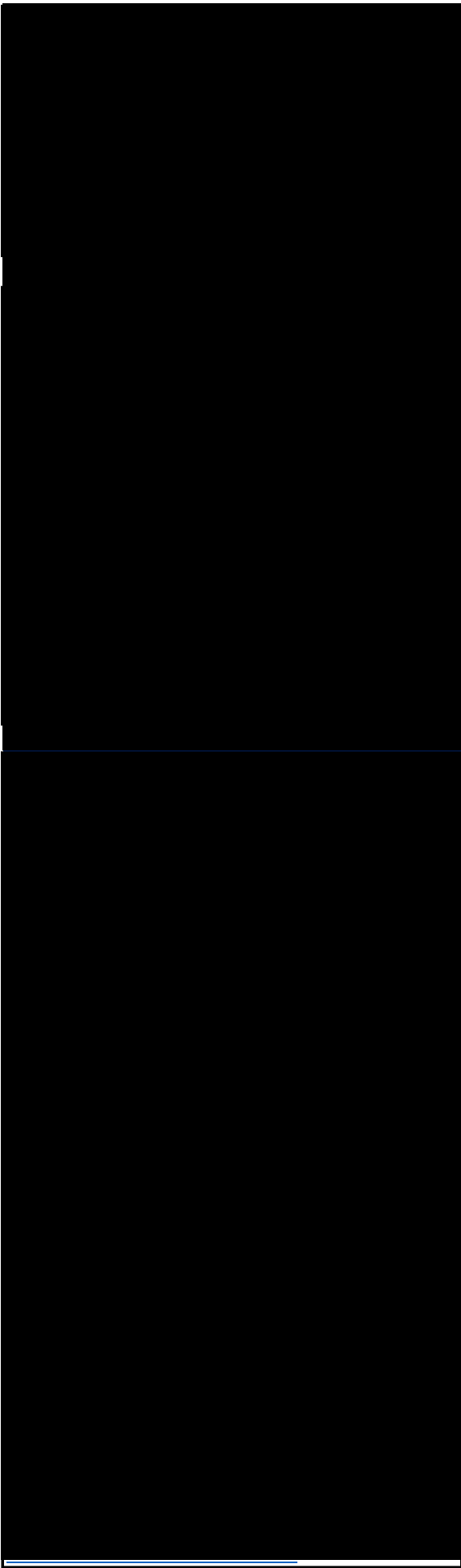
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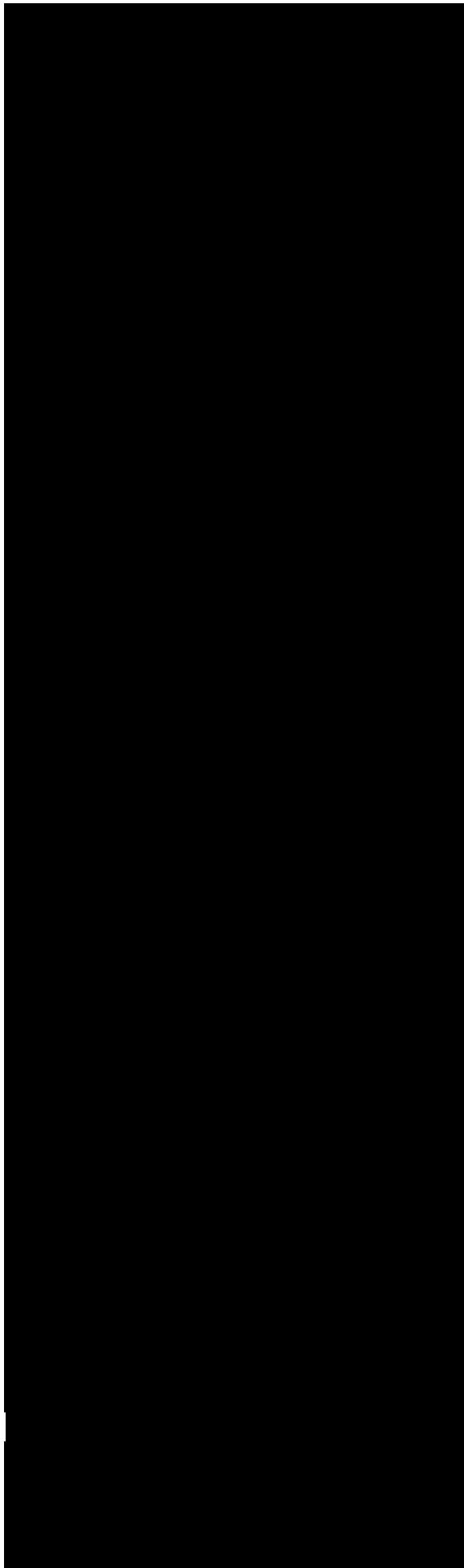
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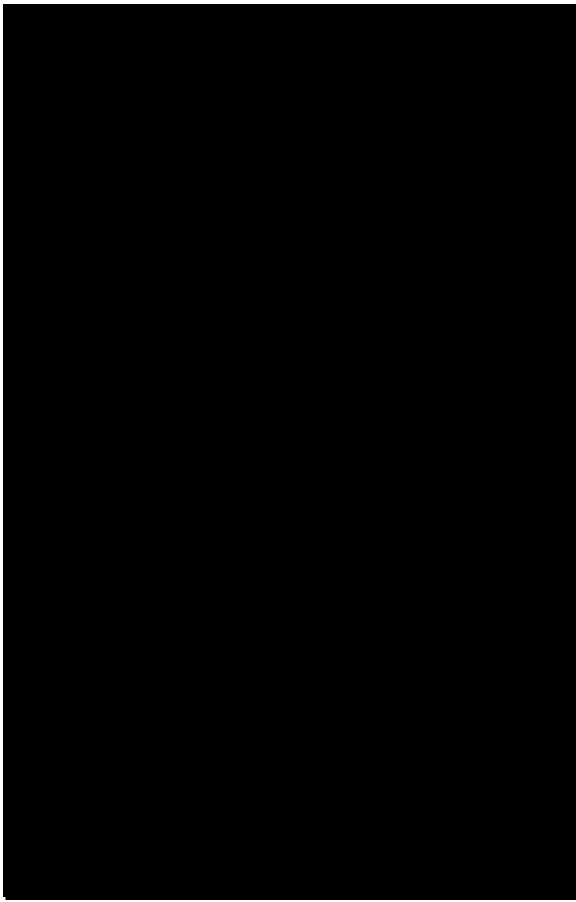
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## Daniel Martynow

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**From:** Sarah Hitchcock  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 February 2023 10:49 AM  
**To:** Lisa Warr  
**Subject:** RE: OH Vol 1 'event'

Thank you.  
S.

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**From:** Lisa Warr <Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 February 2023 10:40 AM  
**To:** Sarah Hitchcock <Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Mathew Rose <Mathew.Rose@awm.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: OH Vol 1 'event'

Hi Sarah,

In an email to Anne in early Jan, I had said March was doable which it would be if format is the same as its simple, ie:

Dir welcome

Guest speaker – who is it? Anne mentioned waiting for John Howard availability, not sure if this was to speak or just attend - if to speak would we travel and accommodate him? Or is it back to GG?

Craig Stockings to speak

MC conclude and catering

Previous time was 6 pm to 7.30 pm, and we could do that again but 6.30 pm would be more preferable start time for bump in

I need to talk to Chris Chapman about the budget as in my monthly report some funds seem to have disappeared, so budget is getting tight but we good do this one.

TWG have no bookings on 15 March so could cater.

Let me know

Lisa

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**From:** Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 February 2023 9:12 PM  
**To:** Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: OH Vol 1 'event'

Good morning

See below, I am not really across the scope this nor how much you had got done. How does this sit with you with regard to workload and budget?

S.

Sarah Hitchcock

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**From:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 7 February 2023 at 7:20:24 pm AEDT  
**To:** Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: OH Vol 1 'event'

Hi Sarah,

Feeling pushed at present..... Chairman's definite preference to conduct this Vol1 event around Council.

Matt asked could we do Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March. Craig no longer travelling o/s in March and can do.

Earlier March didn't work for CVE – if you could remind me why – apart from just being too soon to provide invitee adequate notice.

15 March would mean procuring for the event and would only give invitees 3.5 weeks at most to RSVP if we get them out next week. This would likely suppress attendees also.

Is this possible your end ?

Regards,

Anne

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**From:** Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 January 2023 8:43 AM  
**To:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Craig Stockings [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: OH Vol 1 'event'

Roger that – thanks Anne.  
S.

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**From:** Craig Stockings [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 January 2023 8:41 AM  
**To:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>; Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: OH Vol 1 'event'

Thanks Anne.

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**From:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 30 January 2023 8:03 AM  
**To:** Sarah Hitchcock <[Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au](mailto:Sarah.Hitchcock@awm.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Craig Stockings [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OH Vol 1 'event'

Sarah (and Craig),

Au update.

We don't yet have a fully confirmed date for this Volume 1 Official Histories book event for *Born of Fire and Ash*.

Wed 22 March has been proposed, and Mr John Howard is available. Chair/Mr Beazley's preference is to have this event near a Council meeting, which 22 March is somewhat barring a weekend and a few days...

DIR is to speak to Chair and advise soonest.

If not 22 March then we need to consider the other option which was 31 May.

Thanks,

Anne

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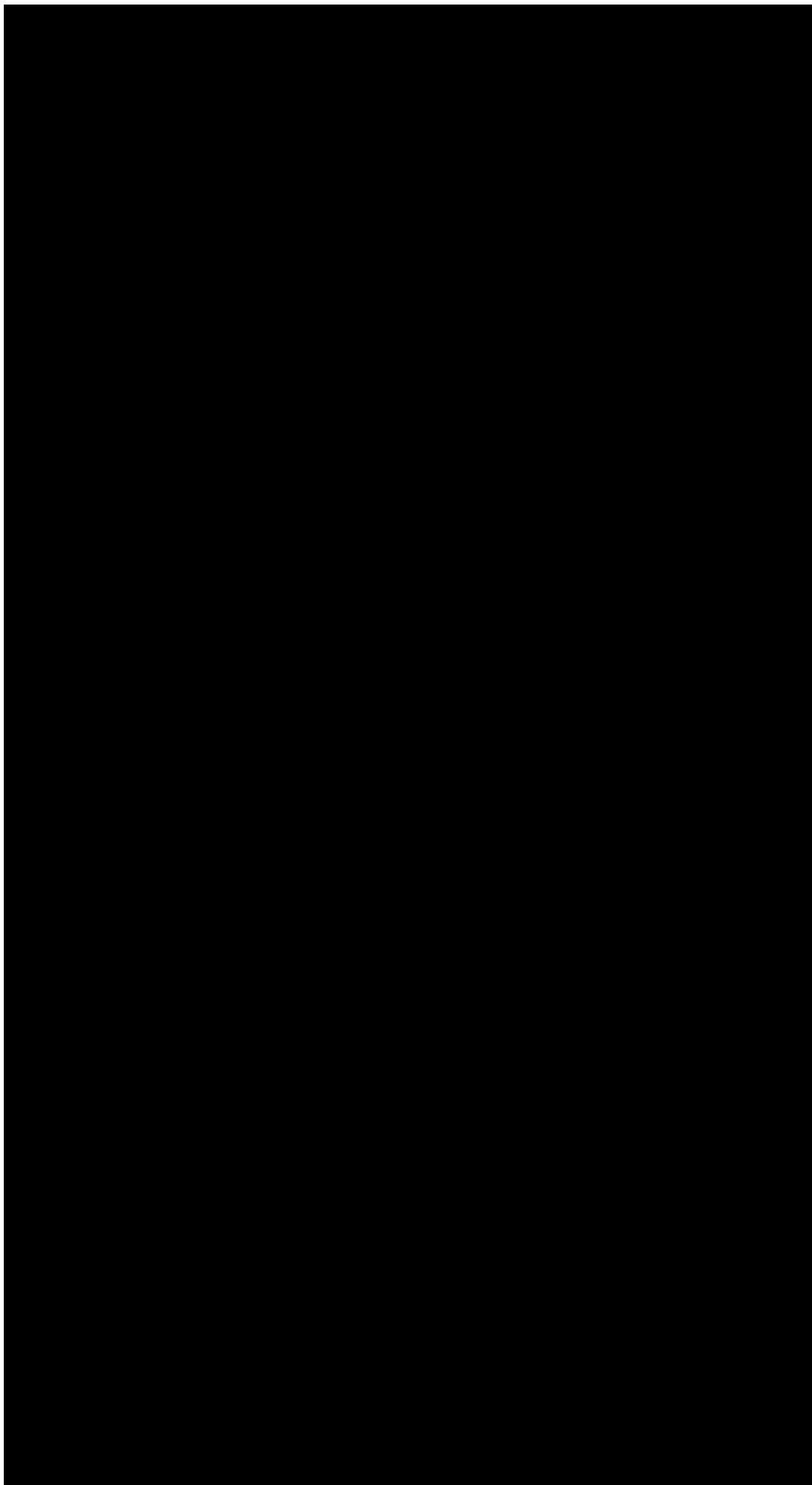
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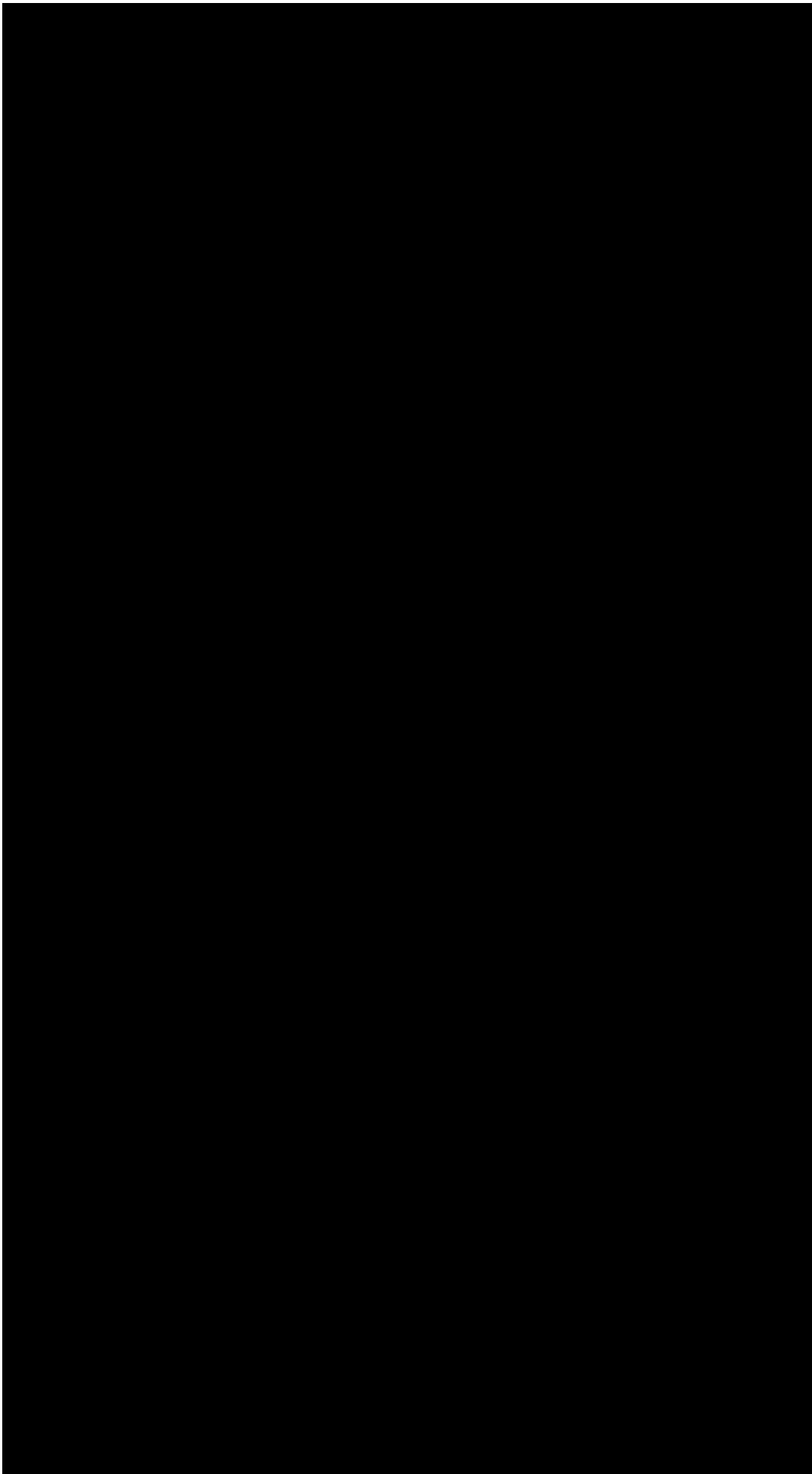
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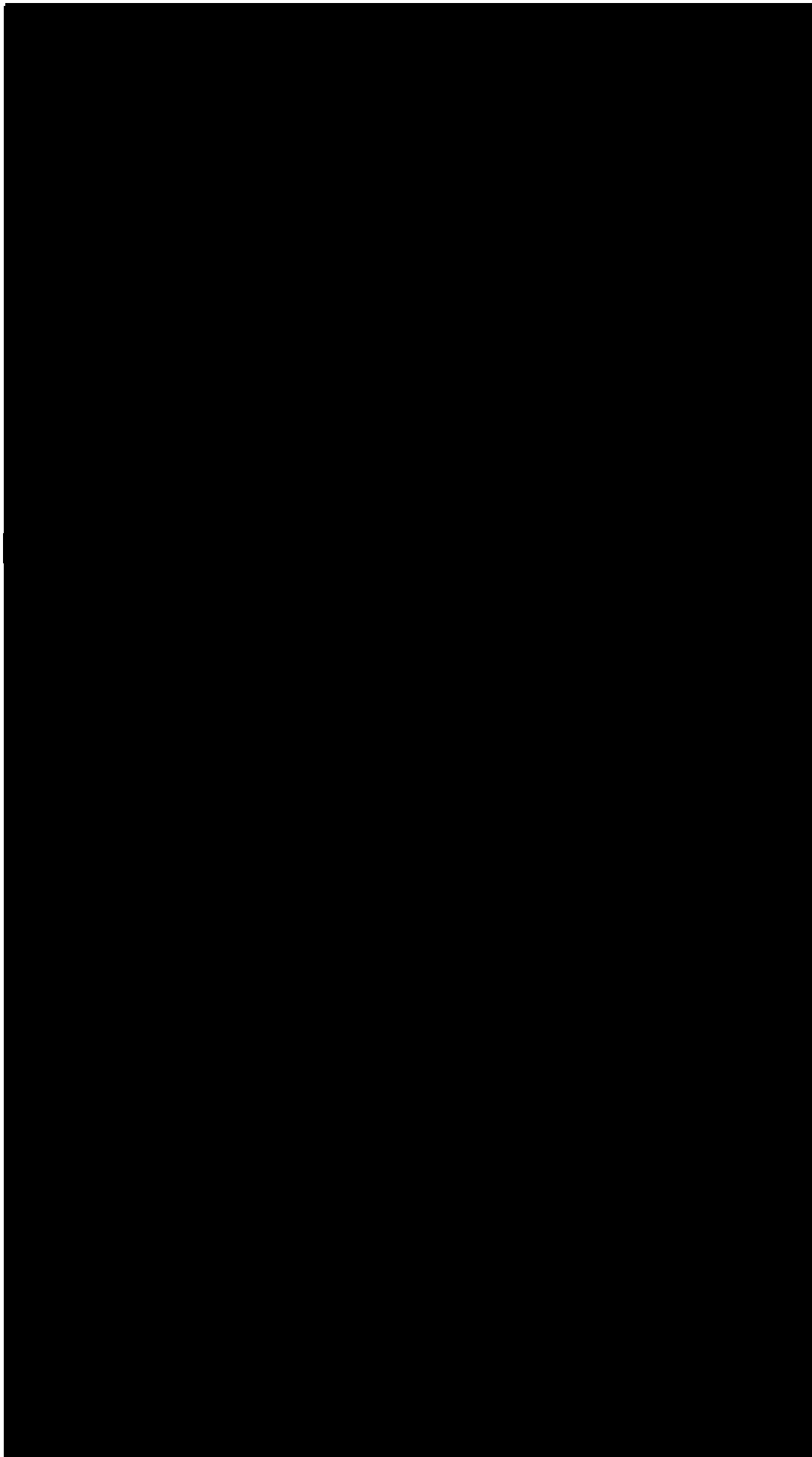


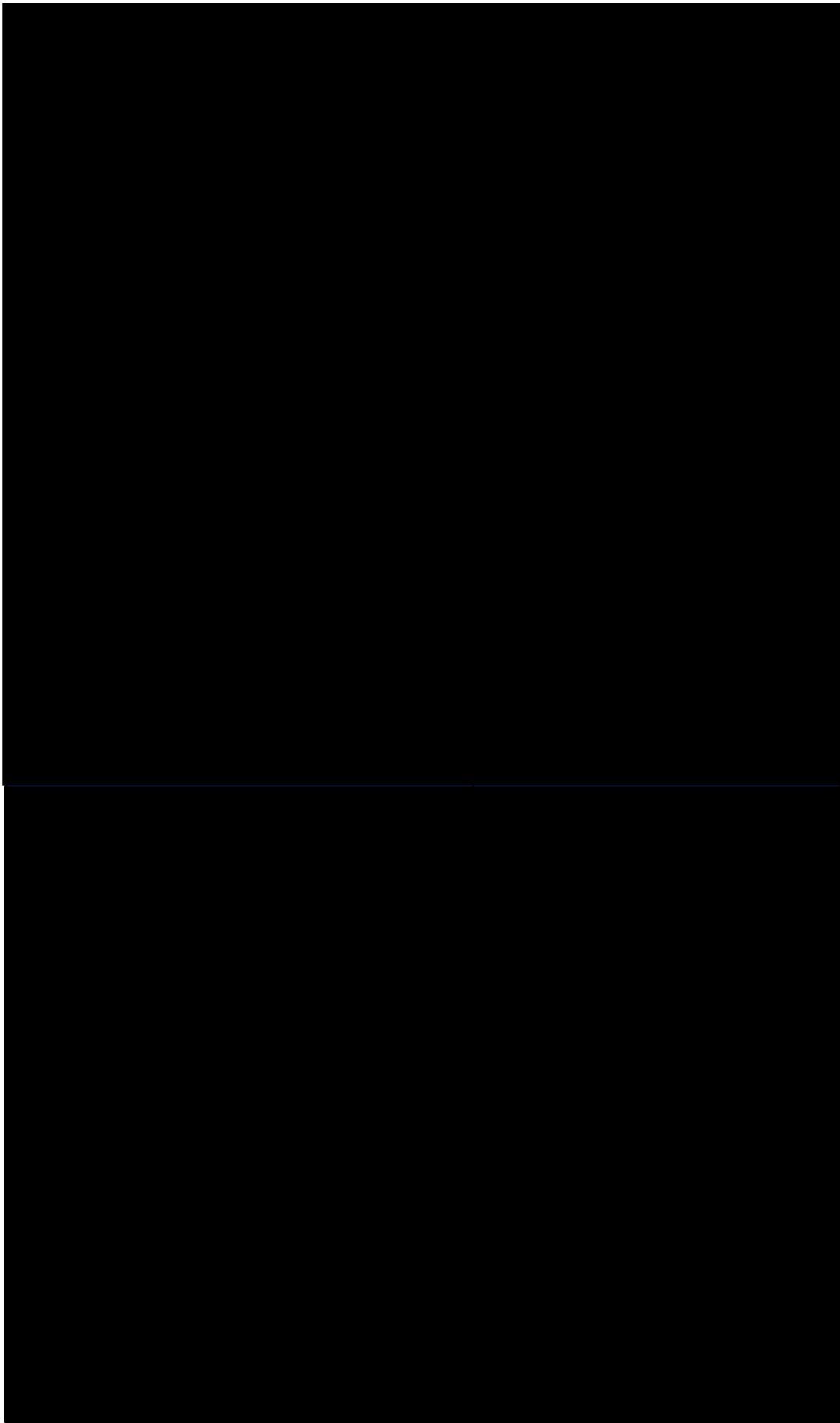
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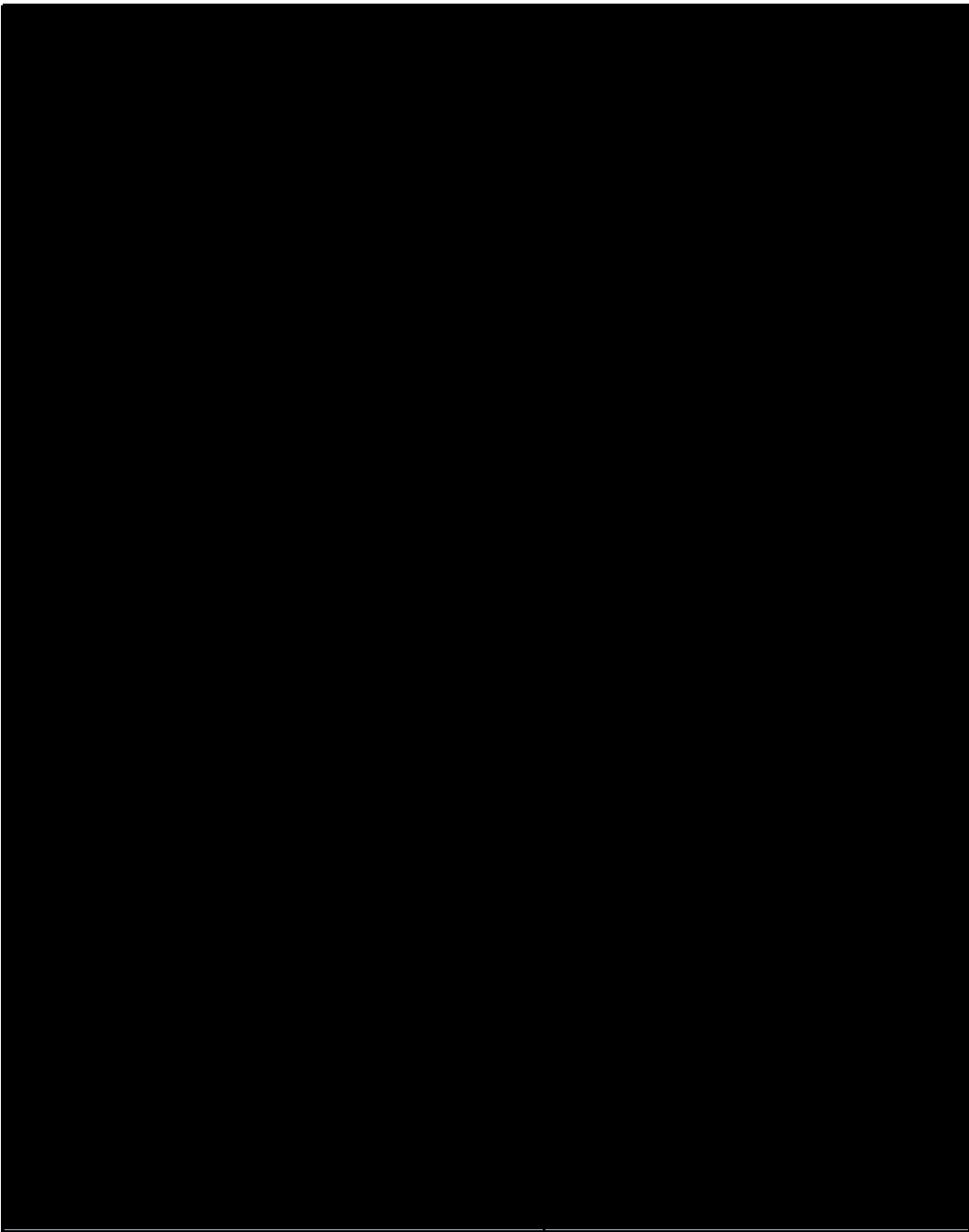
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**From:** Anne Bennie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2022 10:44 AM  
**To:** Terri-Anne Simmonds; Lisa Warr; Matthew Oliver; Elliot Woods  
**Cc:** Craig Stockings; Steven Bullard; Karl James; Craig Stockings  
**Subject:** Postponement of launch of OH launch for Vol 1 East Timor (was Tues 6 Dec)

Dear All,

I regret to advise that the invitations for the upcoming launch of the Vol 1 of the Official History – Aust operations in East Timor will need to be rescinded for Tues 6 December and the launch will not be going ahead on that date. The internal advice is that due to a number of high-level meetings key delegates are unable to attend in December.

Lisa/T-A, can you please prepare an email to go via Campaign Monitor to all invitees to advise the below. Please advise when this can occur (to the hour is that is OK)

*This launch has unavoidably been postponed and will not proceed on Tuesday 6 December. Further information will be forthcoming.*

*Should your contact details require updating, please email [executive@awm.gov.au](mailto:executive@awm.gov.au) (see below)*

Can you discuss with Marissa where is best to receive changes to people's details – marketing@ rather than executive@ ?

(T-A not I hadn't actually received an invite yet – nothing in Inbox not Junk Mail ? )

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**From:** Anne Bennie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2022 12:28 PM  
**To:** Matt Anderson  
**Subject:** RE: Book Launch

Roger – taking the intent – suggest below – will go this afternoon.

With Our apologies for any inconvenience, we have had to postpone the launch event scheduled for Tuesday 6 December. Further details will be forthcoming.  
Should your contact details require updating, please email XXXXX

Regards,

Anne

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**From:** Matt Anderson <Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2022 11:46 AM  
**To:** Anne Bennie <Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Book Launch

Thanks Anne

Can't we simply say 'With apologies for any inconvenience, we have had to postpone the event scheduled for 6 December. Further details will be forthcoming'?

*"This launch has unavoidably been postponed and will not proceed on Tuesday 6 December"* just reads to me as a bit clunky.

Thx

Matt

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**From:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2022 11:13 AM  
**To:** Matt Anderson <[Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au](mailto:Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Book Launch



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**From:** Matt Anderson <[Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au](mailto:Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 November 2022 9:03 AM

**To:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Book Launch

Dear Anne

Resending an earlier message from 0700 this morning that was hung in the system for some reason.

Advice overnight is that the timing of the launch will clash with another high-level meeting that will preclude attendance of a number of senior figures we would hope to attend. We have been asked to consider postponing the launch. Am also advised that another high-level meeting is scheduled for later in December (pre-Christmas).

I have spoken to the Chairman who agrees with postponing the launch. I had a separate conversation with MAJGEN Melick and, under the circumstances, he too agrees to a postponement.

I would be grateful therefore if you would rescind the invitation today, noting a revised date will be provided in due course. We want to get in early to prevent invitees making travel arrangements and other commitments.

Sincerely

Matt



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**From:** Anne Bennie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 March 2023 10:04 AM  
**To:** Lisa Warr; Director.Office  
**Cc:** Mikayla Kerrison  
**Subject:** RE: Additional invitee 15 March event

Thanks Sarah and Lisa.

Regards,

Anne

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**From:** Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 March 2023 9:42 AM  
**To:** Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>; Mikayla Kerrison <[Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au](mailto:Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Additional invitee 15 March event

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for the advice regarding Ms Bergin.  
Anne had already let us know in regards to Mrs Anderson's attendance.  
Lisa

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**From:** Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 March 2023 9:39 AM  
**To:** Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>; Mikayla Kerrison <[Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au](mailto:Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Additional invitee 15 March event

Hi Lisa

The Director has just received notice that Catherine Bergin, Chief of Staff to Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel would like to attend tonight's In-Conversation event.

Lou Anderson, Matt's wife would also like to attend.

Please let me know if you need any further details.

Kind regards

Sarah

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**From:** Mikayla Kerrison <[Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au](mailto:Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 March 2023 9:44 AM

**To:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>; Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Additional invitee 15 March event

Morning Anne,

The request has been sent to CAM to send Ross a manual invite and I have noted his attendance.

Numbers are currently at **102**.

Thanks,  
Mikayla

**Mikayla Kerrison**

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**From:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 March 2023 8:20 AM  
**To:** Lisa Warr <[Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au](mailto:Lisa.Warr@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Mikayla Kerrison <[Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au](mailto:Mikayla.Kerrison@awm.gov.au)>; Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Additional invitee 15 March event

Morning Lisa,

Can Ross Boyd pls be invited to the attendees - a guest of the Director for In-Conversation event. No need for VIP seating.

[rossboyd@hotmail.com](mailto:rossboyd@hotmail.com)

Can you advise final RSVP number please ?

Thank you

Anne

**Anne Bennie**

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**From:** Anne Bennie  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2023 1:44 PM  
**To:** Matt Anderson  
**Cc:** Director.Office  
**Subject:** RE: [Test] - Invitation | Born of Fire and Ash - Official History of Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor

OK abit long for the title block, but will work on it.

Regards,

Anne

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**From:** Matt Anderson <Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2023 1:31 PM  
**To:** Anne Bennie <Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Director.Office <director.office@awm.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: [Test] - Invitation | Born of Fire and Ash - Official History of Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor

Thanks Anne – had walked around to see you but you were in conversation (pun intended) with Michael, and I had to race.

Perhaps the title of the invitation email can be Invitation: A Conversation between the Chairman, the Hon Kim Beazley, AC, and Official Historian, Professor Craig Stocking: Volume 1 of the Official History of Australian Peacekeeping Operations in East Timor

Many thanks

Matt

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**From:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2023 11:34 AM  
**To:** Matt Anderson <[Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au](mailto:Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Test] - Invitation | Born of Fire and Ash - Official History of Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor

Sorry Matt – in deciphering your feedback – see revision below....  
More along these lines and removing book title from the header ?  
Run sheet format would see Chairman speak then Craig and then they both chat together on stage.

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with Official Historian and author of “*Born of Fire and Ash*” Australian operations in response to East Timor crisis 1999-2000, Volume 1: Official History of the Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor - Professor Craig Stockings

Regards,

Anne

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**From:** Matt Anderson <[Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au](mailto:Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2023 11:29 AM  
**To:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: [Test] - Invitation | Born of Fire and Ash - Official History of Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor

Dear Anne

My preference is to have it as an Invitation to a Conversation with the Chairman and the Official Historian.

We might also wish to note Craig is not only author of Volume 1, but also Official Historian of the entire series and that he will be available to sign copies of Volume 1 on sale from the Memorial shop.

Happy to chat.

Regards

Matt

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**From:** Anne Bennie <[Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Bennie@awm.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2023 10:21 AM  
**To:** Matt Anderson <[Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au](mailto:Matt.Anderson@awm.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Director.Office <[director.office@awm.gov.au](mailto:director.office@awm.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: [Test] - Invitation | Born of Fire and Ash - Official History of Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor

Morning Matt,

Please find below the design and text for the invitation to ‘In Conversation’ – for your information. (The perspective is stretched – so please ignore this)

Let me know ASAP if you have any issues.

FYI - I have also included at the very bottom, the promo information from UNSW, from which some of the text within the invitation is drawn.

Note: There are still some final details to confirm ie. the event will likely conclude at 8.30pm not 8pm, to provide an additional time buffer.

It is expected these invitations will be sent Mon or Tues this week.

Thanks,

Anne

**From:** AWM Official <[awm.official=awm.gov.au@cmail20.com](mailto:awm.official=awm.gov.au@cmail20.com)> **On Behalf Of** AWM Official

**Sent:** Monday, 13 February 2023 9:18 AM

**To:** Liz Melville <[Liz.Melville@awm.gov.au](mailto:Liz.Melville@awm.gov.au)>

**Subject:** [Test] - Invitation | Born of Fire and Ash - Official History of Australian Peacekeeping operations in East Timor

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The book cover features a green-tinted photograph of soldiers in a field. The title "In Conversation" is in a white, sans-serif font, and "BORN OF FIRE AND ASH" is in a larger, white, serif font below it.

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**Event details:**  
**Wednesday, 15 March 2023**

Aircraft Hall, Australian War Memorial, Campbell

Doors open 6:20pm. Proceedings will commence at 6:30 pm sharp  
concluding at 8:00 pm.

*Light refreshments and canapés will be served.*

Dress code: Business attire.

Please **RSVP by Friday, 3 March 2023** using the button below.

Please note, this is a single invite only.

Please do not hesitate to contact [rsvp@awm.gov.au](mailto:rsvp@awm.gov.au) or 02 6206 9813  
if you have any queries.

We look forward to welcoming you.

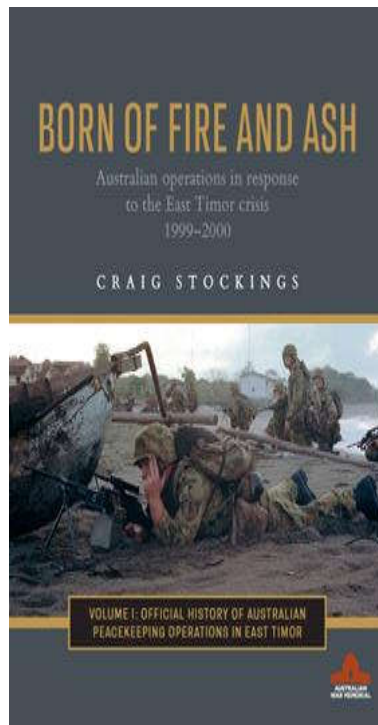
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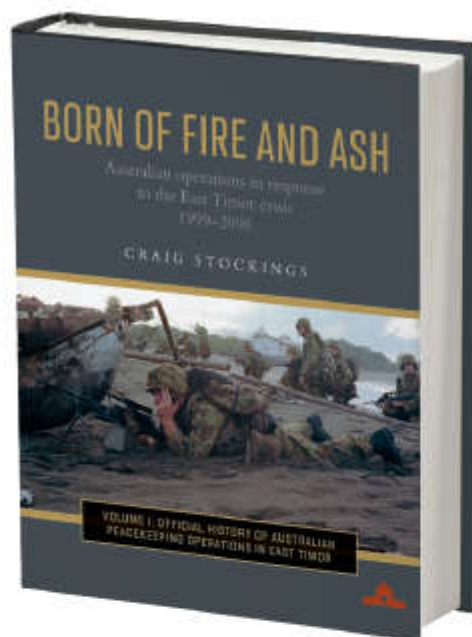


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## Craig Stockings

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**From:** Craig Stockings  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 28 December 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Marcus Fielding  
**Subject:** Re: Congratulations  
**Attachments:** Book Review - INTERFET (1).docx

Hi Marcus,

Great to hear from you mate and I'm glad u enjoyed the read...warts and all. A very kind review mate - but I'd say go ahead and publish even if it was critical. We do our best. Not everyone will be a fan, but if they were it would probably mean I'm doing it wrong! You may have some sense now why it took 3 years to clear!

Happy new year mate and I look forward to catching up soon.

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On 27 Dec 2022, at 2:56 pm, Marcus Fielding [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Craig,

I hope this email finds you well.

Congratulations on publication! A long and frustrating journey I am sure, but one that I hope now brings a great sense of satisfaction.

I have read most of it over the last week and am astounded to learn how many stuff ups there were. I'm surprised we pulled it off at all...

But more significantly at a personal level, for the first time (!) I am learning about what was happening up and down the chain of command and in other parts of East Timor and Australia. Fascinating. It might have been amusing to reveal the disconnects during the research phase. I was very amused to learn that Websdane's loading of ASLAV came from the CDF...

I have written a short review (attached) in order to help potential readers make the decision to take the plunge.

I would welcome any comments or observations on it before it goes out into the 'interweb'.

I also hope you have some firm publication dates for the remaining volumes over the coming months and years.

Cheers,  
Marcus