



**Acting Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia**

Mr Paul Singer MVO



Paul Singer commenced acting as the Official Secretary to the Governor-General on 18 August 2018 following the approval of the appointment through the Federal Executive Council. He oversees the provision of advice and support to the Governor-General in the conduct of his constitutional, ceremonial and community roles. Mr Singer previously served as Deputy Official Secretary to the Governor-General, and before that, held a number of senior roles at Government House.

Mr Singer was previously a Warfare Officer in the Royal Australian Navy and enjoyed postings in several classes of HMA Ships, including destroyers, frigates, submarines and patrol boats. During his Navy career, Mr Singer was awarded commendations for his leadership of specialist maritime teams responsible for enforcing United Nations sanctions during the Iraq conflict.

As the recipient of the Leadership for Social Impact scholarship at the University of Sydney, Mr Singer completed the Global Executive Master of Business Administration in 2018. In 2015, Mr Singer was selected to attend CSCLeaders – a unique leadership program for 100 exceptional leaders from across the Commonwealth to tackle challenges and build a network of enduring global relationships. In 2016, he was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Mr Singer is also General Manager and co-founder of Make A Mark Australia (MAMA), a non-government organisation that focuses on empowering children in impoverished communities to achieve their full potential through improved access to education and economic independence.