



## **AIR VICE-MARSHAL COLIN THORNE**

Air Vice-Marshal Colin Thorne was born 25 December 1963 in Atherton, Queensland. He joined the RAAF in 1981 as an Engineer Cadet at Engineer Cadet Squadron, RAAF Frognall. Air Vice-Marshal Thorne was commissioned as a Radio Engineering Officer (now Electronics Engineering Officer) on graduation in 1984.

The majority of appointments held by Air Vice-Marshal Thorne have been related to project and engineering management of capital acquisition projects, mainly airborne radar, electronic warfare and avionic systems. Major projects include Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C), Global Positioning System, P-3C ESM, and P-3C Refurbishment.

Air Vice-Marshal Thorne held the position of Officer Commanding Maritime Patrol Systems Program Office as a Group Captain, and Director General Aerospace Maritime and Surveillance Systems as an Air Commodore.

Air Vice-Marshal Thorne was promoted in December 2008, and appointed Head Aerospace Systems in the Defence Materiel Organisation.

Air Vice-Marshal Thorne holds a Bachelor Degree in Electronics Engineering (with Distinction) from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (1985), and a Masters Degree in Military Electronics Systems Engineering from Cranfield Institute of Technology and Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, UK (1992). He was appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in June 2001.