



## **AIR VICE-MARSHAL CHRIS DEEBLE**

Air Vice-Marshal (AVM) Deeble was born Sydney in 1957 and graduated from Sydney Technical High School in 1975. He graduated from Sydney University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in pure and applied maths and subsequently joined the RAAF in 1979 as an aircrew cadet. After completing Navigator training, graduating as dux of the course, he was posted to fly Canberra's. Following a short tour on Canberra's he was posted to fly F-111s and gained experience in the strike, reconnaissance and instructional roles at 1 and 6 Squadrons.

In 1990 AVM Deeble was posted to the Australian Defence Force Academy as a Squadron Commander. Later that year he was seconded to the F-111 Avionics Update Program and was responsible for the oversight of the development of the F-

111 operational software and associated support systems. On completion of the four year update program he was posted back to F-111s as the Executive Officer of 1 Squadron and subsequently to the 82 Wing Headquarters in charge of operations. As a result of his project work and operational efforts, he was admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1999 Australia Day Honours.

Air Vice-Marshal Deeble was posted to Air Force Headquarters in 1999 where his senior appointments have included Deputy Director of Capability Review and Director of Combat Capability Management – Air Force. In 2002, he was subsequently posted to Capability Systems - Aerospace Development as Director of Aerospace Systems Development. In December 2003, Air Vice-Marshal Deeble was promoted to his Air Commodore and assumed the duties of Director General Aerospace Development. In

June 2006 he was promoted to Air Vice-Marshal and appointed as Program Manager Airborne Early Warning and Control (now Program Manager Collins and Wedgetail) in the Defence Materiel Organisation.

Air Vice-Marshal Deeble attended the Defence Staff Course at the Australian Defence College. He has accumulated 2500 operational flying hours. Air Vice-Marshal Deeble's hobbies include woodworking and camping, and his interests include project management and military strategy. In