



AIR VICE-MARSHAL KYM OSLEY, AM, CSC

Air Vice-Marshal (AVM) Osley joined the Air Force in January 1977. After initial aircrew training, he undertook introductory fighter training at RAAF Williamtown in 1982. He flew as an Air Combat Officer in F-111 strike aircraft with No 1 Squadron before being posted on exchange to fly in reconnaissance Phantoms with the USAF in Texas. On return to Australia in 1988, he flew reconnaissance RF-111C aircraft with No 6 Squadron.

In the period 1990-93, AVM Osley was responsible for major strike-reconnaissance projects within Capability Development (Air) Branch. Following staff training in 1994, he was the Air Force strategic planner for three years before taking command of No 1 Squadron (F-111).

On promotion to Group Captain in late 1999, AVM Osley was posted to the United Kingdom as the Air Force Adviser. In 2002 he undertook senior staff studies before being appointed Officer Commanding No 82 Wing. In August 2004 he was posted on promotion to Director General Capability and Plans, Canberra. In this position he assisted with planning the future force structure for the Australian Defence Force.

AVM Osley deployed as Director of the Combined Air Operations Centre in the Middle East in the period November 2006 to March 2007. In this position, he directed Coalition air operations over Iraq and Afghanistan. He took up the appointment of Commander Air Combat Group in July 2007. Following studies at Harvard Business School in early 2008, AVM Osley was promoted to

his current rank and appointed as Head of Australian Defence Staff (Washington) in July 2008. In December 2010, AVM Osley returned to Australia to take up the position of Program Manager New Air Combat Capability (PM NACC).

AVM Osley is married to Debbie Osley, and they have three older sons. AVM Osley has a BSc (Physics), MA, MDef Stud, Grad Dip Mangt, Grad Dip Mil Av and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School (Advanced Management Program). He was awarded a Conspicuous Service Cross for Services to the Air Force in 1997 and is a Member of the Order of Australia (2008) for his contributions to Australia's air combat capability.