

Biography of Brigadier Peter Hutchinson

Peter Hutchinson was born and educated in Yallourn, Victoria. He joined the Army as a staff Cadet in January 1975 and following commissioning in late 1978 he graduated with honours in Civil Engineering from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1979.

Brigadier Hutchinson's Regimental experience had included Troop Command appointments in the 3rd Field Engineer Regiment and 18th Field Squadron (Light), Plans Captain at 19th Chief Engineer Works, Officer Commanding, 21st Construction Squadron and Commanding Officer, 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment. He served overseas with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Israel and Golan Heights. He has had training appointments as Senior Instructor, Leadership Development at the Royal Military College of Australia and Directing Staff at the Joint Services Command and Staff College in the United Kingdom. He has also held staff appointments at the Directorate of Engineers – Army, Headquarters Third Military District and Director, General Accommodation and Works - Army.

As a senior officer, Brigadier Hutchinson has commanded Army's Combined Arms Training and Development Centre and the Army Combat Arms Training Centre. In the first of these he was responsible for guiding Army future capability development and preparation of the case for a combat training centre. This included responsibility for developing Army's new experimental and wargaming capabilities, a centre for Army lessons and doctrine development. In the second he was responsible for the individual training and trade sponsorship of Army's armour, artillery, combat engineer and infantry soldiers and officers.

On promotion to Brigadier in January 2003, Brigadier Hutchinson was appointed Director General Infrastructure Asset Development, responsible for developing and delivering Defence's new infrastructure projects.

Along with his engineering degree, Brigadier Hutchinson holds a Masters of Building Science degree from the University of Sydney and a Masters of Arts in Strategic Studies from Deakin University. He is a graduate of the Australian Army Command and Staff College and Defence's senior leadership development course, the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. He is married to Kate and they have two grown children. His interests include a wide range of sport and spending time pottering around the house.

Brigadier Hutchinson will assume Command of Joint Task Force 633 in May 2004.