



***Wing Commander (Retired) Philip Kinnane***

Philip Kinnane joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) as an Apprentice Electrical Fitter on 07 January 1971, serving as an Electrical Fitter at several Maintenance Depots and No 75 Squadron prior to commissioning as a Navigator in July 1980.

Since commissioning he has had operational flying tours on P3 Orion, C130 Hercules and B707 Air-to-air Refuelling (AAR) Tanker aircraft.

Philip is a qualified Navigation Instructor with an instructional tour at the RAAF's School of Air Navigation on HS748 (NT) aircraft.

Philip is RAAF Aircraft Systems Course qualified and was the aircraft systems specialist for the development, acceptance and operational test and evaluation of the B707 AAR modification program in the early 1990s. In August 2011, he was appointed as the Project Air 5402 AAR Boom Test Director for the KC-30A development and acceptance test program. He held this position until retiring from the RAAF on 31 July 2013.

Philip transferred to the Active Reserve between July 1993 and April 2000. During this time he worked as a Ground Instructor at the Australian Flying Training School (Aug 93-Jan 94) and the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority and Airservices Australia as Senior Instrument Approach Designer between January 1994 and April 2000, before rejoining the Permanent Air Force.

Philip has had operational deployments to the Middle East as a AAR Liaison Officer, in 1998 and 2000. After the 2004 tsunami, Philip was also deployed as part of the early response and later deployed headquarters staff for the ADF's humanitarian support to OP Sumatra Assist.

Philip has a Bachelor of Management and is an ADF Joint Command and Staff course graduate, graduating with a Masters in Management (Defence Studies). He has filled several Air Force Headquarters and Air Lift Group capability management and capability development staff positions prior to appointment as Deputy Director Project Airworthiness (DD PROJ) in the ADF Airworthiness Coordination and Policy Agency (ACPA-ADF). ACPA-ADF is a tri-service agency with the dual role of representing the ADF Airworthiness Authority and the ADF Operational Airworthiness Regulator on matters concerning ADF airworthiness management and operational airworthiness respectively. DD PROJ's responsibilities included the development and application of airworthiness policy relevant to future ADF manned and unmanned aviation systems and the coordination and support of airworthiness management for new aviation systems and major changes to current aviation systems; including the conduct Project Airworthiness Boards (AwBs) and the processing of airworthiness instruments.

WGCDR Kinnane transferred to the RAAF Reserve on 01 Aug 2013.