



Group Captain Matthew R. McCormack

Group Captain Matt McCormack is a native of Sumter, South Carolina, USA. He joined the Australian Air Force in 1990, graduating from the Australian Defence Force Academy in December 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts (Human Geography). He completed pilot's course in 1994, graduating from No. 165 Pilots course (PC-9A).

Group Captain McCormack initially transitioned to Air Lift Group flying DHC-4 Caribou with 35 Squadron in Townsville. Subsequent to this tour, he transferred to Air Combat Group graduating from F/A-18A Operational Conversion in December 1999. After a tour with 3 Squadron and deployment as part of the Australian contribution to the International Coalition Against Terrorism in 2002 he completed a foreign exchange tour with 410(F) Squadron in Canada.

Upon return to Australia, he was posted to the Air Command Plans Directorate, as the lead exercise planning Officer for Fighters. He completed a further operational tour with 75 Squadron in Tindal, fulfilling both Flight Commander and Executive Officer positions. He completed Australian Command and Staff Course in 2010, followed by promotion to WGCDR and a posting to Air Force Headquarters as Deputy Director Air Combat Capability.

In 2012 he was the Commanding Officer of 2 Operational Conversion Unit until October 2014 when he deployed with the first rotation on Operation OKRA as the Chief of Staff of the Task Unit Headquarters. Upon return to Australia he was posted to the United States as the Australian Assistant National Deputy in the Joint Strike Fighter Joint Program Office.

Upon return to Australia and promotion to Group Captain in 2018 he was the Director of Tactics and Training at the Air Warfare Centre until Jan 2020 when he undertook the Defence Strategic Studies Course at the Australian War College.

He is married with twins and spends way too much time trail running.