

Air Vice-Marshal (Ret'd) Mac Weller, AM

Joining the illustrious 'Wombat' intake of engineering apprentices in 1958 and undertaking engineering studies at RMIT, Mac was commissioned as an Engineer Aeronautical officer in 1964.

In his 40 years of active RAAF service, Mac served in aircraft engineering posts across operational, intermediate and depot maintenance organisations; he experienced the overhaul of Avon and J34 engines and the heavy maintenance of C-130 and P-3 aircraft together with heading a maintenance wing in support of the F/A-18 fleet. He had three operational squadron appointments, two of them as Senior Engineering Officer including a tour with No 9 Squadron and its helicopters in Vietnam.

As a 'bograt' staff engineer officer he worked as the sole RAAF materials engineer in the early days of corrosion, nondestructive inspection, composite repair techniques. More latterly, he developed much of the RAAF's contemporary aircraft engineering and airworthiness policies in response to a rapidly changing Defence environment and an alarming decline in airworthiness standards respectively.

His final appointment was as Air Officer Commanding Logistics Command where he presided over the introduction of weapon system logistics management, the closure of the Command and the attendant loss of RAAF organic depot maintenance capability.

On retirement from active service, he transferred to the RAAF Reserve and served as the technical member of the ADF Airworthiness Board.

