

Air Commodore JAMES BADGERY AM BIOGRAPHY



Air Commodore Badgery is the Director General Defence Aviation and Safety Authority.

Air Commodore Badgery joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1995 as an Officer Cadet at the Australian Defence Force Academy, graduating from RMIT University with an Honours degree in Aerospace Engineering. He was the F/A-18 aircraft maintenance officer at No 2 Operational Conversion Unit where he was part of the team awarded the RAAF Maintenance Trophy in 2001, after which he managed structural integrity for the P-3 fleet at the Directorate General of Technical Airworthiness.

Air Commodore Badgery has experience with regulation of commercial and defence design organisations within the Defence airworthiness authority and Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, and is currently the Defence Aviation Safety Authority Director General. He has staff experience in Air Force strategic workforce planning, as personnel manager in Directorate of Personnel and as the inaugural staff officer for the Air Force command selection board, subsequently awarded a Chief of Air Force commendation for his efforts. He completed Joint Command and Staff College in India, where he attained the Southern Star medal as first place foreign student.

Air Commodore Badgery has executive maintenance experience as Hawk aircraft senior engineer at No 76 Squadron, and in project management for Advanced F/A-18 Growler and P-8A Poseidon. He deployed on Operation SLIPPER as the Host Nation Liaison Officer at Al Minhad airbase and on return, seconded to Joint Forces Integration Directorate.

Air Commodore Badgery has executive engineering experience as the P-8A Project Engineering Manager and as Director of Logistic Capability in Air Mobility Group. He held command as Officer Commanding Air Lift Systems Program Office, responsible for delivering C-130J and C-27J engineering, deeper maintenance and logistics capabilities as part of a team of public servant, Air Force and contractor personnel.

Air Commodore Badgery has experience enabling the Air Force executive leadership as the Chief of Staff Air Force Headquarters.

Air Commodore Badgery was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2022 for his exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in aerospace capability development, project management, and application of airworthiness regulation.

Air Commodore Badgery has completed Masters in both Engineering Science and Defence Strategic Studies. He is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Fellow of Engineers Australia, a Chartered Project Director and Chartered Professional Engineer.

Air Commodore Badgery is married with four children. His interests include cycling, enjoying use of the workshop, and helping at community sporting clubs.