



### **WGCDR Richard Brougham**

WGCDR Brougham spent the first five years of his life in country SA due to his father working as an engineer with the railways before the family moved to the big smoke of Adelaide.

WGCDR Brougham inherited the flying bug from his parents who were both glider pilots and he joined the Royal Australian Air Force shortly after completing high school, starting 133 Pilots Course in May 1984 and graduating in August 1985.

WGCDR Brougham's first posting off pilot's course was the good fortune to have the opportunity to fly the iconic 'Huey' helicopter in all its various roles in

postings to both 5 and 35 squadron.

In 1988 WGCDR Brougham transitioned to the fast jet stream and once again had the good fortune to fly the equally iconic 'Classic Hornet' with a posting to 77 squadron.

WGCDR Brougham then undertook flying instructor duties on the PC9 at 2 FTS from 1992 - 94 before heading to the Middle East for 5 years, training Saudi Air Force pilots as a British Aerospace flying instructor.

Returning to the Royal Australian Air Force in late 1999 WGCDR Brougham was involved in the transition of the venerable Macchi out of Air Force service and bringing the Hawk into service whilst instructing at 76 squadron where he also carried out the duties of A and B FLTCDR.

WGCDR Brougham returned to F18s on a second posting to 77 squadron in 2003 and then took over as the A FLTCDR at 2 OCU, running the Hornet Operational Conversion course before taking another sabbatical from the Air Force to work in defence industry (Milskill) in 2006.

WGCDR Brougham then re-joined in 2017 to take on the role of A FLTCDR at 76 SQN until late 2020 when he deployed to the Middle East for 7 months as the Australian contingent commander and Senior National Representative at the Combined Air Operations Centre, Al Udeid Air Base. Following his return from overseas WGCDR Brougham then took over as the Executive Officer of 78 Wing in late 2021.

The chance to take on the role of 100 SQN's Temora Flight Commander was a once in a lifetime opportunity that couldn't be passed up, so WGCDR Brougham transitioned into the reserves in July 2022 to take up that position. Since that time he had the extreme pleasure and privilege to fly these historic aircraft in acknowledgement of the history of Air Force that they represent but more importantly those who have served our nation in times of conflict.

As incoming CO 100SQN, WGCDR Brougham is keen to continue to improve integration of the technical and operational work force within the unit, continuing to further raise the profile of 100SQN and looking to further complement Defence Force Recruiting and History and Heritage activities.

Aside from his Air Force flying WGCDR Brougham has continued to fly helicopters as a commercial pilot in the civil sector and has been a part owner in a Tiger Moth since 2001 enjoying flying at a grass roots level in this classic aircraft. His other main interest is diving, both conventional SCUBA and in keeping with his interest of things historical also the old fashioned hard hat gear.

WGCDR Brougham has been married to Denise since 1992 and they have two adult children, a daughter Remy who works as a project assistant in a civil engineering company in Newcastle and a son, Cody who is a musician in Melbourne.