



## **CHRIS DEEBLE**

### **Class of 1975**

Air Vice-Marshal Chris Deeble (1970-1975) graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Science in pure and applied maths and subsequently joined the RAAF in 1979 as an aircrew cadet. After completing Navigator training, graduating as dux of the course, he was posted to fly Canberra's and then F-111s, gaining experience in the strike, reconnaissance and instructional roles at 1 and 6 Squadrons.

In 1990 Chris was posted to the Australian Defence Force Academy as a Squadron Commander. Later that year he was seconded to the F-111 Avionics Update Program and was responsible for the oversight of the development of the F-111 operational software and associated support systems. On completion of the four-year update program, he was posted back to F-111s as the Executive Officer of 1 Squadron and subsequently to the 82 Wing Headquarters in charge of operations. As a result of his project work and operational efforts, he was admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1999 Australia Day Honours.

He was posted to Air Force Headquarters in 1999 where his senior appointments have included Deputy Director of Capability Review and Director of Combat Capability Management - Air Force. In 2002, he was subsequently posted to Capability Systems - Aerospace Development as Director of Aerospace Systems Development. In 2006 he was promoted to Air Vice-Marshal and appointed as Program Manager Airborne Early Warning and Control in the Defence Material Organisation.