

GROUP CAPTAIN ROBERT (DUBBO) GRAHAM

Officer Commanding Number 44 Wing

Group Captain Graham joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1990 and graduated 110 Air Traffic Control Course the following year, posting to Base Squadron Darwin for ATC duties. In 1994 Group Captain Graham undertook his first operational deployment in the final ATC element deployed to Mogadishu as part of United Nations Operations in Somalia II.

In 1996 Group Captain Graham was posted to the School of Air Traffic Control at RAAF East Sale as an Instructor, then to RAAF Pearce in July 1999 for ATC duties. This posting was short lived as Group Captain Graham deployed to East Timor in September 1999 as part of INTERFET, returning in January 2000 to undertake relief manning at Headquarters 41 Wing as a staff officer (Tactical Operations 2) for six months before posting to Surveillance and Control Training Unit as the inaugural Senior Training Officer – Air Traffic Control.

As a senior officer Group Captain Graham served as the Examination and Standardisation Officer (Tower) then Training Flight Commander at 41WG ATC Flight RAAF Townsville, Executive Officer and later Detachment Commander 44WG ATC Detachment RAAF Darwin and held staff appointments as Deputy Director Aviation Coordination at Air Force Headquarters and Deputy Director Air and Space Options Development at Force Design Division in VCDF Group. He also served on the staff of Commander Australian Amphibious Task Group for two years as the N33 (AIR), embarking six times across all major fleet units in the Amphibious Ready Group. Group Captain Graham graduated from the Australian Command and Staff College in 2008.



Group Captain Graham has held Command appointments as Commanding Officer No 13 Squadron twice (at Squadron Leader rank as a Reserve squadron from 2004 and at Wing Commander rank as an airbase operations squadron from 2010), Commander Task Unit 633.8.2 (Base Commander Multi-National Base Tarin Kot) in Afghanistan in 2012 and Commander Task Group 633.17 in the UAE in 2015 (Combat Support Unit).

At his current rank Group Captain Graham's recent positions were Chief of Staff/Deputy Commander Combat Support Group (including three months as Temporary Commander CSG and SADFO RAAF Amberley) and Director Combat Support Division embedded in the Air and Space Operations Centre at Headquarters Joint Operations Command. Group Captain Graham's current posting commenced on 16 November 2020 when he assumed command of No 44 Wing where he is responsible for the delivery of Air Base Air Traffic Services and Air Navigation Services and preparation of personnel and resources to deliver Joint Battlefield Airspace Control for ADF operations and national taskings.

Group Captain Graham is married to Joanne and together they have a daughter (Emily, 2006) who was born in the Top End. Whilst undertaking his posting at RAAF Williamtown Group Captain Graham's family continue to reside in Bruce (ACT) where Emily, after eight years in Darwin, has had to come to terms with there being four seasons, including winter.