

## **Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) John Blackburn AO**



John retired from the Royal Australian Air Force in 2008 as the Deputy Chief of the Air Force following a career as an F/A-18 fighter pilot, test pilot and strategic planner. His senior posts included Commander of the Integrated Area Defence System (IADS) located in Malaysia, commanding a multi-national headquarters established to effect the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA), and Head of Strategic Policy in the Defence Headquarters. He is now a consultant in the fields of Defence and National Security.

He is the Deputy Chairman of the Kokoda Foundation Board, the Deputy Chairman of the Williams Foundation Board and a director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute Council. He holds a Masters of Arts and a Master of Defence Studies. In February 2011 the Kokoda Foundation published his report “Optimising Australia’s Response to the Cyber Challenge” which he co-authored with Dr Gary Waters. In February 2013 the NRMA published his report “Australia’s Liquid Fuel Security.”