

Air Marshal Geoff Brown, AO

Air Marshal Geoff Brown joined the RAAF in February 1980 after completing an Engineering degree. He graduated from No 111 Pilot's Course in 1981 and was initially posted to 12SQN Amberley to fly Chinooks. After three years at 12SQN he was posted to 2FTS Pearce and spent 18 months as a Flying Instructor before being posted to Central Flying School (CFS) East Sale in 1986. While at CFS he was a member of the Roulettes from 1987-89. He led the last Macchi team before they transitioned to the PC-9.

In 1990, Air Marshal Brown was posted to Williamtown for a Hornet conversion and then completed a short tour at 77SQN. On promotion to SQNLDR in 1991, he was posted to 75SQN Tindal as a Flight Commander.

In 1993, Air Marshal Brown was then posted to 77SQN as Executive Officer. He completed RAAF Staff College in 1995 and was subsequently posted to Headquarters Air Command as Staff Officer Operational Evaluation.

From 1997 to 2000, Air Marshal Brown commanded No 3 Squadron. He then completed F-111 conversion and assumed the position of Officer Commanding No 82 Wing in December 2000. In 2003 he commanded all F/A-18 and C-130 operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom and was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia and a Legion of Merit for his service in the operation. He was Officer Commanding Airborne Early Warning and Control Systems Program Office from June 2003 until December 2004 and spent 2005 at the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. He then commanded Air Combat Group throughout 2006. From Jan 2007 until Jun 2008 he was Director General Capability Planning in Air Force Headquarters. Air Marshal Brown was the Deputy Chief of Air Force from 30 June 2008 to 3 Jul 2011. Air Marshal Brown was appointed CAF from 4 July 2011. Air Marshal Brown is an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO).

Air Marshal Brown has over 5000 hours in military aircraft.

He lives in Canberra with his wife Amanda and his two sons, Ryan and Jake. His sporting interests are gliding and motorsports.