

**SHORT BIOGRAPHY**  
**AIR COMMODORE (Dr) MARK LAX (Retd)**

Air Commodore Mark Lax joined the RAAF Academy in January 1974 and graduated dux of his class. After navigator training, he had operational, flight test and instructional tours before later completing several staff positions including included Director General Military Strategy and Director General Strategic Policy in the Joint world and was the inaugural DG Strategic Planning for Air Force.

Air Commodore Lax retired in January 2007 and for two years was managing editor of the ADF Journal. In 2008, he was appointed to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal where he acted as RAAF specialist member until July 2015. In 2011, following a Masters, he completed his PhD on the impact of the F-111 on the RAAF and on Australian strategic policy.

Mark has just completed an official history of the RAAF between 1972 to 1996 which will be published in March next year for the RAAF's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday as a lead-up to the 100<sup>th</sup>. He is currently working with the AWM official history team who are writing on East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq.