



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **JUSTIN GIDDINGS**

Justin has recently been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of AMDA Foundation. Prior to this, Justin was the Chief Executive Officer of Avalon Airport, a position he held for almost 14 years.

As CEO of AMDA Foundation, Justin now leads an Australian not-for-profit corporation established to promote the development of aviation and Australia's industrial, manufacturing and information/communications technology resources in the fields of aviation, aerospace, maritime, defence and security.

AMDA Foundation achieves these goals by delivering Australia's most prominent and respected world-class biennial industry expositions as platforms for interaction between industry, defence, government and academia. They include the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition (AVALON), The Land Forces International Land Defence Exposition, Indo Pacific International Maritime Exposition and RotorTech Helicopter and Uncrewed Flight Exposition.

In pursuit of its activities, AMDA supports and collaborates with the Department of Defence and other government agencies, industry associations and not-for-profit organisations pursuing similar industry promotion objectives.

During Justin's time at Avalon Airport he celebrated Avalon becoming Victoria's second International airport. Avalon also hosted Jetstar domestic services from 2004, with over 10 million passengers passing through the airport during that time. In addition, Avalon Airport is the host of the Australian International Airshow.

Avalon Airport was awarded both the Australian Major Airport of the Year for 2019 by the Australian Airports Association and the Geelong Large Business of the Year at the Geelong Chamber of Commerce - Business Excellence Awards. In the same year, Justin received the Geelong Business Leader of the Year award.

Justin is on the Committee for Geelong Board, and is the Independent Chair of both the Youth Justice Centre Community Advisory Group and the Lara Prison expansion project Community Advisory Group.

In previous years, Justin was also the Chair of the Gordon TAFE (the 2017 Australian and Victorian Large Training Provider of the Year), a position he held for 7 years.

Justin is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, holds a Masters of Business Administration, a Bachelor of Commerce, a Gordon TAFE Advanced Diploma of Management and is a qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineer.