

AIR FORCE

AIR COMMODORE ADRIAN MASO

Director General Air Combat Capability - Air Force

Air Commodore Adrian Maso grew up in Sydney and joined the RAAF in January 1992. He undertook a Bachelor of Science degree at the Australian Defence Force Academy and graduated in 1995 with Honours, majoring in Physics. Following the completion of 171 pilots' course in May 1997, he began Introductory Fighter Course on the MB-236H Macchi, and completed F/A-18A conversion in 1998.

Upon graduation as a fighter pilot he enjoyed two operational fighter squadron postings, at 75 Squadron in RAAF Base Tindal in the Northern Territory and 3 Squadron at RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW. From 2001, he then undertook Flying Instructors Course and completed 3 years instructing on the Pilatus PC9 and BAE Hawk 127 aircraft. After time in the 81Wing standardisation team he was promoted to Squadron Leader, and again posted to 3 Squadron as a Flight Commander.



In 2008 Air Commodore Maso was posted to Capability Development Group in Canberra working on projects across all facets of Air Combat, Australian Command and Staff College in 2011 and, following promotion to Wing Commander, as Deputy Director Air Combat Capability at Air Force Headquarters. He also deployed on Operation Slipper to Afghanistan in 2013 where he Commanded Australian Heron Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations from Kandahar Airfield.

In September 2014, he was appointed Commanding Officer No. 2 Operational Conversion Unit, with the responsibility of training Australia's F/A-18A fighter pilots, and conducting the biennial Fighter Combat Instructor Course. He finished his tour with 2OCU being awarded the 2016 Gloucester Cup, as Air Force's most Proficient Flying Squadron for that year.

In 2017, following time as Directing Staff at the Australian Command and Staff College, he was promoted to Group Captain and appointed the Director of Combat Capability in Air Force Headquarters in Canberra, where he manages requirements and provides program oversight for the Australia's Air Combat and Airborne Electronic Attack Programs.

In May 2020 he was directed to act as Director General Air Combat Capability in Air Force Headquarters in Canberra.

He is married to Kylie and they have three children. He spends his time with his family, watching football, surfing and snow skiing.

