

Captain Micheal Jacobson, RAN

CAPT Jacobson joined the RAN in 1995 and undertook Officer training at the Australian Defence Force Academy. In 1997 CAPT Jacobson graduated ADFA with B.Sc (Computer Science). CAPT Jacobson then continued his Maritime Warfare Officer training at HMAS Watson before serving on the Fremantle class patrol boats HMAS Fremantle and HMAS Geelong and was awarded his Bridge Watch keeping Certificate in 1999.

CAPT Jacobson then volunteered for submarine service and undertook training at HMAS Stirling prior to qualifying as a submariner in 2000. CAPT Jacobson subsequently served onboard HMAS Farncomb and Dechaineux prior to completing Submarine Warfare Officers Course in 2002 and subsequently undertook an exchange with the Canadian Navy as the Navigator of HMCS Victoria until 2004. On return to Australia, CAPT Jacobson served as the operations officer onboard HMAS Dechaineux and HMAS Farncomb, during his posting onboard HMAS Farncomb he was awarded a CN commendation for his role in the recovery of ships company during a man overboard.



In 2009 CMDR Jacobson briefly served as an instructor in the Submarine Training and System Centre prior to returning to sea as the Executive Officer onboard HMAS Collins and HMAS Farncomb, for which he was subsequently awarded a Conspicuous Service Medal. In 2012 CAPT Jacobson successfully completed the Submarine Command Course in the Netherlands (embarked onboard HNLMS Bruinvis) and the Submarine Command Course in the United States (embarked onboard USS Seawolf and USS Charlotte).

In 2012 CAPT Jacobson was also appointed to his first command HMAS Waller. After command CAPT Jacobson remained in a sea going position as the Commander of Sea Training – Submarines, which included significant sea time on submarines as well as patrol boats, hydrographic ships and other fleet units. In 2016 CAPT Jacobson returned to Command in HMAS Rankin and continued until 2018 where he undertook a posting to France to lead the RAN contingent of the CoA design team in Cherbourg to support the Attack Class Submarine Program. During this posting he also liaised with the Marine Nationale sailing several times with the French submarine forces including being an observer on the French Submarine Command Course. On return to Australia in 2020 CAPT Jacobson was promoted to the rank of Captain and became the Director of Submarine Development.

During his career CAPT Jacobson has been able return to university having also graduated from a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Ottawa and Master of Arts (Strategy and Management) from UNSW.