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## COLONEL COMMANDANT 16TH REGIMENT RAA

Colonel John B. McLean, CSC



Colonel John Mclean graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon in December 1991 and was commissioned into the Royal Australian Artillery.

Colonel McLean has enjoyed a diverse career including appointments in the command, training, intelligence and acquisition domains.

In 2001/02 Colonel Mclean served as Battery Commander of the air defence battery that deployed troops to the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of the RAN contingent. In 2003 he attended the Singapore Command and Staff College, and following this served as the Senior Instructor of the Combat Officers Advanced Course 2004/05.

Upon promotion, Colonel Mclean served at the Defence Intelligence Organisation in a variety of challenging roles. In 2006 he deployed to Iraq as the Commanding Officer of the Australian Intelligence Support Contingent. In-theatre he acted as the Branch Chief of Insurgent Groups Branch within the multi-national headquarters intelligence division. In 2007 Colonel Mclean was the inaugural J2 (Intelligence) of the ADF Counter Improvised Explosive Device Task Force. In this role he was responsible for coordinating the efforts of a range of national agency staffs and developing links with international agencies.

Colonel McLean served as Commanding Officer of the 16th Air Defence Regiment 2009/11. This period of command required significant change leadership and adaptation, including taking the new Air-Land Regiment concept from inception to raising over a period of two years; and the rapid introduction into operational service of a new ADF capability – counter rocket artillery mortars.

Throughout 2014/17, as Director of Project Land 121 Phase Four (Hawkei PMV-L), Colonel Mclean led a high profile developmental Defence project under a demanding set of circumstances. This included achievement of Government Second Pass approval and establishment and ongoing management of a \$1.5Bn acquisition contract.

In 2018, Colonel Mclean assumed the role of Project Director Land 400 Phase Two (BOXER 8x8 CRV). This project will introduce into service a new combat reconnaissance capability, replacing the current ASLAV fleet.

Colonel McLean holds a Graduate Certificate in Management; Graduate Diploma in Asset Management; Master of Business Administration (Project Management); Master of Management (Leadership) and Executive Master of Business (Complex Project Management). He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a Certified Practising Project Director. Colonel Mclean was awarded an ADF Silver Commendation in 1999 for regimental service and a Conspicuous Service Cross in 2013 for his efforts as Commanding Officer 16th Air Defence Regiment 2009/11.

Colonel McLean is married to Julie and they have two children, Debbie (26 yo) and John (13 yo).