

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW HODDA

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Lieutenant Colonel Hodda entered the Royal Military College – Duntroon in July 2004 and graduated to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery in December 2005. He has served across all three combat brigades, the School of Artillery, Headquarters Forces Command and Army Headquarters. All these experiences have provided him a diverse perspective on organisational cultures, capability management and realisation, and workforce management.

His first posting was to the 8th/12th Medium Regiment where he fulfilled the roles of Troop Commander, Gun Position Officer and Joint Fires Team Commander within the 101st Medium Battery. As a junior officer Lieutenant Colonel Hodda deployed on OP ANODE II in 2006 as a Rifle Platoon Commander, and again in 2008 with the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian

Regiment Battlegroup as part of the Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force – One. He spent much of the deployment as a Joint Fires Team Commander supporting the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team and completed his tour in the Battlegroup Joint Fires Effects and Coordination Centre. During this deployment Lieutenant Colonel Hodda was awarded the Commander Joint Task Force 633 Silver Commendation.

On return from operations in 2009 Lieutenant Colonel Hodda briefly posted to the 4th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. In 2010 he posted to the School of Artillery as an Instructor-in-Gunnery where he developed an enthusiasm and passion for training. In 2012, Lieutenant Colonel Hodda served on the 3rd Brigade Headquarters as the S5 – Plans during the readying cycle. This enabled him to understand and synchronise manoeuvre and supporting effects, as well as the relationship between tactical action, its connection to the achievement of operational effects and their overall contribution to strategic outcomes. In his final year as a Captain, Lieutenant Colonel Hodda was selected as the Aide-de-Camp to Commander Forces Command which afforded him an insight into the higher echelons of Army and wider Defence.

In 2015, Lieutenant Colonel Hodda promoted to Major and was selected to command ‘A’ Battery, 1st Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. At Career Management – Army’s request, Lieutenant Colonel Hodda remained in the 1st Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery as the Operations Officer during 7th Brigade’s progression towards online contingency force responsibilities. A highlight of his command was the deployment his Battery to Malaysia as the Officer Commanding Rifle Company Butterworth in 2016. He attended Australian Command and Staff College in 2018 and has spent the last three years as a Career Advisor within Career Management – Army. He assumed command of the School of Artillery in December 2021.

Lieutenant Colonel Hodda is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff Course and holds a Master of Military and Defence Studies. He is married to Lisa, who is also an Army officer and is posted to Headquarters 17th Sustainment Brigade. Together, they have two children, Ava and Sam. He is a passionate rugby union supporter and a tragic Queensland Reds.