

Air Vice-Marshal RB (Bob) Treloar, AO (Ret'D)

Bob Treloar enlisted as Cadet Aircrew in the RAAF in September 1966 and was awarded his Wings in February 1968. He served in South Vietnam with No 9 Squadron 1969-70, flying Huey helicopters in support of the Australian Task Force including aeromedical evacuations sorties and dust-off extractions of wounded personnel; insertion and extraction of SAS patrols; combat assaults; trooping, administrative support, people sniffers, psyops, and gunship operations.

On return from Vietnam, he was posted to fly fighters which included overseas postings to Butterworth, Malaysia with Nos 75 and 3 Squadrons flying Mirages. He later commanded the RAAF's first operational F/A-18 (Hornet) Squadron and No 41 (Air Defence Radar) Wing at Williamtown. He subsequently commanded the Integrated Air Defence System, controlled under the Five Nations Defence Agreement, at Butterworth Malaysia.

He was Commander Australian Theatre (now Joint Operations Command) 1999-2001 and was responsible for planning and supporting ADF operations in East Timor, provision of ADF support to the Sydney Olympics and some 35 other ADF operations.

Following retirement from the Permanent Air Force in November 2001, he transferred to the RAAF Reserve and served on the ADF Airworthiness Board for 15 years and as a mentor for the Board for two years. He led the Review of Interoperability of the ADF and U.S. Armed Forces from 2002 until 2004 at the request of the Minister for Defence. He led a Defence team in 2004 supporting the Senate Inquiry into the Military Justice System and served on the Ministerial directed ADF Clothing Review in 2007 to consider procurement procedures concerning personal equipment for Defence personnel.

He served as a councillor with the Royal United Services Institute of New South Wales from 2002 until 2013, was President for three years, and remains a councillor emeritus of the Institute. Bob joined the NSW Centenary of ANZAC Advisory Council on its formation in 2012, and within the Council chaired the History Committee responsible for the development and publishing of *NSW and the Great War*, a social and military history of New South Wales during the WW I period. The book was launched by His Excellency the Governor in November 2016 and was then gifted to schools, libraries and universities throughout the State by the New South Wales Government.

He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1988 and promoted to Officer of the Order in 2000. He was mentioned-in-despatches for action in Vietnam.

Married to Marilyn, they have two sons. He enjoys reading, golf and walking