

## **BIOGRAPHY – SQUADRON LEADER LOUISE BURR**

### **AIRFIELD ENGINEER**

Squadron Leader Louise Burr was raised in several small country towns across New South Wales. She completed her high school education whilst living in Parkes in 1997.

SQNLDR Louise Burr joined the Royal Australian Army in 1998 as an Australian Defence Force Academy cadet. After two years, she transferred to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineer (Honours) in 2001.

SQNLDR Burr has served in a range of Combat Support Airfield Engineering (AFENG) roles, such as Base AFENG at RAAF Bases Tindal and Williamtown, AFENG Officer (381 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron), Project Engineer (Headquarters Combat Support Group) and Williamtown Base Redevelopment Officer (26 Squadron). Her other AFENG postings have included roles within Airborne Early Warning and Control Systems Project Office (CASG) and Airworthiness Coordination and Policy Agency. SQNLDR Burr also spent several years working in an out-of-category position as SO2 Capability Manager at Air Combat Group Headquarters.



SQNLDR Burr enjoyed a sabbatical in 2007-08 with the Canadian Armed Forces at Cold Lake Air Force Base in Northern Alberta. During this time, she undertook work as a Project Officer on Exercise Maple Flag, a multi-national large force aircraft training exercise.

During August – November 2018, SQNLDR Burr took Acting Wing Commander rank and commenced a Middle East deployment as Chief Engineer, Headquarters Joint Task Force 633, on Operation ACCORDION. This role had her responsible for infrastructure development and maintenance, and command of the Engineering Support Element (ESE). The ESE was comprised of Army and Air Force engineers and construction teams across the Middle East Region, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

SQNLDR Burr is now posted to Joint Strike Fighter Branch as the AIR6000 Facilities Project Manager, responsible for a \$1.5 billion acquisition budget for F-35A Lightning II infrastructure at RAAF Bases Tindal and Williamtown. The project includes new facilities for Numbers 3, 75 and 77 Squadron, 2 Operational Conversion Unit, and runway extensions and Aircraft Arrestor Systems at RAAF Williamtown.

SQNLDR Burr is happily married to Grant, a fellow RAAF officer, and they have three school-aged children. They reside in Newcastle, NSW. In her spare time, she has many interests such as travelling, baking, yoga, teaching the children to be good humans and managing renovations on their heritage home.