

## WARRANT OFFICER KEN ROBERTSON, OAM

## **Air Command Warrant Officer**

Warrant Officer (WOFF) Ken Robertson enlisted into the Royal Australian Air Force in 1995 from Western Australia as a Personnel Capability Specialist.

On completion of his initial employment training at RAAF Base Wagga, WOFF Robertson was posted to RAAF Base Williams. During his time at RAAF Williams, WOFF Robertson served within the Base Personnel Administration Centre, Royal Australian Air Force College and as a Weapons Instructor at the RAAF Williams (Pt Cook) Armoury. He was also attached to the RAAF Security and Fire School and Anglesea Barracks during this posting.

In 2001, WOFF Robertson was posted to 3 Squadron, RAAF Base Williamtown. During this time, he was accepted for training as a Military Skills Instructor at RAAF Base Edinburgh. After completion of Military Skills Instructor training he was posted to RAAF Base Wagga for duty, Military Training Flight. In 2005, and on promotion to Sergeant, WOFF Robertson was posted to the RAAF School of Technical Training as a Personnel Capability Specialist Instructor.



In 2008, WOFF Robertson was identified for promotion to Flight Sergeant and undertook the role of Acting Base Warrant Officer Disciplinary (WOD) at RAAF Base Wagga. WOFF Robertson was awarded a Chief of Air Force Gold Commendation for his performance during this period. Later that year, WOFF Robertson was successful on applying for remuster to WOD. On graduation from course, he was posted to 31 Squadron for duty, Base WOD. It was during this posting in 2009 that he was deployed on Operation Slipper as Squadron WOD for Task Unit 633.2.1, supporting C130J operations.

In 2011, WOFF Robertson was posted to 1 Recruit Training Unit as the Unit WOD. It was during this posting in 2013 that he was deployed on Operation Slipper as the Base WOD for Multi-National Base Tarin Kot. In 2015, WOFF Robertson was posted to Officers' Training School as the Unit WOD. During this posting he was awarded an Air Force Silver Level Commendation and completed a number of courses, including Joint Warrant Officer Course, Royal Australian Air Force Commanders Course and Squadron Leader Residential Course.

WOFF Robertson was a student on the Australian Army, Regimental Sergeant Major Course in 2016 and subsequently deployed to the Middle East Region in 2017 for twelve months as the Command Warrant Officer (CWO) of Joint Task Force 633. WOFF Robertson was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Military Division in recognition of his efforts on this deployment. In 2018, WOFF Robertson was appointed the Group WOFF for Surveillance and Response Group at HQSRG, RAAF Williamtown and in 2019, deployed to Nellis AFB (Nevada, USA) as the Australian Task Group WOFF for Exercise Red Flag. In Sep 2019, WOFF Robertson was appointed 'Air Command Warrant Officer' with responsibility to Air Commander Australia as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader & Advisor. In 2022, WOFF Robertson will take up the appointment of 'Warrant Officer Joint Operations' with responsibility to Commander Joint Operations as the Joint Operations Command, Senior Enlisted Leader.

WOFF Robertson holds Diplomas in Business (Administration & Frontline Management) as well as a Diploma in Management. WOFF Robertson is also a graduate of the 2021 Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) 'Niagara' Senior Air Force Officer Development Program. WOFF Robertson is married to Melissa and they have three children, Georgia (19), Jade (12) and Jaxon (10). WOFF Robertson enjoys West Coast Eagles Australian Rules Football, Basketball and spending time with his family.