

Matthew Brocklehurst



Matthew began his service with the Regular Army when he marched into the Australian Defence Force Academy in January 1992 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1994. He then completed General Service Officer training at the Royal Military College – Duntroon in 1995, and on graduation was promoted to Lieutenant and allocated to the Royal Australian Corps of Signals.



Matthews's first posting was to the 1st Signals Regiment in 1996 and 1997 where he held a number of Regimental and Troop Command appointments. During this time he also completed the Commando Selection Course and attended Exercise LONG LOOK with the 7th Signal Regiment (UK) in Krefeld, Germany. During Exercise LONG LOOK Major Brocklehurst deployed to Bosnia as part of the International Stabilisation Force.

In 1998 Matthew was posted to the Recruit Training Battalion - Kapooka where he was employed as a Platoon Commander. This posting also enabled him to complete his Basic Parachute Course and his Commando Basic Training Course.

Over the period 1999 to 2001 Matthew was promoted to Captain and posted to 126 Signal Squadron where he was employed as Troop Commander 660 Signals Troop, Executive Officer and Operations Officer. During this time he completed his Commando Reinforcement Cycle, deployed with the Defence Supplementary Staff – Jakarta in 1999, worked as a Watch Keeper at Special Operations Headquarters during Operation GOLD for the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and deployed to Operation BEL ISI in Bougainville as a Patrol Commander in 2001.

In 2002 Matthew was posted as the Regimental Signals Officer to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Darwin before being posted to the Technical Staff Wing in

Canberra in 2004. Whilst posted to the Technical Staff Wing he completed the Australian Technical Staff Officers Course for which he gained a Masters in Management for Defence Acquisition and Procurement. At the completion of this course Matthew was promoted to Major and posted in 2005 to the Defence Materiel Organisation as the Hardware Manager for the Land 75 Project.

Over the period 2006 to 2007 Matthew was posted as the Officer Commanding 126 Signals Squadron, which had become a Sub Unit of the 4th Battalion (Commando) Royal Australian Regiment. During this period Matthew was also tasked as Executive Officer for the Tactical Assault Group (East) in support of Operation ACOLYTE during the Melbourne Commonwealth Games and Operation DELUGE during the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Meeting in Sydney. This period also saw Major Brocklehurst deploy as the S6 of the Special Operations Task Group (Rotation III) on Operation SLIPPER.



(Matthew 2nd from left)

In 2008 Matthew completed the Australian Command and Staff Course in Canberra and in 2009 returned to Hobart as the Manager Joint Operations

Support Section. In 2010 Matthew was posted to the Defence Support Group in Hobart where he began his transition to civilian life.

Matthew transferred back to the Army Reserve in January 2012 where he was posted to the Standby Staff Group. He was posted to the Career Advisory Group in 2015 and is currently serving as the Operations Officer of the Australian Army Cadets Tasmanian Battalion.

