

Rupert Hoskin AM
Brigadier, Australian Army
Commandant, Royal Military College of Australia



Brigadier Rupert Hoskin entered the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1988, and subsequently graduated from the Royal Military College Duntroon to the Royal Australian Engineers. He has had a diverse career, incorporating regimental and operational military service with engineering, project management, representational and diplomatic roles, as well as working in private industry. He has worked in the UK, Tonga, Niger, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan, France, Morocco, Algeria, Kuwait and Iraq. Brigadier Hoskin is currently serving as the Commandant of the Royal Military College of Australia.

Brigadier Hoskin's regimental career has included several postings to the 3rd Brigade in Townsville, most recently as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment. He has completed staff postings in HQ 3rd Brigade and Future Land Warfare Branch in Army HQ, and served as an instructor at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

In 1998 Brigadier Hoskin took a sabbatical from the Army to work for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Niger, delivering water supply projects for Tuareg refugees. In 2000 he served as a NATO peacekeeper in Bosnia. In 2002 he commanded an engineer squadron with Australian peacekeeping forces in Timor Leste. In 2011/2012 he served in the NATO headquarters in Afghanistan as the lead planner for the transition of security leadership to the Afghan National Security Forces. In 2017 he served as the Director of Plans in Coalition Joint Task Force HQ Operation Inherent Resolve, the US-led mission to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

Brigadier Hoskin has undertaken a range of professional engineering and project management appointments, both in uniform and with industry. In 1995 he was seconded to work for John Holland Construction on oil and gas facilities on the North-West Shelf, and during a sabbatical in 1998 he worked on the Jubilee Line Extension Project in London. From 2006 – 2008 he was the Project Director for the \$630m Hardened and Networked Army Facilities Project, delivering new infrastructure for the 7 RAR Battlegroup and RAAF Base Edinburgh.

In 2011 Brigadier Hoskin was seconded to the Parliament of Australia, where he served as the Defence Adviser to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. From 2013 to 2015 he served as Defence Attaché Paris (with non-resident accreditations to Algeria and Morocco).

Brigadier Hoskin has a Bachelor of Maritime Engineering with Honours from UNSW/ADFA, a Masters of Defence Studies from the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, and a Masters of Business Administration from Latrobe University. He is a Chartered Professional Engineer, and a Fellow and Engineering Executive of Engineers Australia. He speaks French fluently and has a *Diplôme approfondi de langue française* (Higher Diploma of French) from the French Ministry of State Education. He is a 2016 graduate of the Defence Strategic Studies Course, for which he was awarded the Chief of Defence Force/Secretary for Defence Prize for leadership and strategy. In 2017 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (Military Division) for his contribution to Defence international relations. In 2018 he was made an Officer in the US Legion of Merit for his work in the campaign against ISIS and a *Chevalier de l' Ordre national du mérite* (Knight of the French National Order of Merit) for his contribution to Australia/France relations. In 2019 he was awarded a Commendation for Distinguished Service for his role in Operation Inherent Resolve.

Brigadier Hoskin is a keen hunter and outdoorsman, and his other interests include cooking, photography and reading. He and his wife Rachel have three children: Sebastian (15), Alexander (13) and Emmanuelle (11). Rachel is a teacher, and she speaks Swedish and French fluently.