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New GM for Archerfield Airport

Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) has appointed former Royal Australian Air Force Group Captain, Corrie Metz, as the new General Manager of Archerfield Airport.

Mr Metz brings extensive airfield and personnel management leadership to the airport. Prior to retiring from the RAAF this month (February 2010), Mr Metz was Chief of Staff for the Combat Support Group. His primary responsibility was to manage the development of fixed base and expeditionary airbase operations.

During a long and very successful career with the RAAF, Mr Metz also served (among other positions) as Base Commander at Tindal (NT) and Richmond (NSW) Air Force bases and Chief of Aviation Operations in East Timor. For three years from 1995, he was Australia's representative on the US Pentagon's Air Standardisation Coordinating Committee and the Pentagon Liaison Officer for the Air Attache.

Mr Metz lists the following among his key RAAF achievements:

- coordinated the development of an airworthiness framework for fixed airbases (as Chief of Staff – Combat Support Group)
- commanded and managed Air Force Base Tindal as Base Commander and led the workup and deployment of 75 Squadron to the Middle East
- commanded and managed a squadron of 340 personnel to perform airfield support functions at Richmond Air Force Base, and prepared and deployed the squadron to East Timor to provide support at Comorro Airfield in Dili (as Commanding Officer – 386 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron)
- as Chief of Aviation Operations, negotiated an appropriate mix of air assets with the United Nations (UN) to provide the capability required by the UN Peacekeeping Force in East Timor.

Mr Metz replaces Capt. Desmond Ross as the head of Archerfield Airport. Capt. Ross plans to return to Asia to resume his work in aviation management.

Mr Metz said he was looking forward to the challenges of managing the commercial aspects of a civilian airfield and maximising the potential of Brisbane's metropolitan airport. He said his first priority as General Manager would be to guide the development of Archerfield's current master plan, due late this year.

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