Brigadier Suzanne (Sue) Graham, CSC

(Promoted to MAJGEN in 2022)



Brigadier Sue Graham enlisted in the Australian Army in 1990, initially in the Army Reserve, completing her Officer training through the Sydney University Regiment concurrent with her university studies. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) and was commissioned into the Royal Australian Corps of Transport in mid-1993, later transferring to full time Army service in January 1997.

Brigadier Graham served in a range of training, command and staff appointments at both unit and formation headquarters level before her promotion to Major. She was then appointed the Officer Commanding the Ship's Army Detachment on the amphibious transport ship, HMAS KANIMBLA in 2004 and attended the Australian Command and Staff College in 2007. Brigadier Graham was subsequently appointed as the lead logistics Staff Officer for the Army's 3rd Brigade in Townsville.

On promotion to Lieutenant Colonel she was appointed head of the Civil-Military Cooperation cell at the Brisbane-based Headquarters 1st Division. She received a Silver Army commendation for this role. Her following appointment was as the lead developer of Logistics Policy at Army Headquarters.

In July 2014, Brigadier Graham was appointed the Commanding Officer of the Joint Logistics Unit (South Queensland), charged with providing logistics support to over 100 ADF units. During her tenure, the unit consolidated from four disparate locations into purpose-built facilities at RAAF Base Amberley. Brigadier Graham received the Conspicuous Service Cross for this period of service.

Following promotion to Colonel in July 2016, Brigadier Graham served as Colonel Logistics (G4) at Headquarters Forces Command before her appointment as Army Advisor, United Kingdom and Defence Attaché Ireland over 2018-2019. She completed the 12-month Defence Strategic Studies Course at the Australian War College in 2020 and on promotion to Brigadier commenced her current appointment as Director General Logistics – Army within Army Headquarters in December 2020.

Her operational service consists of peace-enforcing, peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance deployments. She deployed to East Timor in 1999/2000, initially in a liaison role before transitioning to facilitate logistic supply to the south west sector of the country, receiving a Commander Australian Theatre commendation for this period of service. She later deployed to Indonesia as part of the ADF disaster relief contribution following the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami/2005 Aceh Earthquake; and was seconded to the Queensland Government as a recovery planner during the response to the 2011 Brisbane floods and Cyclone Yasi.

Brigadier Graham holds Master of Arts in both International Relations and Strategy and Management, and a Master of Business Administration. Brigadier Graham is a graduate of the Australian Company Directors Course and the Advanced Leadership Program delivered by Women & Leadership Australia.