

DAVID HENDERSON

MANAGING DIRECTOR



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With over 30 years' experience in the Aviation industry David began his career with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in 1982 as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. In 1991 he began full time study to become a Commercial Pilot with a Multi-Engine Command Instrument Rating (ME-CIR). Then in 1993 he took on his first flying role as a Charter Pilot in North East Arnhem progressing over the next few years to become a Captain / Supervisory Training Captain with Pel-Air Aviation Pty Limited.

From 2003, David became the Compliance Manager for Pel-Air Aviation (now a wholly owned subsidiary of Regional Express Airlines and went on to become the Company Corporate Manager and Management Committee Chairman. As Corporate Manager, his main duties included working on corporate strategy, new business ventures and acquisitions as well as business and contract development. As Compliance Manager, he was in charge of all aspects of health & safety, audit management, quality assurance, aviation safety & risk management.

In 2008, David became the Founding Partner and Managing Director of Henderson Partners Business Solutions Pty Ltd providing consulting services to businesses in the Defence and Aerospace industries.

To help the business ride through the global financial crisis, during the years 2009 and 2010, David joined ExecuJet Australasia as Asia Pacific Quality & Safety Manager and was responsible for all Flight Operations and Aircraft Maintenance compliance management and assurance systems for ExecuJet bases throughout the Asia Pacific including; Australia, Malaysia and New Zealand.

In 2013, David was seconded to BECA Consultants Pty Ltd and appointed as the Aviation Safety, Risk, Compliance and Assurance Analyst for Surface Force Command. In this capacity David's role was established to support the implementation of the Fleet RIZZO seaworthiness and operational risk regulatory review within the Surface Force. David has been instrumental in the introduction of LHD Aviation Support Systems Certification and Aviation Safety Management as the author of the Canberra Class LHD Aviation Safety Management Plan (ASMP) and the Canberra Class LHD Aviation Support Systems Management Plan in accordance with MILAVREG 6 and OAREG 6. David's success and influence in these areas has led to a number of regulatory changes within Navy Aviation and his work is now being repeated across all air capable ships in the Surface Force Fleet and has seen him become a valued SME within Surface Force and Fleet Aviation circles.

David continues to implement Aviation Support programs for Surface Force and is currently engaged in the implementation of Army Aviation Safety frameworks into the Amphibious naval environment and harmonisation of Coalition Aviation Force Capability into the Royal Australian Navy with planned engagement with UK MOD, NZDF and US Defence. Other programs include the Air Warfare Destroyer, MATV, AOR, MH60R, MRH90 and CH47F

David graduated from the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) (UNSW/USYD) in Sydney in 2011 with a Graduate Diploma in Management; he is a trained Lead Auditor and holds a current Air Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL).

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