

DAVID HENDERSON

MANAGING DIRECTOR



Setting New Standards & Making a Difference

David Henderson, founder and Managing Director of VIZIONX Pty Limited, has dedicated over 40 years to the Aviation and Defence sectors. An accomplished business executive, a passionate governance, risk, assurance and safety specialist, and an experienced commercial pilot, David is devoted to the exceptional professionals that make up the VIZIONX team and is equally devoted to and passionate about the industries that have shaped his career.

In 2019 David was nominated for and became a finalist to be the Australian Defence Industry Executive of the Year. His approach to leadership is centred on people and based on respect. That along with a normalised attitude to diversity and inclusion within the VIZIONX culture have made David's style of leadership a model for others in the business community.

Where unparalleled standards are a way of doing business, David has been naturally drawn to Executive and VIP Business Aviation and in 2018 he became an Executive Committee member of the Australian Business Aviation Association (the ABAA).

Over the last 10 years David has committed a significant amount of time to ship-based aviation systems and heliports for the Royal Australian Navy and diversified the VIZIONX business into the highly specialised area of Aerodrome Inspections, Rail Safety, Resources and Energy and more recently the Australian Space Industry. All while expanding company operations into South East Asia with an office in Singapore (Seletar) and Aeromedical activities in Malaysia.

In his time supporting Navy he was an instrumental figure in Major Systems Integration for Surface Force Command with the introduction of the Canberra Class LHD, Hobart Class DDG, Bay Class LSD and the MATV training vessel. In this role David was also a key contributor to the development of Navy's standard for the certification of ship/helicopter facilities and the Defence Aviation Safety Regulation for ship-based heliports.

David began his career with the Royal Australian Air Force in 1982 as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. In 1991 he began full time study to become a Commercial Pilot before taking his first flying role as a Charter Pilot for Laynhapuy Aviation in North East Arnhem Land in 1993.

As his flying career progressed David became a Captain and Training Captain with Pel-Air Aviation (now a wholly owned subsidiary of Regional Express Airlines) where he made a strategic career move accepting the role of Compliance and Safety Manager leading to senior positions including Company Corporate Manager and Management Committee Chairman.

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.

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).

With his wife Pauline, David enjoys living in Sydney's inner west and dreams of one day living on the beach in Newcastle where his whole Defence and Aviation career began.

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