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Commodore Boulton is a Maritime Warfare Officer and Anti Air Warfare specialist. He was appointed as Commandant Australian War College in January 2020. Prior senior staff appointments have included Director General Military Strategic Commitments in the Australian Defence Force Headquarters, Director General Navy Communications and Coordination, and Director Navy International Engagement.

Commodore Boulton commanded HMAS MELBOURNE during the period 2011-2012 where he deployed for Counter-Terrorism and Anti-Piracy operations in the Middle East Region. He has previously served in Coalition Task Forces based out of Iraq and Bahrain, and has spent much time in South East Asia working with regional maritime partners.

Commodore Boulton began his naval career in 1989 at the Royal Australian Naval College. He is a graduate, and former Directing Staff, of the Australian Command and Staff College and a graduate of the United States National War College. He holds Masters Degrees in International Studies, Management, Maritime Studies, and National Security Strategy. He is a keen fisherman.