

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL TGW,
WOODMAN MBE MSc, RNZALR**

CHIEF OF STAFF

NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE COLLEGE



Lieutenant Colonel Tim Woodman MBE MSc was born in Woking, England in June 1960 and educated at Wells Cathedral School in Somerset, England. He enlisted in the New Zealand Army in 2015 having transferred from the British Army after completing 37 years service having enlisted in 1978. His final posting in the British Army was as the British Defence Adviser to New Zealand having previously served in Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Nepal, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Angola, Falkland Islands, Ascension Island, Republic of Congo as well as having been the British Defence Attaché in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for 3 ½ years. He was also seconded to the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces 2002/03 as well as serving nearly 10 years with the Gurkhas. During his time in the British Military he also gained a Master of Science Degree from Cranfield University.

In July 2015, Lieutenant Colonel Woodman was posted as a Major as the Risk and Safety Manager to Headquarters 1 (New Zealand) Brigade. He has also been detached on four occasions to the Mounting Headquarters for Exercise SOUTHERN KATIPO 15 and 17, Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 17 and was the Officer Commanding of the Mounting Headquarters for Operation MANAWA 3. He was also the NZDF Safety Person of the Year in 2016. From December 2017 he was the S5 at HQ 1 (NZ) Bde. In that position he was responsible for preparing Force Elements for Operations and overseas exercises. He was also the lead military planning officer for the New Zealand Military Tattoo in April 2019 as well as leading the 1 (NZ) Bde Community Engagement Programmes. In 2019 Major Woodman deployed as the Senior National Officer and Chief Plans officer on Op FARAD in the Sinai as an acting Lieutenant Colonel. He completed a 14 month tour and on completion he was awarded both a Force Commander's and COMJ's commendations. On his return he was sent on an emergency tour to become OC Waiouru Regional Support Centre in the rank of Major followed by a short tour as the S5 TRADOC based in Hokowhitu. In December 2021 he was promoted again to Lieutenant Colonel and filled the post of Deputy Director Commitment Regional in SCE Branch where he was the lead for the New Zealand response to the Solomon Islands unrest in 2021 and the volcanic eruption to Tonga in 2022. In January 2023 Lieutenant Colonel Woodman was posted as the Chief of Staff to the New Zealand Defence College. In this position he is responsible for the day to day running of the College as well as developing plans for the future.

Lieutenant Colonel Woodman is married to Shelly, a Major in the Royal New Zealand Army Logistic Regiment. She is currently a student at the New Zealand Staff College. They have two children, Hari aged 23 and Max aged 20. In his spare time Lieutenant Colonel Woodman lectures on Military History to local groups, assists with the introduction of the new Health and Safety Regulations to schools, is a member of the MCC, is a qualified Scout Leader in both the United Kingdom and New Zealand, is a qualified Sub Aqua Dive Instructor with BSAC, plays cricket, enjoys walking his Springer Spaniel Molly and has a very keen interest in Military History both within New Zealand and especially European 20th century conflicts.