



Commanding Officer HMNZS TE MANA



Commander Lisa Hunn, RNZN



Commander Lisa Hunn was born in Wellington, New Zealand on 11 April 1971. She entered the Royal New Zealand Navy on the General List of Officers in the Seaman specialisation as a Midshipman on 9 February 1990. Post initial officer training, she completed a Bachelor of Science (Geology) and was promoted to Sub Lieutenant before joining her first sea going unit.

Between November 1993 and October 1999 Commander Hunn trained and qualified as a Bridge Watchkeeper and Aircraft Control Officer in HMNZ Ships ENDEAVOUR, WELLINGTON and CANTERBURY.

In 1995 she was promoted to Lieutenant. During this period she was awarded the New Zealand General Service Medal (NZGSM) and New Zealand Operational Service Medal for Maritime Interception Operations. Additionally during this period, Commander Hunn was awarded a Maritime Component Commander's (MCC) commendation for her efforts as Defence Liaison Officer during the People's Republic of China State Visit in 1999.

Following a short period as Officer in Command of HMNZS TAKAPU, in 2000 she posted to the Officer Training School as Directing Staff before attending Principal Warfare Officer training at HMAS WATSON throughout 2001. In February 2002, Commander Hunn completed her Warfare training specialising as a Surface Warfare and Communications Officer. She then served in HMNZS TE KAHA as the Principal Warfare Officer and was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on 31 October 2002 on taking up the Operations Officer role. She was awarded the NZGSM (Afghanistan) for participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in the Gulf of Oman.

Between July 2003 and December 2004, Commander Hunn was appointed the Director of Naval Command Control Communications Computers and Intelligence (DNC4I) in Naval Staff and represented New Zealand at International AUSCANNZUKUS meetings. In 2005 she completed a staff course at the United States Naval War College before returning to New Zealand to work with the Maritime Operational Evaluation Team.

In February 2006 Commander Hunn was appointed Executive Officer of HMNZS TE MANA and completed a work up, two South East Asian deployments and two maintenance periods. Following promotion to Commander 7 December 2007, she took up the role of Base Services Commander/Executive Officer of HMNZS PHILOMEL and held this appointment for 2 years before proceeding on 12 months leave without pay.

On return from leave in 2011 she was appointed Executive Officer MCC within Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand, where she acted as the MCC on a number of occasions and at the end of her tenure was awarded a MCC commendation. In April 2012 Commander Hunn retired and transferred to the active list of the Naval Reserve. As a reserve officer she led a number of safety projects for the Navy while she gained a Diploma in Fine Arts and Design.

In January 2014 Commander Hunn re-engaged in the regular force as Commander Naval Regions within HMNZS PHILOMEL leading the four Naval Reserve Divisions and Regional Naval Officers. During this period, she also undertook ancillary roles as the Chair of the RNZN Women's Steering Group and Chief Of Navy's Strategic Women's Advisor. On 31 August 15 she was appointed Director Naval Safety to lead NAVOSH and the introduction of the 2015 Health and Safety At Work Act. Concurrently while in this role, she served as Chief of Staff as an Acting Captain for Combined Task Force 176 Battle Staff for Exercise RIMPAC 2016 onboard USS AMERICA.

On 20 March 17, Commander Hunn posted to the Directorate of Sea Power and Warfare for project work prior to taking up her Command appointment in HMNZS TE MANA.

Commander Hunn is an alumni of the US Naval War College (NSC Class 66) and the Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies (ASC 16-2).

She enjoys sailing, drawing, painting, sculpting and lives in St Heliers, Auckland, New Zealand.

Commander Hunn assumed command of the frigate, HMNZS TE MANA on 15 June 2017.