



## Major I. G. M. HARDING RFD (Retd)



### Major Harding was President of the Club 2022-24

Ian was elected as a member of the Club in 1995 and served on the Committee 2007-2011. He was re-elected to the Management Committee in 2018 - serving as Vice President 2019-2021 prior to election as President in 2022. Ian was born in Rockhampton and attended several primary schools such as Warwick and Scarborough in south Queensland followed by Macgregor State High before attending the then Queensland Institute of Technology.

Joining the Queensland University Regiment in 1975, Ian was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1978. Ian's Army Reserve career followed his civilian work commitments and included postings as Platoon Commander 1/19<sup>th</sup> Bn RNSWR (Sydney); 10<sup>th</sup> Bn RSAR (Adelaide); SQN OC NORFORCE (Northern Territory); SO2 OPS HQ 4BDE (Melbourne); Chief Instructor RURQ (Regional Universities Regiment, Queensland – an officer training unit based at the Gatton Agricultural College – subsequently a campus of the University of Queensland); OC Admin Coy 9RQR (Brisbane); and OC A Coy 9RQR.

In civilian life, Ian had an extensive career in air traffic management with Airservices Australia and its predecessors spanning operational service delivery; training development and delivery; technical and system operations; project management and delivery; stakeholder management and business unit and branch management.

He held several management roles including Manager Australian Flight Information Centre; Defence Relationship Manager; Change Manager; National Operations Centre Manager; Aeronautical Information Management Manager; and Manager Network Management Services.

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He represented Australia at regional International Civil Aviation Organisation Task Force meetings, numerous industry forums including facilitating industry workshops, and was Chief Operating Authority for Aeronautical Information Systems for several years.

With a passion for youth development, Ian joined the Scout movement in 1999 - initially as a parent volunteer and subsequently as Youth Program Leader (Scout Leader). After several years as a group Scout Leader, he moved to the role of regional Scout Section Leader Toohey Forest - overseeing the delivery of Scout section training of several Scouting Groups. Continuing this passion, Ian was externally appointed as Officer Commanding No 2 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets (Wing Commander AAFC) in 2006. Ian travelled extensively around the Wing (in South Queensland) meeting cadets and parents and working closely with staff.

As President of the 2WG School of Aviation Inc (aviation flying school), aviation experience and training was a priority focus as was instilling the value of good citizenship to cadets. Ian's tenure as OC was completed in December 2011 when he moved to a national headquarters role for the Cadets as Chief of Operations before retiring from both civilian employment and volunteer roles.

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents
- Material provided by Major Harding.