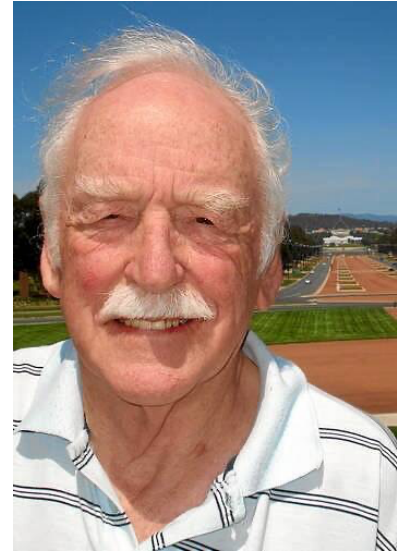


Doug Hurst

Doug joined the RAAF in 1960, trained first as a radio mechanic then as a navigator after which he flew in Neptune SP2Hs in Townsville, Butterworth based Dakotas around SE Asia, P-3B Orions in Edinburgh three times, four years as a navigation instructor in HS 748s at Sale and a short tour flying VIPs with 34 Squadron. Following his third Orion tour he became an instructor at the now defunct Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School and began writing occasional articles (under a pen name) for Pacific Defence Reporter.



On leaving the RAAF in 1993, he joined the Reserves and wrote two books on RAAF history and another about the Dutch from Indonesia who came here with the Japanese invasion and a number of Wings articles. Along with Denis Stubbs, Mark Lax and Ian Pearson he then ran seminars at the Defence College hosting veterans from various wars, including Korea. Some of the Korean veterans offered to help if he would write a book about 77 Squadron in Korea and he agreed. Eventually fifteen veterans, including three from the RAF, contributed to the book and it, along with other material from the seminars, provided the source material for his presentation on 77 Squadron in Korea.