

## Merv Fowler

Merv Fowler took his first flying lesson on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1968 and went first solo 4.5 hours later. Following a relatively short career as a flight instructor gaining a B Cat instructors rating he joined Australian Air Traffic Control in 1972 completing some 17 years as an active controller followed by 17 years as a Manager finishing his career as the National Towers Manager with responsibility for all 26 (then) control towers in Australia plus interestingly 5 contract towers in the Western Pacific on behalf of the FAA.

His first aircraft purchase was while working as an Aerodrome Controller in Alice Springs in 1978, VH-MGG a Piper Cherokee PA28-140. He is now up to aircraft number twelve, VH-LMI a Piper Seneca V one of only six latest model Seneca's on the Australian aircraft register.