

## John McKenna

### Brief background

- Born in Lancashire during the “blitz”.
- Joined the RNVR aged 16 and accepted for officer training 3 years later.
- Interest in flying dates from year as Midshipman that included 6 months aboard aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal.
- Specialised in Aeronautical Engineering at RNEC Manadon, Plymouth
- Underwent flying training at RAF Linton-on-Ouse.
- Served as engineer with 736 and 801 Buccaneer squadrons based at Lossiemouth in Scotland and aboard HMS Victorious {1966/97}.
- Married Judy, an Aussie, in 1966;
  - two daughters, 4 grandsons; one family in Canberra, the other in France.
- Gained qualification as gliding instructor at RAF Bicester in 1967.
- Resigned commission in late 1970 due to contraction in fixed wing element and offer of work with Australian Public Service.
- Gained further degree in Economics at ANU and spent much of subsequent employment designing / delivering programs to encourage / support innovation within Australia and international collaboration in S&T.
- Hobbies include: gliding, sailing / surfboarding, horse riding, bushwalking, travel, fine woodwork; also support community through Rotary and ACT Woodcraft Guild.