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Guest speaker at the Canberra Aviation Club luncheon on 31 July 2003

A Lifetime of Change

Through 50 years of personal experience starting as a 16 year old apprentice, Colin will attempt to cover changes in Civil Aviation covering management, accidents and regulations. The improvements in reliability will be discussed and some of the lessons learned. The dangers of complacency are always with us.

Colin started his career with Vickers-Armstrong's in the UK with final position as Senior Stressman. Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Cranfield. Private pilot licence. 1962 joined the Australian Dept of Civil Aviation specialising in Aircraft Structures. Undertook some 65 overseas assessments and certification visits in 30 countries and worked on two major airline accident investigations. Became head of Airworthiness and Operations in the Australian CAA; Chairman of the ICAO continuing airworthiness Panel and the aging aircraft working group.

1995 -2001 Australian nominee on the ICAO Air Navigation Commission and the Alternate Member for Australia on the ICAO council.

Studies include appointment to a US National Research Council Committee on Aircraft Certification Safety Management, a review of structural integrity aging issues in South Africa and a comprehensive review in Ireland of a controversial major accident investigation. Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.