

Paul was educated at Sydney Grammar School and spent 10 years in the family business before giving up work to go flying!

Started flying at Camden Aero Club in 1960 and commenced instructing with them as a part time instructor in 1966. This became a fulltime activity the same year and he spent the next twelve years in the Camden/ Bankstown area instructing, flying IFR charter, and at various times working as Chief Pilot and CFI. His final role in the GA area was as pilot flying Queenairs out of Mascot for Jack Masling's commuter operation.

In 1978 he joined the old Department of Transport as an Examiner of Airmen operating in the Vic/Tas Region. Folklore has it that he was the first Examiner of Airmen to have been recruited into the Authority that didn't have RAAF background, for something like twenty years! After 12 months involvement with the flying schools in Vic/Tas he was transferred to Central Office in Aviation House, Queen Street. There he was introduced to the Francis Hotel and "sports afternoons"! The role in Central Office was as part of the GA Flying Operations Branch.

In 1981 he was one of the first of his Branch to desert Melbourne (having served his penance!) and moved to Canberra. In 1986 he became Senior Examiner Flight Standards followed by Assistant General Manager of Standards Development branch in 1989. He stayed on in that role through various organisation name changes and Division amalgamations until he left the public service in 1994.

After three months of enjoying himself pig shooting, playing with his classic cars and flying ultralights, his wife Claire decided the happy meter was definitely tilted to one side of gauge and insisted that he rejoin the workforce. He has been with the Australian Ultralight Federation ever since, first as Operations Manager and for the last 18 months wearing the additional hat of Executive Director.

He is married and has four daughters and has now added farming to his list of things that keep him out pub!