

AIR COMMODORE GRAHAM DYKE DFC (Retd)

Air Commodore Dyke joined the RAAF in 1954. After graduation as a pilot he served in Singapore flying Lincoln bombers during the Malayan emergency. On return to Australia he flew as staff pilot at the School of Navigation, East Sale Victoria. In 1959 he joined the RAAF Antarctic Flight flying Beaver and Dakota aircraft on photographic survey and expedition support missions. After a jet refresher course at CFS he was posted to Amberley flying Canberra aircraft in 1961

From 1964 to 1968 he was a flying instructor at Point Cook in Victoria. In 1968 he was posted back to Amberley as Operations Officer No1 Bomber Operational Conversion Unit (No1BOCU) and was responsible for training Canberra crews for service in Vietnam. Subsequently he was posted to No2 Squadron, Vietnam, as Operations Officer. Returning to Australia in 1969 he took over command of No1BOCU until No2Squadron was withdrawn from Vietnam. After completing RAAF Staff College in 1973, he was posted to command No2 Squadron at Amberley.

He graduated from the Joint Services Staff College in 1976 and after two years as a Staff Officer was promoted to Group Captain and posted to New Zealand as the Australian Defence Representative. Back in Australia in 1981 he assumed command of RAAF Base East Sale. In 1983 he was promoted to Air Commodore and was appointed Director General of Manpower-Air Force. In 1986 after 32 enjoyable years in the RAAF and 7500 hours flight time he left the Service to farm on a property near Canberra.