

## **Resume Group Captain (Retd) Paul Hunt O235053 MA Strat and Pol, Grad Dip Lang, PSC(J)**

Group Captain (GPCAPT) Hunt enlisted with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) on 9 November 1984, undergoing officer training at the RAAF Officer Training School at Point Cook prior to commencing flying training on 135 Pilot's Course at No. 1 Flying Training School. On successful completion of basic training, he transferred to No. 2 Flying Training School for advanced jet training.



On graduation in 1986, Hunt was posted to No. 34 Squadron (Sqn) to fly VIP BAC-111 aircraft, obtaining his captaincy in 1988. He was posted to No. 38 Sqn to fly the DHC-4 Caribou in 1989. During this tour, Hunt obtained his operational and tactical operations captaincy, supervisory captaincy and tactical operations instructor rating and was appointed Flight Commander.

Tactical operations involved insertion and extraction of Special Forces, paratrooper drops and airdrops, Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System (LAPES), Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, fighter evasion, low level night flying, no-communication night formation flying, Night Vision Goggle (NVG) flying and mountainous terrain flying.

Hunt was requested for expert advice for the investigation into the October 1991 B-707 accident. He was also appointed on site commander for the November 1991 Pilatus PC-6 Turbo Porter crash and assisted with the subsequent investigation. GPCAPT Hunt's expert advice was again requested following the June 1996 Blackhawk accident.

He was seconded to the United Nations Advanced Mission to Cambodia (UNAMIC) in October 1991 to assess the capacity for Caribou operations in support of UN operations.

In 1992 GPCAPT Hunt (then a Flight Lieutenant) undertook a posting at Air Command Headquarters as a senior Operations Officer within the Air Intelligence Centre, before being posted to No. 37 Sqn to fly C-130E Hercules in 1994. During this posting, he was appointed Authorising Officer and Flight Commander, obtained his operational and tactical captaincy, C-130E/H Simulator Instructor/Examiner Rating and cross trained to fly the C-130H as well.



On promotion to Squadron Leader in 1998, Hunt was posted to Headquarters Air Lift Group (ALG) as Staff Officer Planning and Preparedness, providing the Commander ALG with timely and accurate advice with regard to the operational readiness of the fleet. During this posting he was deployed to Papua New Guinea for eight months as the Executive Officer for the

multinational deployment assisting with the 1998 famine, consisting of C-130 Hercules, DHC-4 Caribou, CH-47 Chinook, RNZAF HS780 Andover and French Air Force CASA CN-235.

He was then posted to the ADF School of Languages in 2000 where he studied the Indonesian language for 12 months prior to being posted to the Indonesian Air Force Staff College (Seskoau) for 18 months as an exchange student.

Hunt returned to Australia in 2001 where he took up a position at the Defence Intelligence Organisation as Senior Air and Maritime Analyst. He was additionally seconded to the DIO Counter-Terrorist Task Force as a result of the 2002 Bali Bombing.

In 2004 Hunt was promoted to Wing Commander and posted to Indonesia as an exchange student for 12 months at the Indonesian Defence Force Command and Staff College prior to taking up his position as senior directing staff at Seskoau. Prior to taking up this posting he was deployed to Aceh to assist with the set-up of emergency recovery services as a result of the 2004 Tsunami.

On return to Australia in 2008, Hunt was posted to the Australian Command and Staff College as senior directing staff prior to his deployment to the Middle East in 2009 as Joint Operations Planning Officer for Iraq and Afghanistan. On return to Australia in 2010, he was posted to Air Force Headquarters (AFHQ) as Staff Officer to the Chief of Air Force. On promotion to GPCAPT in 2011, Hunt was posted to AFHQ as Director of Operations.

GPCAPT Hunt was posted to Indonesia in 2012 as the Air Attaché and retired on his return to Australia in September 2014 having served for 30 years.

During his career, GPCAPT Hunt undertook the following courses:

11 Junior Officer Introductory Course 1984  
135 Pilots Course  
BAC1-11 Conversion 1986  
216 Combat Survival Course Sep 1987  
DHC-4 Caribou Conversion 1989  
DHC-4 Tactical Operations Course 1990  
DHC-4 Supervisory Captain Course 1990  
DHC-4 PNG Operations Course 1990  
92-1 Joint Intelligence Course  
C-130E Hercules Conversion 1994  
RAAF Flying Supervisor's Course 1995  
C-130E Tactical Operations Course 1995  
C-130E/H Simulator Instructor/Examiner Course 1995  
C-130H Cross Train Course 1996  
Life Support Training Officer Course 1995  
2/99 Flying Safety Officers Course  
2/99 Aircraft Accident Inquiry Management Course  
RAAF Commander's Course 1999



Indonesian Language Course 2000

Air Force Staff College (Indonesia) 2001

Advanced Aerospace Power Course 2004

Indonesian Defence Force Command and Staff College 2004

Information Operations Staff Officers Course 2009

## **Bio**

Group Captain (Retd) RAAF

Military service 1980-2014 (Army Reserve 1980-84, RAAF 1984-2014)

Pilot in Command approx. 10,000 hours

Air Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL)

Operations – Iraq, Afghanistan, Papua, East Timor, Bougainville, Cambodia

- Graduate Australian Command and Staff College (ACSC)
- Graduate Indonesian Air Force Staff College - Indonesian Air Force Command and Staff College (Seskoau)
- Graduate Indonesian Command and Staff College (Sesko TNI)
- Master of Arts - International Law, Strategy and Politics

Air Attaché to Indonesia

- Senior Instructor ACSC – Joint Ops Planning, Risk Management, Critical Evaluation, CRM Instructor Seskoau
- Senior Intelligence Analyst South East Asia Air, Maritime, Counter Terrorism
- Fluent Indonesian Advanced Level (Graduate Diploma)

RAAF Aircraft Accident and Incident Assessor/Manager

Investigator on Black Hawk Collision, BAC 1-11 crash etc..

Authorising Officer DHC-4, /C130E/H

Flight Commander DHC-4, C130E

T-XO Temp Executive Officer DHC-4 38Sqn

T-CO Temp Commanding Officer C130E 37Sqn

Remote Pilot License Instructor

Aviation Medicine Instructor

Hypobaric Chamber Operator, Instructor, Assessor

Military Aircraft

CT4 Air trainer

Macchi MB-326

Pilatus PC-9

Captain BAC 1-11 VIP

Captain DHC-4 Caribou – SAR, Special Ops, Tac Ops, Spec/Tac Ops Instructor, Supervisory

Captain C130E/H Hercules – SAR, Mil/Tac Ops

Simulator Instructor/Examiner C130E/H Hercules

Aircraft types flown/endorsed –

PA38 Tomahawk

Beech76 Duchess

Cessna 310R

Beech 58 Baron