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Born in Birmingham, he joined the Royal Air Force in 1979 as a Navigator. Upon completion of training was then posted to F4 Phantoms, flying 4 consecutive tours in the UK at RAF Leuchars and RAF Wattisham. After a staff tour at Headquarters 11 Group, RAF Bentley Priory, he attended the Royal Australian Air Force Staff College for a year in 1995. On returning to the UK, he was posted to the RAF Air Warfare Centre to develop and teach Air Power Doctrine. His last flying tour was as the Officer Commanding No 23 Squadron, an E-3D Sentry Squadron operating from RAF Waddington, where he flew as Mission Crew in support of Operations in the Balkans and Afghanistan. After promotion to Group Captain and a spell as Head of Strike Command Corporate Communications, he joined the Royal Australian Air Force on the Wedgetail Project. He has been living in Australia now for 8 years, and joined BAE Systems Australia as a Project Manager in 2007. Married with 2 grown up children – hobbies include boating, golf, tennis and playing the guitar badly.