

## MIKE WATSON

Mike Watson has been an aviation enthusiast since youth. By the time he had finished University, he had moved from light aircraft, gliders and microlights to hang gliders; not only for affordability, but also because he could fit into them. He left an engineering career to seek more challenges, starting as a truck driver in Cairo and finally running his own trans-African trucking business between London and Nairobi. He came to Australia in 1990 and struggled to get into flying shortly after the pilot's dispute. He flew operations in northern Australia, ending up on a mine commuter based at Alice Springs. He joined BASI in 1998, working on investigations of all types before running the new aviation research section.