



Bill Bristow AM - Biography

Bill was born and grew up in Sydney.

He went through school at Barker College and later studied Psychology and English at Sydney University.

He worked in advertising in Sydney and later New York before moving to Brisbane where he started his own advertising agency.

Bill is married with two grown sons and five grandchildren.

His interest in flying started in 1970 with his attaining a glider pilot's licence. This was followed by licences for powered planes and helicopters.

It was through his flying interests and knowledge of pilots that in 2003, **Bill launched the now well established national charity, Angel Flight Australia.**

In 2005, Bill was acknowledged for his charitable efforts, being **awarded Australian of the Year - Queensland.**

In late 2006, Bill flew to London where he was **awarded the Australian Bicentennial Cup by The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators** for his contribution to aviation in Australia.

In June 2009, Bill was **honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** and later the same week was **named a Queensland Great by the Premier.**

Bill recently semi-retired and continues his role as Chairman of Angel Flight Australia.