Butterfly biography – Mr Clifford (Cliff) Meyer

Clifford Meyer (Cliff) served 43.5 years in Defence, firstly in the Royal Australian Navy (1977 to 1999) and secondly in major Defence capability procurement and sustainment (1999 to 2020) of satellite communications systems (both space and ground based systems), Information Technology systems and for the past 14.5 years with Army's Tiger and Taipan helicopters here in Brisbane. Cliff obtained his passion for butterflies as a young boy growing up in Cairns in Far North Queensland, which he has continued to this present day.

Defence postings around Australia allowed him to observe and collect much of the Australian butterfly fauna. He has been fortunate to discover and describe, species, subspecies and life histories of some of our lesser known butterflies.

When posted to Canberra, he supported Dr Michael 'Doc' Braby in the drafting of *Butterflies of Australia, Their Identification, Biology and Distribution* published in 2000 including providing numerous specimens from his extensive private collection for inclusion in the colour plates. He also helped Doc with suggestions for the content and layout of the First Edition of *The Complete Field Guide to Butterflies of Australia* published in 2004. Cliff also provided Doc with images and unpublished data for inclusion in the Second Edition of the field guide that was published in 2016.

Cliff is a member of the Queensland Entomological Society and Butterflies and Other Invertebrates Club, and is often called on to review new butterfly manuscripts for their suitability for publication in *The Australian Entomologist*. In November 2020, Cliff became actively involved in the Brisbane's Big Butterfly Count supporting Brisbane's Catchment Network groups in the correct identification of the butterfly species encountered.

In late February 2021, Cliff provided a very informative workshop to help individuals identify butterflies correctly, including providing a static display of the 87 species of butterfly recorded to date.