Dave was born in Buckinghamshire, England. Of Australian decent, and having visited Australia many times growing up, emigration had been the plan for many years. The plan, however, took a side step to New Zealand for over 5 years where Dave completed his commercial helicopter license with the renowned Wanaka Helicopters in the South Island.   Leaving the Southern Alps behind, he then bought a helicopter business in the northern regions of the North Island. The business conducted training, scenic, and other commercial operations including work for the Department of Conservation, lighthouse surveys on the numerous offshore islands, Orca research and filming, medical helicopter for the New Zealand Rally, vineyard frost patrol, photography and more. Dave made the move to Australia and converted his license in 2009.   From an early age Dave was involved in motor racing in England, racing karts at 13, Minis when he 17 before progressing to Formula Ford whilst running his own business buying and selling cars. Dave has also been involved in the finance world, is a qualified accountant and started and still owns a Finance Company in New Zealand. Since being in Australia, Dave has gained experience in filming & photography, Superboats rescue pilot, survey work, sling operations, mustering, feral animal culling and extensive pilot training including Instructor Ratings.   Ratings/Approvals• ATPL(H)
  R22, R44, R66, Hughes 500, Hughes 300, AS 350, Bell 206 & Bell 47, Night, Sling.