

Honourable Company of Air Pilots (NZ Region)



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NEW MEMBERS

N. Gibb

REINSTATED MEMBERS

P. Turner

RESIGNED

Dr Jonathan Pote

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Greetings,

The NZ Region is small in membership numbers, but seeks to have recognition and influence with the rest of the NZ aviation environment, by establishing and maintaining links with kindred aviation organisations. Since the last Newsletter in May, the Committee has kept contact with a wide variety of organisations including the RNZAF at the Official Acceptance Ceremony of the C 130J-30 on 10th September, laying wreaths at the Bomber Command Association Memorial Service at Auckland on June 9th, the Battle of Britain Association on 15th Sept, and presenting a beautiful framed print of Liveryman Miss Jean Batten on one of her record breaking flights to the Auckland Aero Club on 28th July. The coloured print is now hanging in a prominent position in the Club's Headquarters at Ardmore. A miniature of the print was

planned to be presented as a Special Award by the Club. The first award has been made.

This is in addition to the informal networking at aviation events such as at the AIA Conference in Christchurch on 25-27th August that Liveryman Mike Zaytsoff and your Chairman engaged in. Of course we have more formal links as well, such as the representation on the NZ Aviation Federation Council, and planned formal visits to Government Agencies during our Masters Visit.

Internationally, awareness of the NZ Region was enhanced by WGCDR Richard Beaton delivering this year's Cobham Lecture in London, and the three NZ awards the T&A Committee granted.

I thank you for your continued support.

Liveryman Allan Boyce

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At the AGM in July three new members were elected to the NZ region committee. We welcome the experience these gentlemen bring to the table: Bill MacGregor, Des Grant, and Richard Beaton.

GAPAN SWORD KEEPSAKE PRESENTATION



The 2023/24 award was made to (then) SQNLDR Ben Woodhouse for his exceptional work in support of the introduction into service of the P8A Poseidon. The sword was presented on 2nd November 2023 by the Air Component Commander, AIRCDRE Andy Scott. In the absence of any formal opportunity to do so, the associated keepsake trophy was presented to WGCDR Woodhouse by our Secretary, WGCDR (Rtd) Ron Thacker, in early August.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINARS

Our Technical Director, CAPT Mike Zaytsoff, has continued managing a series of professional development webinars each month. These are conducted at 1000hrs on the second Wednesday of each month. You should have all received email invitations to join these webinars – if not, please contact the secretary and we'll ensure you are on future invitations. The August presentation by Tom Coyle MNZM, a leading forensic investigator, outlined some of his previous work in natural disaster and aircraft accident tragedies, and provided a very interesting explanation of the forensic process for such events.

WALSH INSTRUCTOR SCHOLARSHIP

In 2022 the NZ Regional committee approved an annual award of a grant of \$3,000 to be used for instructor upgrade, with the recipient being nominated by the staff of the Walsh Flying School. The 2024 Walsh Instructor Scholarship grant was made to Ms Erin Mead, who has recently completed training for her 'B' Cat instructor rating.

TROPHIES & AWARDS

The Trophies & Awards banquet in Guild Hall will be held on 24th October. The ceremony is usually live-streamed for those who wish to view the awards. Three awards will be made to the NZ Region:

- The Jean Batten Memorial Award (to recognise an outstanding individual, crew, group, or organisation's contribution to New Zealand aviation) will be awarded to Mr John Cook.

- The Hugh Field Memorial award (for aviation journalism) will be awarded to Mr John King.
- The Barry Marsden Memorial Award (awarded to an individual, a complete aircraft crew, or an organisation, for an outstanding contribution to the preservation of life during (a) natural disaster(s)) will be awarded to No 3 Squadron, RNZAF.

ARRIVAL OF NEW C130-J-30

On 10th September our Chairman, CAPT Allan Boyce, attended the formal welcome ceremony for the first RNZAF C130-J-30 aircraft, recently arrived from the US.



The new C130-J-30 will begin operational service immediately, with the remaining aircraft due to arrive in New Zealand over coming months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TROPHIES & AWARDS

The Trophies & Awards banquet in Guild Hall will be held on 24th October. As noted earlier, three awards will be made to the NZ Region. The recipients will also be recognised at our annual dinner.

MASTER'S VISIT

The Master of the Honourable Company will visit New Zealand over the period 14-24th November.

NZ REGION ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner will be held in the Whenuapai Officers Mess on Saturday 23rd November. Invitations will be promulgated later this month.