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President Update



Dear #Customer.FirstName#,

I'm sure not a day goes by when I refrain from asking the question, what do I get from belonging to this organization? Always the answer is the same. I benefit from interaction with a multitude of aviation participants across many sectors that are passionate and believe in what they are doing. No matter whether their comments are negative or positive and however difficult at times it is to provide reasonable answers, I continue to belong and contribute to the Aviation Industry in New Zealand.

I listened to Graham Harris speak at the "Women leaders in Aviation" forum last week and was intrigued by a particular comment. "The CAAs objective is to be a professional regulator. The CAA are not in the business of being industry experts but are in the business of acting professionally, as a regulator". This seems to be very much in accord with the CAA mantra "A shared responsibility for safety".

This statement also struck a chord with something Hugh Jones said a few years ago at the Palmerston North conference. To paraphrase; we in industry create safety. Safety in industry is a given. CAA are there to regulate, we the industry, through our actions must ensure safety, our businesses depend on it".

Safety is our responsibility and no one else's. If we cannot operate safely we have no possibility of providing sustainability and growth within the Aviation Industry. With the coming introduction of SMS legislation, we will need to focus more intensely on the business of safety.

Throughout the last month, aviation participant's, media and even politicians have reverberated comments of, concern, anger and outrage, all in the name of perceived unfair actions by the CAA regarding a well-intentioned helicopter operator who had performed a rescue mission.

What were the operator's motivations, what was his intent? I suspect a mix of compassion, duty, professional pride, and a desire to provide genuine assistance. My hope is that the outcome of the current legal actions provides fairness and greater clarity around any future situations such as this.

Our society demands a level of regulation. Regulation is the method we use as a society to ensure the public feel safe. In the real world we live with regulation, it is a normal part of life, even though often adding much complexity and frustration to our daily lives. Effective legislation must provide confidence and fairness for those

who work within the regulated environment and protection from harm to all intended benefactors of the legislation. Our legislation should be interpreted under the guidance of the Interpretation Act 1999.

The meaning ‘must be ascertained from its text and in light of its purpose’. In the broad sense, what is the legislative purpose? If it is “A shared responsibility for safety” then this can only be achieved by industry and regulator working collaboratively with trust and openness. If the intent is punitive then cautious and guarded actions will prevail. If we are to collectively share responsibility, we must clearly understand the intent and interpretation. I believe responsible and disciplined participants and a responsible and disciplined regulator are the answers to ensuring we have a just and healthy Industry. It is up to all of us, to ensure that we have both of these things.

In closing, I’d like to extend my personal invitation to you all to attend our Annual Stakeholder Function on December 10th. For the first time we will hold a joint Christmas function with the New Zealand Aviation Federation – signalling the beginning of a close relationship in bettering Aviation in New Zealand. As befitting the occasion, our function will be held in the Grand Hall at Parliament in Wellington [register](#).

Best regards,

Don McCracken
President

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Internal News



Annual Joint Stakeholder Function 2015 New

Aviation NZ and NZ Aviation Federation

We are delighted to invite you to attend our first ever joint Aviation NZ and NZ Aviation Federation Annual Stakeholder Function.

This event welcomes the new era of partnership between our two organisations – Our members represent a major portion of the Aviation participants in New Zealand. Collectively we strive to enhance aviation growth, safety and professionalism, in all aviation sectors in New Zealand Aviation and abroad.

We would be delighted if you can join us to celebrate success over the past year – hear about our plans for 2016 and enjoy the opportunity to network with your industry colleagues.

10th December 2015 , 5.30 – 7.30pm
Parliament Grand Hall, Wellington

Hosted by Aviation New Zealand and NZ Aviation Federation
in association with Brett Hudson National List MP, Ōhāriu

[Register](#) by 20th November

Don McCracken	Ian Andrews
President	President
Aviation NZ	NZ Aviation Federation

Council and Divisional Meetings, Wellington New

Dec 9 NZHA all day
Dec 10 NZAAA all day
Dec 10 SSE afternoon
Dec 10 Annual Stakeholder Function with Aviation Federation 5.30-7pm
Dec 11 Aviation NZ Council all day



NZ Aviation in the Media New

[TAIC Report](#)

[Kiwi Regional Airlines](#)



More companies using N3 New

Good to see that another 4 members started using the N3 purchasing system during the month, meaning that 116 company members now use it. Members collectively saved \$262,000 through N3, on a total spend of almost \$1.5m over the 12 months ended September. Company members automatically get membership of N3

through their subs.

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Foreign exchange savings

The weekly newsletter has a NZForex banner (see below). [NZForex](#) is a listed, multinational business specialising in international payments & foreign exchange risk management.

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Domestic News



Air Ambulance Services – Canterbury and West Coast **New**

The Canterbury and West Coast District Health Boards wish to contract for the Supply of Air Ambulance Services (both fixed wing and helicopter solutions) to transfer acutely ill patients between hospitals and various other locations predominantly around the South Island, but with the capacity to provide this service to the Chatham Islands as required. The service will be based in Christchurch and have capacity to transport staff and patients. The service is required 24/7. GETS reference RFX ID: 16933803. Bids close 4 December.



GST on B2B Transactions

We went with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and MBIE, and with the support of NZTE, to talk to IRD about the difficulties companies are having reclaiming GST on B2B training contracts. We've given IRD details and will stay in touch with them – they expect to reply later next month. Good to have the support of the government agencies which were able to talk about priorities for them: the government's growth agenda, economic development, removing barriers to exporting, improving competitiveness, international relationships and export income. So, resolving this issue hits hot buttons for several different agencies.



RNZAF Simulator Training

The RNZAF requires a contract for the provision of simulator training for its C-130H(NZ) Hercules personnel, for 10 years. The simulator will be used to conduct conversion to type training, continuation training and maintenance engine ground running training. GETs reference RFx ID: 16886501. More info: DCS@nzdf.mil.nz Bids close Monday 16 November.



CAA concludes drone investigation

CAA has concluded its investigation into an RPAS and Jet encounter near Christchurch International Airport. Press release of 16 October: [RPAS and Jet encounter investigation ends](#)



Fatigue Risk Management Panel

The CAA has added the 21 October agenda to the website. http://www.caa.govt.nz/fatigue/fatigue_risk_management.html



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