

Dear Colleagues

An intense aviation week this week, amplified by the intense media interest surrounding the tragic R44 accident in Queenstown. The grounding of the R44 helicopter fleet fitted with – 7 main rotor blades was unprecedented action by the CAA, and was replicated in Australia. Naturally, this caused significant uncertainty and concern for the many Robinson operators in NZ as to what this meant for industry, firstly from a safety perspective, but also their ability to run their businesses and put food on the table for their families.

It was very pleasing to see the proactive approach taken by CAA to isolating the issue and the swift withdrawal of the Emergency Airworthiness Directive. [Here](#)

Our thoughts remain with the families who lost their loved ones in such tragic circumstances last week, and all of those who have been impacted by too many aviation tragedies. I am meeting with TAIC on Monday to offer whatever assistance we can to this and other investigations.

Please note prompt payment discounts for member subscriptions expire on 20 March.

Index

Internal News

[Time in Service Recorder](#) **New**

[Avalon Airshow](#) **New**

[ANZAC Conference 2015](#) **Updated**

[Unmanned aircraft operators and systems](#) **Updated**

[Aviation in the News](#) **New**

[Member Subscriptions now due](#)

[Divisional & Council meetings](#)

[Printer for Sublease](#)

[Aviation NZ office - Available for Sublease](#)

Domestic News

[Rate my Qualification](#)

[Just Culture Training Course - Hosted by Air NZ](#)

[CAA on transition to ADS-B](#) **New**

[Medical manual](#) **New**

[LIB4](#) **Updated** **New**

[Draft Medical Information Sheet](#)

[Extension of Consultation Period - Impaired Colour Vision](#)

International News

[Issues with Student Visas](#)

[Networking opportunities internationally](#)

Internal News





Time in Service Recorder New

We have achieved another significant milestone with the AAA has now reached its funding target to scope the development of a TiSR. This is fantastic news and many thanks to those who have so generously contributed.



Avalon Airshow New

We have had great engagement with the Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS) during Avalon and they will participate in our UAVNZ activities during the year and have some good perspectives to share regarding public education on UAV use and activities.



ANZAC Conference 2015 Updated

This year's Conference will have a distinct ANZAC Theme, befitting our 100 years of mateship and togetherness with our Trans-Tasman friends. Our AAA Conference will be a joint Conference with the AAAA of Australia and we will have fantastic speakers from both sides of the Tasman and some from further afield.

We are delighted to confirm our first keynote speakers as:

Mark Skidmore – Director of Aviation Safety CASA

Graeme Harris – Director General CAA

This will be Mr Skidmore's first public appearance in NZ as the new CASA Director – so we are very pleased to present this opportunity to hear about CASA's future post the Forsyth Aviation Safety Regulation Review and to compare regulatory approaches on both sides of the Tasman.

You can now apply for trade stands [here](#) and accommodation [here](#)

We are working with a Queenstown company on a partners' programme. Details will be available shortly.



Unmanned aircraft operators and systems Updated

We attended a meeting with CAA and some other aviation interests to discuss the submissions CAA had received on the draft Pts 101 and 102.

Eighty-six submissions were received (including a joint NZHA/AAA submission, one from UAVNZ and another from Aviation NZ) with many commenting on the same areas.

It was useful to refer to the two recent Te Anau incidents and of course there were a few references to occurrences in Paris this week!

The onus in the draft Rules is on RPAS operators avoiding manned flight; the casual and professional RPAS operators need to be familiar with the Rules and

obligations they require. Education will therefore, be critically important. The draft Rules will be revised to reflect the submissions and discussion this week and we'll get another opportunity to look at the changes in a couple of weeks.



Aviation in the news New

An article on successes that New Zealand companies have achieved from exhibiting at past Australian International Airshow and Aerospace and Defence Expositions at Avalon was included in [Aviation Trader](#).



Member Subscriptions – Now Due Updated

Invoices for 2015-6 membership year have gone out today by email (so please let us know if your email address has changed!) There is a prompt payment discount of 5% for payment by 20 March 2015. If you have any queries regarding your invoice please contact admin1@aia.org.nz

What do you get for your money? That's a very good question – here are some of the highlights of 2014 to showcase some of the key things we've achieved for our members [link](#)

Thank you for your support of the NZ Aviation Industry!

Prompt payment discounts expire on 20 March



Divisional & Council meetings

Week of the 16th of March TBA UAVNZ
25 March AAA
26 March NZHA, Training & Development, Logistics
27 March Council



Printer for Sublease

Colour copier, printer, scanner
Razor sharp image quality with high printing speed of up to 45ppm
Built-in Colour Management for colour accuracy
Banner paper printing of up to 1.2 metre long
[read more](#)



Aviation NZ Office – Available for Sublease

We are moving and are looking for a tenant to sublease our central CBD Office space. Interested? [link](#)

Domestic News

Rate my Qualification

Research New Zealand has asked for help regarding the pilot stage of a project



recently announced by the government (Ministry of Education). The project relates to the development of a feedback tool for the "Rate my Qualification" initiative, which you may have seen some media coverage for recently. "Rate my Qualification" will be an online tool that prospective tertiary students can use to see, at a glance, how qualifications from different tertiary institutions are rated by employers and recent graduates, and will be used alongside other study and careers information to help new students make decisions about what and where to study. It will also help ensure tertiary education is delivering relevant skills for employers and industry. A link to the survey, which should take 15 minutes: <http://rmq.researchnz.com/>

Just Culture Training Course – hosted by Air NZ

A heads up on an opportunity to attend [Just Culture Training](#) here in NZ. [Location](#)

In 1998 we were introduced by CAANZ by our very own Max Stevens, to the founder of Just Culture, David Marx. Since then he has visited Air NZ twice in 2000 and 2007 carrying out training at Air NZ.

He has agreed to come back for a third time In May (13th to the 15th) as Air NZ is hosting *outcomengenuity* and their Just Culture Certification Course at the Air NZ Corporate HQ in Auckland City. The brochure for the course, which is attached, outlines what is covered during the three day course. The Certification Course is considered the benchmark course for individuals who are going to become Just Culture Champions within their own organisations.

Bringing the course to NZ allows us to get several more people trained and embedded as Just Culture Champions throughout our organisation. This in turn will provide a one-off opportunity for other local and regional aviation organisations (Regulators / ATS providers / flying schools) and medical providers, to participate in this valuable safety related training course. There will be hotel options provided for attendees close by with very favourable rates. Continental breakfast, morning and afternoon teas and lunch for the three days will be provided as part of the course fee. Of note is that David Marx (the founder of Just Culture) himself will be teaching this course and the latest Just Culture algorithm will be made available electronically for all course participants at the end of the course.

The course registrations are all being handled by *outcomengenuity* and can be found on their website: <https://www.justculture.org/>

CAA Survey on transition to ADS-B **New**

The purpose of this survey is to gauge the present state of the industry in order to forecast New Zealand's level of preparedness for the transition from radar to Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) systems. More information about this can be found on the first page of the online survey.

It is critical that we gather this information so that our work on transitioning to



ADS-B is informed by accurate data, and it is also critical that we identify who to engage with in the aviation maintenance sector throughout the process.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maintenancesurveynz>



Medical Manual New

The CAA has added to drafts to the medical manual. 3.10 covers the central nervous system and 3.2 the respiratory system. Comments on both drafts close on 27 March. More info: http://www.caa.govt.nz/medical/Medical_Manual.htm



LIB4 Update New

The CAA Issues team has now looked at the paper distributed to our Lib4 group. A few comments were made on the suggested approaches and the paper is to be revised to reflect them. A brief report has been passed to the Lib4 group directly and we will have a chance to provide a coordinated response by the middle of next month.



Draft Medical Information Sheet Last Chance

CAA has issued a draft medical information sheet, number 004, 'You must advise the CAA' for comment by 5 March. The draft applies to pilots and air traffic controllers who hold, or are required to hold medical certificates. It describes the reporting obligations of pilots and relevant air traffic controllers including the requirement that they stop flying or controlling until the matter is sorted out. [More info](#)



Extension of Consultation Period - Impaired Colour Vision

Notice of Proposed General Direction: Extension of Consultation Period The General Direction: Impaired Colour Vision (GD/VIS/01/2013.1)

The Civil Aviation Authority have extended the deadline for submissions on the General Direction, Impaired Colour Vision (GD/VIS/01/2013.1). The new deadline for submissions is now 5pm on Wednesday 1st April 2015.

You are invited to make your submissions on this proposal - please use the form on the web site, and when completed, email it to GD-Consultation@caa.govt.nz You do not have to re submit if you have already made a submission.

The proposed General Direction on the CAA web site is under "[what's new](#)" and Medical - "[General Directions](#)".

International News

Issues with student visas

We met NZIS during the week to discuss issues that are arising with visa decisions on B2B training contracts. We talked through some options that would give NZIS more knowledge of such contracts and the visa applications that are being submitted as a result. Since the meeting, we've developed a draft note for all trainers involved in, or potentially involved in B2B contracts outlining some practices they might adopt. This is now being reviewed by NZIS. We'll send it out once their comments have been received. As trainers should know, GST on B2B contracts was removed wef 1 April 2014. This week, we've sent the IRD explanatory note on exemptions to three companies.

Networking opportunities internationally

There are 5 international events in the next 6 months which will have participation from NZ. If you are interested in getting involved in these events or would like to network with the NZ participants, let us know (admin1@aia.org.nz) and identify the events of specific interest:

- HAI Heli-Expo, **2 to 5 March, Orlando, United States**. NZ companies visiting and exhibiting.
- The China Aviation Training & Education Summit (CATES), **9 and 10 April, Shanghai, China**. Possible NZ speaker and sponsor
- Indonesian Aviation Training and Education Conference, **10 and 11 June, Jakarta, Indonesia**. NZ companies known to be attending.



Get an edge over
your competitors



Compare Us NOW

NZFOREX
Foreign Exchange Services

Great exchange rates | Lower Fees | Open 24 hours

CEO Update