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Introduction

There was no Branch meeting in July. In August our meeting on Tuesday 10th will be the Regional Aviation Award Presentation and Dinner at the Great Hall, University House, ANU; **not at ADFA**. Details are below.

Many Members will recall the Pioneers Lecture. In 2008 the Canberra Branch replaced it with a biennial award for aeronautical excellence in the Canberra Region. The inaugural winner was Mr Greg Dunstan of Airservices Australia for his pioneering work on the introduction of automatic dependent surveillance – broadcast (ADS-B).

When we arranged the inaugural function, the winner was kept secret and announced on the night. Some members thought it would be better to announce the winner beforehand and that is what we have done this year. We hope that knowing the winner and topic encourages attendance.

All are welcome, partners especially so. Please also urge colleagues and acquaintances to attend. This is not just an opportunity to recognize aviation achievements in the Canberra region but also to socialize with aviation friends.

If you have not already registered please do so by 3rd August, though we may be able to accommodate one or two late acceptances after then.

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Canberra Region Aviation Award Presentation and Dinner

Tuesday 10th August

**6.00 pm at Great Hall, University House,
Australian National University.**

Award Presentation and Dinner

The winner of this year's Award is Commander Peter Ashworth, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Australian Navy. The Award is for his management of the Maritime Support Helicopter elements of the AIR 9000 Program.

Under Air 9000, 46 MRH-90 Multi Role Helicopters are being acquired for Navy and Army to replace existing Black Hawk and Sea King fleets with increased and improved capability. It is a challenging program, particularly for the Fleet Air Arm.

Commander Ashworth had to balance Navy interests with those of other stakeholders and was charged with integrating test activities to ensure that equipment was qualified for MRH maritime operations initially on Landing Platform Amphibious (LPA) ships. Key activities included conduct of First of Class Flight Trials (FOCFTs) in November 2008, establishing Ship Helicopter Operating Limits (SHOL) a year later and developing procedures for transporting the helicopter on C-17 aircraft.

At the Award function Commander Ashworth will make a presentation to the Canberra Branch explaining the project, his part in it and some of the innovative strategies used to solve problems in a timely and cost-effective manner.

The evening will include a two-course dinner with drinks. It is subsidised by the Canberra Branch to promote attendance and suitably recognise Commander Ashworth's achievement. Cost is only \$62 per person. Gents are asked to wear a jacket and tie.

Please notify your attendance as soon as possible and make payment before the event, either by:

- posting a cheque/postal order to the Treasurer: Mr Robin Stanier, 20 Gouger St., TORRENS 2607 ACT

(Any cheque should be payable to *The Royal Aeronautical Society Canberra Branch*.)

- or by electronic transfer to the Branch's Westpac Bank Account, BSB 732 719, account number 07 2375, account name *Royal Aeronautical Society Canberra Branch*.

If you make an electronic transfer please identify the payment with your name, or let Robin know when and where, so he knows who made the payment:

Email: rstanier@grapevine.com.au

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For those who are not familiar with University House, it is situated within the ANU, in Balmain Crescent, near the intersection with Liversidge St.

Weird Wide Web

One of the longest established aviation sites on the web is www.landings.com. It has useful links to many data bases and indeed provided access to FAA regulations years before they were available on the FAA's own site. If you need to lighten a presentation or just want to lighten up, there's a vast collection of aviation jokes. www.landings.com/landings/jokes/airlinesoldpaint.html may appeal to anyone who is as bemused as I am by the idiosyncrasies of air fares – e.g. “free” fares and return fares cheaper than one-way!

Dates for the Diary

Tues 10th August *Award Presentation and Dinner*

Tuesday 14th September *Branch Lecture*

Mr Bill Fraser on “*History and Functions of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia*”.

Tuesday 12th October *Branch Lecture*

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