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Introduction

The Branch is pleased to announce that it received some strong submissions for the Canberra Region Aviation Award. The Award Presentation and Dinner will go ahead at University House on Tuesday 10th August. Details are below.

Our regular editor, Martin Aubury, is travelling overseas at present and this edition of AeroNEWS is brought to you by the Branch Committee.

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July Lecture

There will be no Branch lecture in July.

The Committee has decided that due to traditionally poor attendances in July, and the fact that a number of members are out of Canberra in July, the Branch will be in recess until August.

Canberra Region Aviation Award Presentation and Dinner

The Canberra Region Aviation Award for 2010 will be presented at a dinner on Tuesday 10th August in the Great Hall, University House, Australian National University.

Many Members will recall the Pioneers Lecture. In 2008 the Canberra Branch replaced the Pioneers Lecture with an annual 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) in Australia.

The winner of the 2010 Canberra Region Aviation Award will be Commander Peter Ashworth, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Australian Navy. Commander Ashworth was responsible for management of the Maritime Support Helicopter elements of the AIR 9000

Program. This was a challenging program, particularly for the Fleet Air Arm, and Commander Ashworth found a number of innovative strategies to solve problems in a timely and cost-effective manner. On Tuesday 10th August Commander Ashworth will make a presentation to the Canberra Branch explaining the project, and his part in it.

Presentation of the 2010 Canberra Region Aviation Award will take place in the Great Hall, University House, Australian National University on Tuesday 10th August at 6:00 pm. The evening will include a two-course dinner. The event will be subsidised by the Canberra Branch and the cost will be only \$62 per person. Gents are asked to wear a jacket and tie.

University House is situated within the ANU, in Balmain Crescent, near its intersection with Liversidge St.

Please indicate as soon as possible if you wish to attend, and make payment before the event, either by:

posting a cheque/postal order to the Treasurer:

Mr Robin Stanier
20 Gouger Street St
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(Any cheque should be payable to *The Royal Aeronautical Society Canberra Branch.*)

or by electronic transfer to the Branch's Westpac Bank Account. Details are:

- 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:

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Report on June Meeting

A very well attended meeting heard Mr Stephen Byron, the CEO of Capital Airport Group describe "*Canberra's Future Airport*".

He began with a video animation to whet our appetites for how the airport will eventually look and function. If you missed the presentation or would like to see the video again it is at:

http://www.canberraairport.com.au/air_newTerminal/virtual.cfm#.

Mr Byron outlined progress since his Group acquired the airport from the Federal Government in 1998. Then, the airport consisted of the terminal, which was controlled by the airline duopoly, a general aviation precinct and the RAAF Fairbairn base. It was under-developed and some of the property was even leased for grazing!

Canberra Airport has since evolved into a multi-modal transport hub, business park and retail venue. Virgin and Tiger have replaced Ansett, there are direct flights to twice as many destinations and seats flown each week have risen from 54,000 to over 100,000.

Over \$800 million is being spent on capital works including access roads, runway extension and strengthening, improved runway lighting that allows landing in reduced visibility, a new secure fuel farm, and a new General Aviation facility.

Most importantly the first phase of the new terminal is evident and will open in September. Eventually, it will cater for increase in annual passenger flow from 3.2 to 8 million and is expected to host international flights from 2012, possibly earlier.

Mr Byron emphasized that aviation infrastructure investment has been underpinned by stable income from commercial developments at the airport including the award winning Brindabella Business Park, the government precinct at the former Fairbairn RAAF base and the new multi-use Majura Park. He also spoke of Canberra's role as a freight hub and how this depended on keeping the airport curfew free.

Weird Wide Web

Aircraft are robust, gaffer tape more so. See how one can be used to fix the other at:

<http://thereifixedit.com/tag/airplane>

Dates for the Diary

July *No Branch Lecture*

Tues 10th August *Award Presentation & Dinner*

Tues 14th September *Branch Lecture*

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