



The Royal Aeronautical Society- Australian Division (Inc)

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Greetings to all RAeS members.

Last newsletter, I noted the downturn in the airline industry, and how quickly the aviation industry changes. Here we are a few months later and bearing the brunt of a global economic crisis not seen since the 1930s. This added burden will spell the end for a number of carriers and increase the woes of the industry. At the same time it will potentially provide opportunities for industry consolidation and removal of some of the bilateral agreement distortions of the airline markets. Recent Open Skies agreements are examples. My sincere apologies to Tiger, Rex and the other domestic carriers for my noting (in the last Newsletter) that we have two strong domestic airlines providing Australia's domestics network. Of course we have more than the big two, and we are fortunate to have such rich competition in our deregulated domestic market. Long may it last.

RAeS Branches are the lifeblood of the Society. Our Branches in Melbourne and Sydney held their annual named dinner lectures last month. The Lawrence Hargrave Lecture and Dinner was held at the Melbourne Grand Hyatt, with strong attendance from local and interstate guests, including both Victorian and Federal Government representatives. The guest speaker was Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez, President of Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), who was recently invited by the President to Fellowship of the Society and accepted. We were pleased to present Mr Kobeh with a Society tie from Australian Division as well as the Division medal for the lecture. He will be officially presented with his FRAeS diploma by the Montreal Branch.

Sydney Branch held its Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Lecture and Dinner at the Lakes Golf Club, which has a magnificent view over the fairways towards the City, with the sun setting in the west. The new Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Mark Binskin AM gave the lecture outlining his statement of intent for the RAAF, and answering questions in a refreshingly candid and open manner. RAeS presented Air Marshal Binskin with his FRAeS certificate. There was a very good attendance for both the dinner and lecture. RAeS events such these are excellent draw cards for the Society and provide an excellent opportunity for members to hear top class speakers and to mingle with senior industry people. If you know people who are not members, please encourage them to join and participate in the activities of the Society. The Federal Government is about to release its Green Paper on the National Aviation Policy, setting out possible policy initiatives and requesting comment from industry. RAeS Australian Division made a submission to the Issues Paper, and intends commenting on the Green Paper. I encourage you to read the Green Paper, when it is released, and to provide your comments to the Division to assist in our response. This is your opportunity to influence the Government Policy on Aviation for the next 10 years or more. Do not miss this opportunity. We will provide details of how to provide us with your inputs when we receive details from the Government.

Finally, as this is the last Newsletter for 2008, I wish you all and your families a pleasant Christmas and New Year period. Let us hope our industry survives the rigours of what will be a turbulent 2009.

David Forsyth FRAeS

UK REQUEST

The RAeS UK Council has determined that it is appropriate to undertake a full strategic review of the Society, covering objectives, role, governance structure, etc. during 2008/2009.

In support of this process the views of the Division have been sought under the following headings.

1. The strategic objectives/role of the Division over the next ten years?
2. How could the aerospace community in the Divisions develop over the next ten years?
3. What does the Division need from headquarters to operate effectively?
4. What can the Division do to meet the objectives of the Society?
5. What should the governance relationship be between the Division and the Society going forward?
6. How can the Division assist in the growth and sustainment of the Society's global presence?
7. What works and does not work in the relationship today?
8. Any other relevant observations.

Response by members to the Division President and Hon Secretary for collation and on forwarding to the Society would be appreciated. Your comments could well be of direct assistance to the Division in deliberations of its own future directions

STOP PRESS

It has been advised that the winner of the 2007 Hargrave Award- **Malcolm Crozier**- has been awarded the **RAeS Gold Medal for 2008**. It will be presented at the Wilbur & Orville Wright Lecture, in London, on 11th December.

We congratulate Malcolm and co-incidentally thank him for his efforts as an ambassador for the Division having delivered several lectures to Branches in the past two years.

MAJOR EVENTS

Recent major events at the Branches have been referred to in the President's notes.

In addition, in Canberra the inaugural **Biennial Award for Excellence in Aviation** was presented to Greg Dunstone of AirServices Australia. This initiative has replaced the traditional Pioneers Lecture.

A full list of the years events will be included in the Division Annual Report

LAWRENCE HARGRAVE AWARD- 2009

Nominations closed on 14th November.

Assessment will be completed by the end of December.

As on previous occasions it is anticipated that the winner will be announced at the Opening Ceremony for the Airshow on the morning of the 10th March 2009 with actual presentation of the award by the President of the Division on the same evening at the AIAC13 Dinner to be held at the MCG.

GREENER BY DESIGN CONFERENCE

Aviation and the Environment: Where are we going?

RAeS London 7th October 2008

Robin Stanier attended the Conference. He was sponsored by Peter Hall (Hunter Hall Investment Management Ltd), Engineers Australia and the Australian Division.

From his interim report:

The current financial crisis created an aura of considerable uncertainty about the priority the environment would have over other matters in the future.

Some of the more significant points were:

The role of the Greener by Design organisation in being the first to bring the environment and the impact of global warming to the notice of the aerospace community, the long term prospects for the industry and its intention to remain in the role.

EU to include international aviation in the ETS despite strong objections from IATA and the US government..

More science was needed in regard to cloud/contrails and radiative forcing and the effects of NOx.

Rolls Royce success with open rotor concept.

The pros and cons of air to air refuelling.

Alternative fuels from seawater crops and bio fuels are long term programs.

www.raes.org.au

Development of the new web site has been continuing since August and in the formal sense is now complete.

Due to a minor technical difficulty input to the site by web masters and other stakeholders has been delayed but by the time you receive this newsletter it will have been 'launched' and the old site withdrawn.

We trust that you will be suitably impressed with its appearance and ease of navigation and that you find it informative. If you have any comments please let us know.

Remember that to log in you must enter your name (in the format- ajones) and your seven digit membership number. Note that the Web site address remains unchanged.

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CASA REGULATORY CONSULTATION PROGRAM

The RAeS is one of more than thirty Australian aviation industry bodies/associations represented on the CASA Standards Consultative Committee (SCC) which has oversight of the Regulatory Reform Program (RRP).

Ian McIntyre has represented the Division at these meetings for some time now. In order to maintain our interest in the activities of the body it has been recommended and agreed that the Division Council take a more direct role. Therefore (Councillor) John Faulkner has been elected to this task. John and Ian will work together to ensure adequate coverage of the matters involved. The next meeting is scheduled for 26th November.

ICAS 2012

Following a presentation by Cees Bil to the ICAS General Assembly at its meeting in Anchorage, Alaska in September, Brisbane was voted unanimously as the venue for ICAS 2012. Congratulations to all involved in the preparation of the submission- Cees Bil, Murray Scott, Cam Mcphee and BCEC. The Brisbane Branch will participate in the organising committee for this important event.

ICAS 2008

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the ICAS organisation certificates were presented to Cees Bil and Murray Scott at the Conference. A medallion was also presented to the Australian Division. It will be left in the hands of Murray Scott for safe keeping.

ALERT/ALERT

Attention has been drawn to the following web sites which could be of interest to members:

FAA free alert service: <http://www.faa.gov/help/subscribe/>

EASA free alert service: <https://hub/easa.europa.eu/security/?app=crt&act=register>

IHS- create your own watch list: www.ihs.com

Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - 2009

YOUR COUNCIL
 President (2007-2009)-
 D.A.Forsyth
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Grade	Employed Members	Retired Members	
		Under 65*	65 & Over
Fellow or Companion	\$479	\$165	\$95
Member	\$335	\$134	\$89
Member (under 40)	\$272		
Associate Member	\$208	\$104	\$86
Associate Member (under 31)	\$123		
Associate	\$146	\$90	\$86
Associate (under31)	\$123		
Affiliate	\$123	\$74	\$74
<i>Affiliate - Student**</i>	\$32		

Notes:

* This is a concession rate for those under 65 wholly or partially retired. Documentary evidence may be requested.

** This rate is for **full-time** students under the age of 26 and the Society's magazines, *Aerospace International* and *Aerospace Professional* available only via the websites www.raes.org.au or www.aerosociety.com
 Students over the age of 26 pay the full Affiliate rate and will receive hard copies of the magazines.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division Inc. will be held on Saturday, 21st March 2009 at 1600hrs in the Ground Floor Conference Room, QANTAS Building QCE (TNT Building), Bourke Road, Mascot, NSW.

Note: Any member wishing to attend must advise the Honorary Secretary no later than Thursday 19th March 2009 to permit security arrangements to be organized.

**COUNCIL MEETING 199-
 21st MARCH 2009**

NATIONAL AEROSPACE RESOURCE CENTRE

As previously reported the NARC has been the subject of hardware and software up-grades in line with RMIT IT upgrades.

These have now been completed (under a shared cost arrangement between RMIT and the Division) and the site should be on line by the time you receive this newsletter.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th March 2008.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes.
4. Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2008.
5. Appointment of Auditor(s) for 2009.
6. Election of Councillors.
7. Amendment to Constitution and Rules.

(The Council wishes to clarify the Constitution and Rules- If the Note in clause 14 is invoked, it creates a conflict with the requirement of Clause 15 for the nomination of retiring members of Council to create vacancies for the biennial election. A motion will therefore be put to the meeting to add after the words "...Rule 11," in Clause 15 the words "unless the President is in office for two consecutive terms approved by the Council in accordance with the Note to Clause 14".)

8. Any other business accepted by the Chairman.

R.D.Barkla
 Honorary Secretary

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NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL 2009

Nominations are now called from members for an election to fill five (5) vacancies on the Council of the Australian Division. The vacancies are caused by the resignation of one Councillor (M.Brett ARAeS), the vacancy of the Associate Member position and the retirement of three Councillors in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.

The retiring Councillors, who are eligible, and have agreed to stand for re-election are:

A/Prof J.P.E.Faulkner AM FRAeS
Capt I.C.Watkins FRAeS

The following Councillor, is retiring from Council, and has decided not to stand for re-election at this time.

Dr T.J.Barber MRAeS

Those continuing on Council for 2009-2011 are:

D.Forsyth FRAeS (President)
AVM P.G.Nicholson AO FRAeS (Past President)
R.D.Barkla FRAeS (Hon Secretary)
P.N.Campbell FRAeS
S.C.Shields MRAeS
R.H.Stevens FRAeS (Hon Treasurer)
Dr R.J.Yates AM Hon FRAeS

The nominee and proposer must be **financial** and **voters** as defined by the Constitution, except in the case of a graduate/Associate or an Associate Member, in which case the proposer may be the same class as the nominee. Nominations should be submitted on the form below to the Hon. Secretary before 31 December 2008.

Note: The Constitution and Rules require that the Council includes an ARAeS and an AMRAeS

R.D.Barkla
Hon Secretary

NOMINATION FOR DIVISION COUNCIL 2009

I hereby nominate Grade

as a candidate for the Council of the Australian Division.

SignedName.....Grade

I hereby accept the nomination and agree to serve on the Council, if elected.

SignedName.....Grade

Will the nominee please supply attached to the Nomination Form the following details for the information sheet to accompany the Ballot Paper.

Full name, title, degrees and awards. Short biographical details including association with the Society/Division/Branch (150 words).