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AVM (RETD) MARK SKIDMORE AM, BSC, GRAD DIP MIL AV, FRAeS, TP

AIR VICE Marshal (retd) Mark Skidmore AM is Chairman of the Board of Skykraft, non-executive Director of QinetiQ Australia, a non-executive Director of TAE Aerospace, Director of Swift Aerospace Consulting Pty Ltd and also provides support to the RAAF Reserves.

Mark has more than 30 years' experience in both civilian and military aviation.

Mark had an outstanding military aviation career, beginning as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force in the early 1980s. A qualified test pilot, he led RAAF research and development squadrons and was promoted to Australia's Air Commander, holding oversight for Australia's air operations, and reached the rank of Air Vice Marshal before retiring in 2012. Mark has also worked in civilian aviation as Director of Aviation Safety and CEO, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, and as a test pilot and business development manager. He has led large teams of operational, technical and administrative support staff providing leadership for operational, training and support functions.

In 2007 Mark was awarded a Commendation for Distinguished Service for distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Director of the Coalition Combined Air Operations Centre in the Middle East Area of Operations. In 2010 Mark was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his exceptional service as the Air Commander Australia and in a range of other senior appointments.

Today Mark is part of the general aviation community, owning and regularly flying a Globe Swift GC-1B aircraft and an ex-RAAF CT4A.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I AM honoured to be taking over the mantle of President from Andrew Neely. Andrew has left the division in good stead and I look forward to working with all of our members to drive our strategic goals and enhance membership value.

The last council meeting was held on 9 March 2019. Prior to the council meeting the election for councillors for the Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division for the period 2019-23 was carried out in accordance with the constitution and rules. Ballot papers with statements from the candidates were posted on the website on 15 January 2019 and all members were invited to vote for up to five candidates. The election closed on 3 March 2019. My thanks to all of the candidates including the unsuccessful candidates for being prepared to support the society and to our departing council members for their hard work and dedication.

Whilst we had a good pool of high quality candidates to choose as councillors the response to the ballot was very poor. I have asked the branch chairs to canvass the members to see whether there was a problem with the election process and if we can rectify this for the future. If you have ideas on how we can improve the election process please pass them on. This is your society, I encourage you to get involved.

I intend on being more active out at the branches and attend branch meetings, when possible. I look forward to meeting you at those meetings. As a Canberra native I do get the chance to attend the Canberra Branch meetings and have been impressed by the quality of the guest speakers and their presentations. I will be attending the upcoming Aviation Safety Forum. The branch meetings and division events are opportunities to share your knowledge and experience and enhance the value of the society. This will be a focus of my tenure - how can you get the most out of your society. But I can't do it alone. I look forward to your help.

Mark Skidmore FRAeS

MENTORING SCHOLARSHIP 2019

NOVA GROUP'S Michael Keating has been awarded the Australian Division's TIME Mentoring scholarship for this year.

This is the third year of the scholarship, which allows for the winner to undertake a six-month mentoring process within the Travel Industry Mentoring Experience (TIME) program which has a reputation for excellence in the field.

The scholarship is only offered to employees of the Division's corporate partners. Previous winners have been from Airservices Australia and Qantas.

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS



FOLLOWING ELECTIONS held earlier this year several new councillors have joined the Divisional Council, namely Captain Mike Galvin FRAeS, Karen Trezise ARAeS, Wendy Wheadon MRAeS and Brad Wheatley FRAeS. Councillors stepping down at the time were Ross Barkla FRAeS, Peter Brooks FRAeS, Andrew Drysdale FRAeS and Katrin Hewitt ARAeS.

Pictured with certificates of appreciation are (from left) Andrew Drysdale, Katrin

Hewitt and Peter Brooks, with Prof Neely and new President Mark Skidmore.

The Division Council has empowered the Assistant Secretary to investigate the use of technology to make the voting process easier for members and more efficient overall, to encourage greater participation.

Branches have been encouraged to seek feedback from their members about the voting process and how it might be improved.

ADF SAFETY AWARD

FOR MANY years the Division has worked with the Defence Flight Safety Bureau (DFSB) and its predecessors to make an annual presentation of an Aviation Safety Award to a member of the ADF. The award has included a certificate of recognition, signed by the Chief of Air Force and the President of the Division, and \$500.

The DFSB is looking to reformat the award and to give it a higher profile. It is

also intended that the award recognise and commemorate the important work of the late GPCAPT Rob Lee FRAeS in relation to air safety in the ADF. Accordingly the award will now be known as the Group Captain Rob Lee Award for Aviation Safety. And it will now take the form of a certificate and a trophy.

DFSB will also establish an honour board to recognise past winners of the award.



The Perth branch held its 2019 Annual General Meeting on 1 May at Perth airport, followed by a two-hour airside tour.

AVIATION SAFETY FORUM 2019

THE SECOND Aviation Safety Forum will be held in Sydney at the Four Seasons Hotel on Wednesday 26 June, commencing at 0830.

There will be three sessions conducted at the Forum, each lasting two hours to provide time for useful exploration of the issues and possible solutions.

The three topics are:

- Aviation medicine for safer flight
- Managing risk in an uncertain environment
- Cyber security: Threats to safe flight

In each case a session leader will outline the topic and issues around it and will be followed by expert panellists who will further illuminate the issues from their respective areas of expertise.

A registration poster for the Aviation Safety Australia 2019 forum. The poster features the Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division logo at the top. A blue diagonal banner on the left says "REGISTER NOW". The main title is "AVIATION SAFETY AUSTRALIA 2019". Below the title, it says "FOLLOWING A VERY SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL SAFETY FORUM IN 2018 THE RAeS AUSTRALIAN DIVISION WILL AGAIN SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON THREE HIGH-PROFILE AVIATION SAFETY ISSUES THIS YEAR." It lists the topics under consideration: "MANAGING RISK IN AN UNCERTAIN ENVIRONMENT" (Session Leader: Christopher Woodward), "CYBER SECURITY: THREATS TO SAFE FLIGHT" (Session Leader: Ben Martin), and "AVIATION MEDICINE FOR SAFER FLIGHT" (Session Leader: Kate Manderson). There are several quotes from attendees praising the forum. At the bottom, it says "The Forum will be held under Chatham House rules and no media will be in attendance. Three fast-moving sessions through the day, followed by an optional networking dinner." and provides the date, location, and contact information.

Then at least an hour of interaction with the delegates on the floor will ensue.

The 2018 inaugural forum was an unqualified success and the organising committee was encouraged to run a similar event on an ongoing basis.

A networking dinner will be held at the same venue after the conclusion of the Forum.

A link for registrations is available on the home page of the Australian Division website, with a heavily discounted rate for members.

Sponsors for the 2019 Forum are:

- Airlines Australia
- Australian Industry Standards
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Dick Smith
- Qantas
- Virgin Australia

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AVALON 2019

THE AUSTRALIAN Division accepted an invitation from AVALON 2019 (Aerospace Australia Limited) to participate fully at the AVALON 2019 which was managed by our General Manager and was supported by members from Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra branches.

During the trade show days our display was visited by many senior aerospace professionals including Chief of Air Force, AIRMSHL 'Leo' Davies, the 2019 International Eminent Speaker, Dr Billy Fredriksson, accompanied by the 2019 Lawrence Hargrave Award Recipient, Professor Murray Scott, and our Australian Division President, Andrew Neely FRAeS. The presentation of our display was changed dramatically for the public days

when 'a change of guard' from Melbourne, Canberra, and Sydney branches worked together led by Prof Andrew Neely (who at the time was the Australian Division President) to re-arrange the stand with over 50 model aircraft, and other aeronautical equipment which caught the public's attention, particularly families with children.

Andrew said, "We had a very successful event which really showed the promise of what we can achieve nationally with Cool Aeronautics. We have lots of ideas about Cool Aeronautics going forward and how, more specifically, we can improve our impact at Avalon. I think the time is now right to look at setting up an Australian National Working Group."

Jeff Lock

UNATTRIBUTED MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

THERE ARE a number of unattributable payments related to 2019 membership renewals. This is because there was either no name or member number attached to the payment or the name attached was not the member's name.

The following are payments so far unattributed:

- 19 December 2018, Alan Lee
- 13 February 2019, Bank transfer?
- 21 February 2019, Bank transfer?
- 22 February 2019, Bank Transfer?
- 25 February 2019, Bank transfer?
- 26 February 2019, Bank transfer?
- 28 February 2019, Bank transfer?

- 02 March 2019, Bank transfer?
- 03 March 2019, Bank transfer?
- 05 March 2019, Trace Project Management
- 05 March 2019, Bank transfer?
- 08 March 2019, Kelsey G Trautwein
- 09 March 2019, Bank transfer?
- 11 March 2019, Bank transfer?
- 25 March 2019, Bank Transfer?

If you made a payment on any of these dates and have not received a receipt please let the GM know what the payment was.

Please note that membership cards are no longer issued and your tax invoice serves as proof of membership.

MEMBER VALUE RECOGNISED

SYDNEY BRANCH has introduced a non-member fee for attendance at monthly lectures etc. The fee, initially set to \$10 will rise to \$15 before the end of this year. The move is intended to add value to membership.

While the fee will not yet apply to all monthly presentations those that do include it will be clearly noted in the booking process via Eventbrite.

Should a non-member not pre-register through Eventbrite credit card facilities will be available on the evening.

NEW MRAeS AND FRAeS 2019

- Dr Sravan PINGALI, MRAeS, QLD
- Mr Malcolm BENFER, FRAeS, QLD
- Mr Rafal RUTKOWSKI, MRAeS, VIC
- Mr Vladislav BISMARCK, MRAeS, QLD
- Capt Andrew BUCKLEY, MRAeS, QLD
- Mr Paul SUTHERLAND, MRAeS, QLD
- Dr Andrew CRONIN, MRAeS, QLD
- Capt Barry JACKSON, FRAeS, NSW
- Prof Chun-Hui WANG, FRAeS, NSW
- Mr Manjinder PHULL, FRAeS, NSW
- Mr Stratos PATSIKATHEODOROU, MRAeS, QLD
- Mr Mitchell LENNARD, MRAeS, VIC
- Ms Jane MACMASTER, MRAeS, NSW
- Mr Alexander BOWEN-RO TSAERT, MRAeS, QLD
- Mr Matthew HARRIOTT, MRAeS, ACT
- Capt Lisa NORMAN, FRAeS, QLD
- Mr Troy SCOTT, MRAeS, NSW
- Mrs Emily HUGHES, FRAeS, QLD
- Mr Ian WILSON, FRAeS, QLD
- Mr Matthew GRANGER, FRAeS, WA
- Dr Walter DOLLMAN, FRAeS, SA

REPORT FOR MAY NEWSLETTER

THE AGM for the year 2018 was held on 9 March 2019. The RAeS AD Presidency was passed to Air Vice Marshal (Ret'd) Mark Skidmore FRAeS. AVM Skidmore will serve as Division President for the next two years. Andrew Neely FRAeS will continue as Past President for the next year before we install our next President Elect in 2020.

At the AGM the RAeS AD 2018 annual report and the Audited Financial Statement for 2018 were approved by Council and are available on the webpage for review by members.

Elections were held for 5 positions on Council for the period 2019-2023 and the following were successful - Captain Mike Galvin FRAeS, Ms Karen Trezise ARAeS, Major Wendy Wheadon MRAeS, Dr Brad Wheatley FRAeS and Mr John Vincent FRAeS. RAeS AD Council now comprises

RETIRING COUNCILLORS were Peter Brooks, Ross Barkla, Katrin Hewitt and Andrew Drysdale. Jon Vincent was re-elected to Council. On behalf of the Division, Council expressed its thanks to the retiring members for the years of service they have contributed to RAeS AD.

In March 2019 Council approved new management arrangements of which the prime decisions were

- Full Council meetings would meet twice a year in September and March.
- The next meeting of Council will be held electronically prior to mid-year. This will also provide opportunity to approve any urgent matters.
- There will be a Branches forum mid-year. If needed, any urgent matters may be approved in a "short agenda" meeting of Council on that day.

Both the September and March meetings will include a closed business session and an open Strategy session. The September meeting will specifically focus on strategy. It will review progress on previous targets and set Council targets for the forthcoming year.

THE 2018 ADF Aviation Safety Award was endorsed by Chief of Air Force and awarded to Captain Anthony Erwin the 723 SQN Safety Officer. It was presented at a ceremony at NAS Albatross on 13 February 2019. Present at the ceremony were Commander Bruce Willington CO 723SQN, Captain Grant O'Loughlan Deputy Commander Fleet Air Arm and all available members of 723 SQN. Robin Stanier represented RAeS AD at the ceremony.

The RAeS AD has registered its interest with ICAS in hosting the 34th Congress of the International Council of the Aeronautical Sciences (ICAS 2024) in Sydney Australia. ICAS has accepted our registration of interest.

Past President Noel Schmidt FRAeS has been promoted to the rank of Air Vice Marshal. Many congratulations. He continues to have close contact with RAeS AD through his membership of the Joint Board for Aerospace Engineering as an EA representative, and as Chairman of the Joint Conferences Committee.

YOUR 2019 COUNCIL MEMBERS

- AVM Mark Skidmore, President
- Professor Andrew Neely, Past President
- John King, Hon Treasurer
- Robin Stanier, Hon Secretary
- David Adkins, Councillor
- A/Professor Cees Bil, Councillor
- Rob Crowe, Councillor
- Captain Mike Galvin, Councillor
- Ian Kearsley, Councillor
- AVM Margaret Staib, Councillor
- Karen Trezise, Councillor
- Major Wendy Wheadon, Councillor
- Brad Wheatley, Councillor
- John Vincent, Councillor
- Sarah Houston, Adelaide Branch Chair
- Lea Vesic, Canberra Branch Chair
- Don Love, Melbourne Branch Chair
- Geoff Wilkinson, Perth Branch Chair
- Mike Hanson, Queensland Branch Chair
- David Cox, Sydney Branch Chair

COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019-2020

1. EXECUTIVE

Hon Treasurer	John King FRAeS
Assistant Hon Treasurer	Matthew Tsai AMRAeS
Hon Secretary (to 31 July 2019)	Robin Stanier FRAeS
Assistant Hon Secretary	Wendy Wheadon MRAeS
Hon Secretary (from 1 August 2019)	Wendy Wheadon MRAeS
Assistant Hon Sec for 1 August	Vacant

2. EXCO

President	Mark Skidmore FRAeS
Past President	Andrew Neely FRAeS
Hon Treasurer	John King FRAeS
Hon Secretary (to 31 July 2019)	Robin Stanier FRAeS
Hon Secretary (from 1 August 2019)	Wendy Wheadon MRAeS
Branch Rep	Geoff Wilkinson MRAeS
General Manager	Doug Nancarrow MRAeS

3. SUBCOMMITTEES

Grading	John Vincent FRAeS
Grants	John Vincent FRAeS
Strategy	Andrew Neely FRAeS
Member Value	Margaret Staib FRAeS
Governance and Risk	Mark Skidmore FRAeS
Youth	Rob Crowe FRAeS
Social Media /communications Task Force	Stratos Patsikatheodorou ARAeS

4. JOINT BOARD

JBAeroEng	Status	Nominee
Member	Councillor	Robin Stanier FRAeS
Member	Councillor	Cees Bil MRAeS
Member	Councillor	Wendy Wheadon MRAeS

5. PUBLIC OFFICER

Public Officer	Member of RAeS AD	Robin Stanier FRAeS
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