

**CANBERRA BRANCH OF THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL
Chairman's Report for 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Committee for elected for 2019-20 was as follows.

Chair: Lea Vesic

Vice-Chairman: Jon Pike

Treasurer: Robin Stanier

Committee: Rick Agnew, Bianca Capra, Andrew Gibbs Keirin Joyce, Dilip Matthew, Andrew Neely, Neville Probert and Paulo Vasconcelos.

2020 has been a tumultuous year for the Branch. We had our first lecture for the year in February then Coronavirus descended. Since then, due to COVID-19 restrictions, regular Branch meetings have not been able to be conducted. Instead, a series of webinar presentations have been arranged by the various Branches. While not ideal, they have proven popular and have allowed members to continue to receive a wide variety of interesting lectures. Indeed, the webinars have increased the number of presentations available to members and have provided members in remote areas a chance to participate, whereas they may not be able to attend live presentations. In addition, recording the webinars and posting these on the internet has increased the audience and has allowed members to view the lectures at their leisure.

The Committee is looking forward to resuming normal activities in 2021. Now that restrictions are being lifted, we are planning to hold a social evening in early December to allow members to meet and to provide an opportunity to network. The 2021 activity program is being developed with a site visit in March to see a 3/4 scale Spitfire being built in Queanbeyan and the Ian Fleming lecture in April already pencilled in.

Early in March 2020 Lea Vesic was appointed as Aviation Advisor to the Federal Government, which resulted in her having to stand down as chair of the Canberra Branch. I would like to thank Lea for her enthusiastic efforts as well as thanking all the Branch committee for their support during the year.

Jon Pike
Chair
RAeS Canberra Branch

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