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NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM WORKING WELL

THE NEW digital system for processing membership renewals has been functioning very well since it was launched late December 2017.

Most respondents have remarked on how straightforward the renewal process has been.

You simply log in to your file at www.raes.org.au then click Membership>Update details/Renew membership and you're away.

The system issues a tax receipt which is also your confirmation of membership for the current year.

We do not issue membership cards anymore. The cards were expensive in themselves, but they then had to be posted out to members which added significantly to the cost burden. If you need to identify yourself as a member, such as for a visit to Society headquarters in London, then please take a copy of your receipt.

With the new system you can update your details online whenever you need to, including changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses etc.

The new website is also used to post news items that may be of interest to Society members; and to signal significant events at both branch and Division levels.

BUSINESS LUNCH SUCCESSFUL



THE LATEST in the Business Leaders Lunch series was held in Sydney at the Four Seasons hotel on Thursday 5 April.

The guest was Sir Rod Eddington FRAeS of Cathay Pacific, Ansett Airlines and British Airlines CEO fame; and he was interviewed by former Ansett and Qantas executive Ron Rosalky FRAeS.

Sixty people were treated to insights into Sir Rod's extraordinary and comprehensive career, both in and out of the airline sector, including some of the very tough decisions he had to make and why he made them. Attendees also obtained very contemporary views on the state of the airline industry today. Attendee reports of the experience were very positive.

The next lunch in the series is planned for Sydney later in the year.

Members will be kept up to date about such events via the website and by email.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



HAVING RETURNED from the UK I was pleased to chair the 228th Meeting of Division Council in March. It was a very productive meeting in which we continued to work on strategies for the future direction of the Australian Division, particularly in the area of youth engagement. Council has agreed to stand up subcommittees on Strategy, Membership Value and Governance & Risk as well as a Social Media task force to further our aims in these areas. Our intention is for these to be as active as possible and we will be seeking out a small number of suitably qualified and enthusiastic individuals from across the Division to help out in their work.

I would like to congratulate AVM (Ret'd) Mark Skidmore for his unanimous appointment as President Elect of the Australian Division. I look forward to working closely with Mark until he takes over from me next year. I would also like to reiterate my personal thanks to John Vincent for all of his ongoing work for Division as he now steps down from his role as immediate Past President. His strong and balanced leadership over the past few years has held the Division in extremely good stead and I look forward to his continuing contributions to the Division and the Society.

The Australian Division has continued to strengthen our relationship with, and relevance to, industry. It is pleasing to see the continued success that our Division General Manager Doug Nancarrow is having bringing new Corporate Partners on board. The division also recently hosted another in our series of Business Lunches with Sir Rod Eddington AO FRAeS in Sydney, which was a great success in terms of exposure and adding value to the brand.

We will also be running our first dedicated industry workshop AVIATION SAFETY AUSTRALIA 2018 in Sydney in June. This inaugural safety seminar will put the spotlight on three major issues confronting Australian aviation safety right now: Drones: assimilation into current airspace; Flight deck: training standards & the man-machine interface and Airport and Cyber security. The intention is that this will be the first in an ongoing series of focussed industry workshops on current pressing issues in aerospace and will help cast the Society as the primary facilitator of thought leadership in aerospace in Australia.

We have been rapidly transitioning to our new online membership portal in tandem with the new Division website thanks to the hard work of our webmaster Stratos Patsikatheodorou. I encourage you to all engage with the new website.

Last, but certainly not least, the Australian Division recently co-hosted a very successful visit and speaker tour by Dr Susan Ying (FRAeS, FAIAA and President of ICAS) under the International Eminent Speaker Program with Engineers Australia. The presentations were made at all Branches and for the first time at Newcastle. They were very well received and attended in record numbers. Thank you to Councillor Robin Stanier for facilitating this with EA and for his continued work with AD colleagues to strengthen our important relationship with EA through the Joint Board.

Prof Andrew Neely, FRAeS, Division President

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WINGS AWARDS



PERTH BRANCH chairman Geoff Wilkinson MRAeS presented the Instructor of the Year award for 2017 to Michael Thomas in Perth late last year.

The WINGS awards are a collaboration between the RAeS Australian Division and Australian Flying magazine, in support of General Aviation in this country.

Nominations for the 2018 WINGS

awards are now open. The categories are:

- The Col Pay award for Lifetime of Achievement in GA
- Flying Training Organisation of the Year
- Instructor of the Year
- Aero Club of the Year

Nominations will close on 2 July and the winners will be announced in Australian Flying magazine's November/December issue.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP IS AUTOMATIC

YOUR MEMBERSHIP of the RAeS Australian Division automatically qualifies you as a branch member of the state you are in. Apparently some members have not been aware of this.

For example, if you live in South Australia you are a member of the Adelaide Branch and entitled to participate in Branch activities, including attending

Branch General Meetings and voting at those meetings.

There is an increasing number of Divisional activities, such as business lunches and seminars, and you are also welcome to be a part of those events.

You will be kept informed about both branch and Division events on the website and by email.

ASSISTANT ROLES TO BE FILLED

THE DIVISION Council has decided that, as part of succession planning, an Assistant Honorary Secretary and an Assistant Honorary Treasurer should be appointed.

Such appointees would work closely with the current Secretary and Treasurer on an ongoing basis, so as potentially to be ready to take over those roles when appropriate.

To qualify for appointment to the substantive roles of Secretary and

Treasurer candidates must be of the grade Member, Few or Companion at the time of their appointment.

The Division Council is inviting expressions of interest in the two roles which can be sourced from outside the Council.

If you have the expertise, interest and availability please communicate with the GM in the first instance: generalmanager@raes.org.au or 0417 695 002

MENTOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER GRADUATES

MELISSA ALEXIOU from Airservices Australia was awarded the RAeS Australian Division's inaugural Mentor scholarship with the TIME program in 2017.

She worked with David Forsyth FRAeS an adjunct professor at UNSW as her mentor.

Melissa says that she has acquired new skills from the experience.

'I have learnt to keep pushing myself, while taking away as many positives from the experience. Whether I succeed or not, having applied myself will uncover areas of weakness or skills that I can improve on, only making me stronger in the end. Every time I have felt negatively about an experience, I ask myself why I am feeling that way, what I can do to improve or who I can consult with for advice.

'Not ignoring tough issues: From disagreeable colleagues to brand new challenges, having a strategy to tackle the issue by breaking it down into manageable chunks and dealing with it head-on, is more beneficial to your growth.

'Maintaining behaviour: All of my meetings with David have reinforced to me how important it is to maintain a professional and humble nature. We will all go through testing times, but it is our demonstrated behaviour that will be remembered by others. David has been a tremendous role model for me, reminding me to exercise appropriate work/life balance and has passed on examples that have helped him succeed in his career, that I can apply to my own.

'I highly recommend the mentoring program for future aviation mentees. You will be paired with a like-minded mentor who has a wealth of knowledge, allowing you to bounce your ideas off and provide you guidance throughout your career.

'I am very appreciative of the opportunity afforded to me by the Royal Aeronautical Society Australian Division. As I move up through my career, I will always remember how imperative it is to support others on their journey!'

IN MEMORIAM

- Ronald Ferrari MRAeS
July 2017
- Raymond Habgood AMRAeS
December 2017
- Dr Robert Lee FRAeS
April 2018