



THE BLENHEIM BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND DIVISION

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Guest Speaker – Wing Commander Brett Clayton

Commanding Officer Flying Training Wing RNZAF Base Ohakea

The RNZAF Aerobatic Team, The Black Falcons

Wednesday 19 September 2018 at 7.00pm

Marlborough Aero Club – Clubrooms – 100 Aerodrome Road Omaka

Members, non-members, interested persons and guests welcome- please forward this notice

Tea and Coffee available, Dress - Casual

A voluntary gold coin donation is welcomed from non-members to defray supper costs.



Wing Commander Brett Clayton was born in Napier and attended Hastings Boys High School before joining the RNZAF in 1999. Brett was initially posted to No. 3 Squadron flying the Iroquois and deployed numerous times to the tropical destinations of East Timor and Solomon Islands. Brett became an instructor in 2006 at Pilot Training Squadron on the CT-4E Airtrainer before returning to instruct on Sioux and Iroquois helicopters at No 3 Squadron. He then spent two years on an exchange posting with the Royal Australian Air Force in Perth instructing on the PC-9 before being seconded to the Ministry of Defence as part of the RNZAF acquisition of the new pilot training aircraft, the T-6C Texan II. Following this secondment Brett was the Executive Officer at No 14 Squadron, and more recently the Officer Commanding of Central Flying School operating the Texan. It is with this later post that Brett had the privilege of leading the RNZAF Aerobatic Team, the Black Falcons, for two display seasons from 2016 to 2018. Wing Commander Clayton is the current Commanding Officer of Flying Training Wing, responsible for No. 42 Squadron, No. 14 Squadron, and the Central Flying School. In his spare time Brett enjoys swimming, cycling and running, and is married with two sons.

Upcoming Events (branch presentations are held 3rd Wednesday each month where possible)

Wed 17 Oct Branch presentation – speaker TBC

Fri 26 Oct RAeS New Zealand Division Annual Symposium and Awards Dinner, – James Cook Hotel, Wellington - “Emerging Aerospace Technologies – Road to Space”
- details will be circulated to our distribution list soon and are on www.raes.org.nz

Wed 21 Nov Branch Presentation - Dave Park - NASA space balloon launches at Wanaka