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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH  
NEW ZEALAND DIVISION  
ROYAL AERONAUTICAL  
SOCIETY



## NEW GE9X ENGINE FOR THE NEW BOEING 777X ON A TEST BOEING 747 AIRCRAFT

**The diameter of this engine is apparently larger than that of a Boeing 737 fuselage! I have seen a video of this engine in operation ... it is seriously loud!**

Well here we are – into another year – Welcome to 2019. I hope that we can provide you, our Members, with an interesting programme as the year progresses. Your Committee will do their best to do so.

We had our December Social meeting at a local Chinese Restaurant which was attended by a number of our Branch stalwarts. A pleasant evening was had by all. If you haven't joined us at our Christmas

Social please consider doing so at the end of this year.

I see the latest De Havilland Mosquito rebuild has been completed at Ardmore, been test flown and is on its way to the USA



**Photo from the AVSPECS website.**

I also see that the Cockpit Voice Recorder from the tragic crash of the Indonesian Lion Air Boeing 737 which crashed off Djakarta has been recovered from under metres of mud on the seafloor. Well Done!

**ANNUAL SUBS...** Your Committee has decided to retain our annual subscription at \$20 for 2019. The Branch is solvent enough to do so. Treasurer Dave will have his receipt book ready and waiting at our February Branch Meeting. I encourage you to pay your Sub early so that we know how many financial members we have and help with financial planning during the year.

## UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS...

The Bi-annual **Australian International Air Show** to be held at Avalon between Melbourne and Geelong is to be held between 1-3 March. A number of our Members are attending and we will give you a briefing on the Show, probably at our April meeting .... Can't replicate the noise or the

smell of burning Avgas though. It's not too late if you want to join us! Contact Steve Parsons House of Travel.

Don't forget the **Wings Over Wairarapa** weekend 22-24 February. Sadly the event was rained off the last time but we keep our fingers crossed for the organising committee and the thousands of aviation buffs who will attend. There will be for the first time a Night Flying Display on the Saturday night. Tickets are available on-line. The RNZAF Black Falcons Display Team will also feature.

The **Yealands Classic Fighters Air show** to be held at Omaka near Blenheim 19-21 April (Easter Weekend). The theme of this years show is Women in Aviation. Again, tickets are available on-line.



**ANTONOV AN124 100 AT THE 2017 AVALON AIRSHOW. Delivered a**

## **bunch of Apache attack helicopters to be tried out by the Aussie Army.**

### **FEBRUARY BRANCH**

**MEETING...To be held at the Massey University School of Aviation premises on Airport Drive, Milson at 7.00 p.m. (or 1900hrs) on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February.**

We will receive a briefing on recent and future developments at the School and then receive a guided tour of the new premises.

### **MARCH BRANCH MEETING ...**

Tuesday 12 March. This will be held at the Rescue Helicopter Hangar at the Palmerston North Hospital. We will receive a brief on the new national rescue helicopter organisation.

### **APRIL BRANCH MEETING....**

Back to our usual meeting format. It is proposed to give you a photo brief on the Wairarapa and Avalon Air shows.

### **VISIT BY MINISTER OF DEFENCE**

Our invitation to the Minister of Defence, the Honourable Ron Mark, to address the Branch has been accepted. We don't have a date as yet but it should be earlyish in the New Year on a standard meeting night. It revolves around when the Minister can get an evening free from Wellington Parliamentary business.... More info to follow when it is to hand. We may have to organise an alternative venue depending on anticipated attendance.

**STAY SAFE AND HAVE A GOOD ONE!**

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