



# Wings & Things

Welcome to the March 2019 newsletter for the Wellington Branch of the RAeS.

## For the March Branch Presentation –

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Wellington Branch, Royal Aeronautical Society

**5:30 for 6:00pm start – Wednesday 27 March**

Xero Building, corner of Wakefield St/Taranaki St,  
19-23 Taranaki St, Level 3, Wellington

(originally Manthel Motors building) – Gold coin donation please

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## My journey to the Reno Air Races by Graeme Frew

This month Graeme Frew will be telling us about his journey to the Reno Air Races and he says that there is quite a story to tell.

Graeme will be detailing the trials and tribulations of being the first Kiwi to ever qualify as an Unlimited race pilot and the first team to ship an Unlimited race plane from halfway around the world to race.

His presentation features unique, never been seen video footage from inside the aircraft while on the course and some interesting anecdotes from within the great fraternity that is Unlimited air racing.

### Here are the arrangements:

- ➔ Xero require that we provide a list of attendees 24hr in advance. **We ask that everyone please register** with our Branch Secretary, Bernard Weinstein by email or phone say by 9pm Monday 25 March, so he can forward a list to Monique on Tuesday (Ph. (04) 476 0588 or E-mail [bernardwe2@gmail.com](mailto:bernardwe2@gmail.com)).
- ➔ The doors on Taranaki St close at 1730hrs on time switch. If you arrive by 1715hrs all the better. Monique will come down periodically to let waiting groups in.
- ➔ Street parking, meters apply only until 1800hrs; public pay parking next door on Wakefield St, use left lane from say Tory St; or pay parking at Te Papa a block away).



Last month Isaac Henderson's presentation addressed the regulatory environment for unmanned aircraft internationally and within New Zealand, key regulatory considerations for RPAS operators (both recreational and commercial), and some ideas for changing the regulatory environment in order to better balance aviation safety with the economic potential of the sector.

His presentation has been uploaded on YouTube for sharing with members and interested individuals...

Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/CeHgUrwaGfU>



## Career Opportunities for Women in Aviation

On Thursday 23rd May 2019 the Wellington Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society is running an evening event comprising short presentations and a panel style question and answer session, titled 'Career Opportunities for Women in Aviation'.

Today's millennials are well educated, very tech-savvy and possibly the smartest generation in New Zealand's history. More than half of them are female... so why are there not more women with careers in the aviation industry? There are plenty of historical female heroes in the world of aviation, with Jean Batten probably being New Zealand's most famous one and we want to inspire the next generation.

This informative event is open to all students, lecturers, teachers, aviation industry professionals, enthusiasts and anyone, not just females, involved with young people who may be considering a career in aviation.

This is also an occasion where those with an interest in aviation can find out about the range of great jobs available working with aircraft.

This unique Wellington event will include a main presentation by Captain Natasha Politakis, Air Nelson, and will be followed by short presentations from other women working in the aviation industry, who will briefly talk about their careers. The event will conclude with the panel of speakers participating in an interactive discussion and questions & answer session with the audience.

### Future Events

<b>Wednesday 27 March</b>	<b>My journey to the Reno Air Races by Graeme Frew</b>
<b>Weekend 30-31 March</b>	<b>Practice weekend, Hood Aerodrome for flight crew and ground crew</b>
<b>Easter weekend 19-21 April</b>	<b>Yealands Classic Fighters Airshow 2019 – Saluting Women in Aviation, Omaka Aerodrome, Blenheim</b>
<b>Weekend 27-28 April</b>	<b>Practice weekend, Hood Aerodrome for flight crew and ground crew</b>
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	<b>Malcolm Wightwick Memorial Lecture - Career Opportunities for Women in Aviation Captain Natasha Politakis, Air Nelson.</b>

The branch committee welcome your suggestions for future events and presentations. Please forward your ideas to the Branch Secretary Bernard Weinstein.



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