



## ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY - RAeS – WHAT IS IT?

- A learned society of aviation professionals
  - Also known as - the *Aero Society*
- Formed by Royal Charter in 1866,
  - centred at 4 Hamilton Place, London, UK
- The Society has Branches in UK and other countries, like:
  - Toulouse, Seattle, Washington DC and others
- New Zealand Division of the Society
  - Formed in 1949 with its own branches

## RAeS MEMBERSHIP AND NZ DIVISION BENEFITS

- Membership categories to reflect experience in aviation
- Internationally recognised C.Eng accreditation
- Subscription to the monthly **Aerospace** magazine
- Links to RAeS UK via Social Media
  - <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalAeronauticalSociety>
- Links to RAeS NZ Division
- Membership of the Society includes: *Fellows, Members, Associates and Affiliates*
  - Current fees for *Members* in NZ is \$215 a year
- Society members enjoy discounted registration at NZ Division events and activities
- Branch members enjoy the full range of activities of their Branch at around \$40 a year

## RAeS BRANCHES IN NZ

- Operates in Auckland, Blenheim, Christchurch, Hamilton, Palmerston North and Wellington
- Bay of Plenty Branch was set up in Tauranga in 2015
- Affords the opportunity to pursue professional membership
- Provides a network of aviation professionals and enthusiasts both in NZ and elsewhere
- Holds monthly meetings to review and discuss aviation progress and review its history!

## WHAT DOES THE NZ DIVISION DO?

- Manages the affairs of the Division, through a
  - President, other officers and members the Division Council who are elected by an AGM
- Links with the RAeS in London and other Divisions
  - <http://aerosociety.com/>
- Manages the NZ web presences
  - <http://www.raes.org.nz/home>
- Convenes social media under the brand '**Aerospace NZ**'
  - [Aerospace NZ \(@aerospacenz\) | Twitter](#)
  - <http://aerospacenz.blogspot.co.nz/>
- Convenes Annual Aviation Symposia
- Convenes Annual RAeS Aviation Awards with NZATL
  - Range of Aviation Awards, and
  - NZ Division Meritorious Service Awards
- Co-operates with aviation organisations to progress aviation and acknowledge aviation history in New Zealand

## WHAT HAS THE DIVISION DONE IN NZ?

- Founded the '**NZ Aeronautical Trusts Ltd**' (NZAT) with funds from society organised air shows and trust funds for aviation awards other initiatives
- Co-founded the '**Walsh Memorial Library**' at MoTAT, Auckland in 1964 with the Walsh Memorial Trust
  - The refurbished library was re-opened in 2016
- Co-founded the '**Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School**' with Scouts NZ in 1967 and supports it (via the NZAT, Branches) along with other sponsors
  - Over 47 years some 1500 students have flown more than 25,000 hours of flying,
  - In 2014, 68 students attended the popular two-week long training camp at Matamata, and
  - In 2015, the school hosted 44 ab initio students, 38 of whom achieved their first solo.
- In conjunction with the Guild of Air Pilots & Navigators
  - Convened Centennial Celebrations for
    - **Wright Brothers 1<sup>st</sup> Flight in 2003**, and
    - **Walsh Brothers 1<sup>st</sup> Flight in 2011**
  - Convened a selection panel and awarded the Walsh Centennial Medal to
    - Mr **George Bolt**, OBE, FRAeS in 2011

## CURRENT NZ DIVISION COUNCIL

- Mr John Macilree, MRAeS, President, Wellington
- Mr Des Ashton, FRAeS, Vice-President, Blenheim
- Mr David Jupp, ARAeS, Secretary Wellington
- Mr John Cook, ACA, Treasurer, Wellington
- Mr Barrie Hopkins, Hon Solicitor, Auckland
- Mr John Gribble, Hon Auditor, Auckland
- Mr Frank Sharp FRAeS, Palmerston North – Past President
- Council Members -
  - Sqn Ldr John Barrack MRAeS, Manawatu
  - Captain Allan Boyce FRAeS, Auckland
  - Wing Commander Peter Franken, RNZAF, Wellington
  - Mr Ritchie de Montalk FRAeS, Palmerston North
  - Mr Hugh McCarroll MRAeS, Hamilton
  - Mr John Mounce FRAeS, Chairman NZ AT Ltd, Auck
  - Mr Andrew Rooney MRAeS, Wellington
- Branch Chairmen are members of the NZ Division Council -
  - Mr Des Underwood MRAeS - Bay of Plenty
  - Mr Des Ashton FRAeS - Blenheim
  - Mr Ian Carmichael - Christchurch
  - Mr Hugh McCarroll MRAeS - Hamilton
  - Mr Dennis O'Rourke - Palmerston North
  - Mr David Saunders MRAeS - Wellington

## NZ DIVISION EVENTS SUMMARY 2016

- Convened 150<sup>th</sup> RAeS Anniversary with Vice-regal dinner and in conjunction with NZ Post a designed and issued a 80c commemorative postage stamp



## NEW FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY- 2016

- Mr **Christopher Luxon**, CEO Air NZ
- Mr **Des Ashton**, former Deputy Secretary Acquisitions, MoD
- Mr **Ashok Poduval**, CEO School of Aviation, Massey University



## NZ DIVISION NEWS FOR 2016

1 April 2016 – **RAeS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vice Regal Dinner**. The Governor General Lt Gen the Rt Hon **Sir Jerry Mateparae** and Lady Janine Mateparae hosted the anniversary dinner at Government House, Wellington. The mixed dinner was attended by officials from government agencies and other aviation organisations, as well as NZ Division and Branch members.

- Following a speech of welcome by the GG, the President NZ Division introduced the evening and introduced ACM **Sir Stephen Dalton**, RAF rtd, President Elect RAeS who was the special guest of the NZ Division.
- Sir Stephen presented three Fellowships and spoke to gathering of his concepts for the future of the RAeS. The NZ Division '**RAeS Kestrel Trophy to Air NZ**' was presented to Mr **Christopher Luxon**, CEO Air NZ in recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Air NZ.



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Sir Stephen was separately hosted by the Wellington and Palmerston North Branches and spoke at Massey University. He continued his NZ visit and attended a joint meeting of the Hamilton and Bay of Plenty Branches in Hamilton where he spoke to members and presented a **Meritorious Service Award** to Warrant Officer **Bryan Cox** RNZAF Rtd, Tauranga for his long service to aviation particularly in flight training at Ardmore.

- **RAeS Kestrel Trophy to RNZAF** – this annual excellence award was presented to the **Seaprite Transition Unit** judged by the RNZAF the 'most excellent' in 2015.
- **RAeS Meritorious Service Award** – special new supreme category of the award was presented to AVM **Peter Adamson** RNZAF Rtd in recognition of his work as Chairman, Trust Board of the Air Force Museum of NZ.

16 September 2016 –**RAeS NZ Division 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium** and the **66th AGM & Annual Awards Dinner** were on the same day at the Amora Hotel, Wellington.

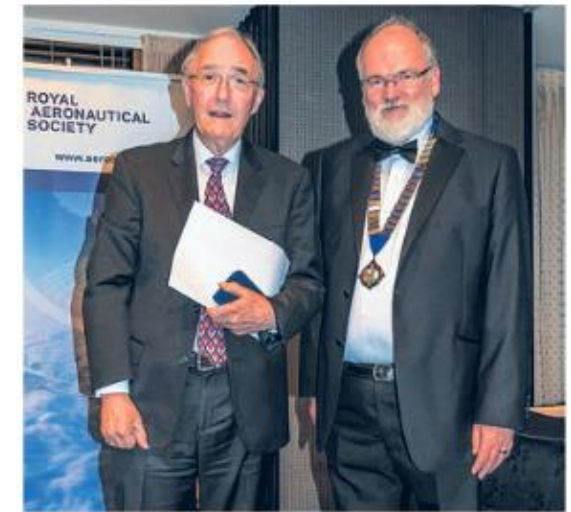
**Symposium.** With the theme of "**French Aerospace in New Zealand: Now and into the future**", the symposium was opened by Her Excellency **Florence Jeanblanc-Risler**, the French Ambassador. It was attended by over 50 people from the RNZAF, the NZ Division and Branches and the range of speakers, including:

- NZ Ministry of Defence led by AVM **Mike Yardley** RNZAF (Rtd), Acquisition Secretary who outlined the recently approved 2016 Defence White Paper and the work required to support the extensive acquisition programme for the NZDF.
- Airbus Space and Defense who presented on current offerings in helicopter and military airlift capabilities
- **Duncan McMahon** from the NZ MoD provided an informative presentation on the NH90 helicopter acquisition project
- Wing Commander **Scott McKenzie**, CO 3 Squadron RNZAF who outlined the introduction to of the NH90 into RNZAF service
- **Hugh Pearce** - Air NZ - provided an insight in processes around the selection of replacement fleet aircraft types.
- **Graham Cheal** - Air NZ - spoke on the challenges of allow Air NZ to start night operations into Queenstown with the A320

**AGM, & Awards Dinner.** Mr **John MacIree**, MRAeS, Wellington was elected President of the NZ Division and he was the MC at the most successful Annual Awards Dinner which followed. Together with other annual awards the following **Meritorious Service Awards** were presented to:

- **David Jupp**, Wellington - silver award - for services to aviation at the Walsh Memorial Flying School and to the Society at Branch and Division level,
- **Colin Smith**, Mandeville, Southland - silver award - for services to aircraft restoration in NZ, and
- **Richard Williams**, Auckland – gold award – for services to the Society at Branch and Division level and aviation heritage at

MoTAT.



*Richard Williams and John MacIree.*

## CURRENT NZ DIVISION INITIATIVES

- '**Youth in Aviation**'- on-going from 2014
- Convening a working group to setup the **NZ Aviation Hall of Fame** with other aviation organisations

## NZ DIVISION PLANS FOR 2017

- **Friday 8 September 17 – 32<sup>th</sup> RAeS NZ Division Symposium** and **NZ Division 67th AGM & Annual Awards** – the James Cook Hotel, Wellington – registrations via webpage

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

- These are determined by the Branch committee with the participation and the support of their members, typically
  - Monthly Branch meetings and
  - Mail-outs of updates to Branch members, and
- Links with the wider aviation community in NZ and elsewhere

## WHO ARE WE IN NEW ZEALAND?

- A group of Aviation Professionals and Enthusiasts!
- **FIND US AT:** <http://www.raes.org.nz/>
  - Facebook: [@aerospacenzzealand](https://www.facebook.com/aerospacenzzealand)