Systems Auditor report 2023

As part of the requirements of CAA, the RAANZ exposition and education and training needs for members, a program of audits with Inspection Authorities and owners' aircraft logbooks was begun this year by myself and the technical officer Colin Alexander

IAs were selected to take part along with a selection of aircraft owner's logbooks that they had conducted annual inspections for.

Initial audits were done in the Canterbury and Manawatu regions. Planning is under way to include the Waikato, Northland, Hawkes Bay, Southland and Nelson regions.

All the IAs' interviewed that had completed recent audits and were involved with conducting annual inspections for the owners, had vastly improved the logbook entries required from those prior. They were positive in accepting advice given that can improve logbook keeping.

The IAs were reminded that they are not responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the aircraft. That responsibility is totally the owners unless the owner contracts the IA to do such.

To assist the IAs a questionnaire has been developed (the form is available on the RAANZ web site) to be put to the owners when arranging for an annual to be done. This would ensure that the owner is more aware and has a responsibility to ensure that all documentation is up to date and correct prior to the annual being carried out.

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