

RAANZ CEO Report

As my first year as CEO, it has been a bit of a steep learning experience. This year we have achieved a few things.

- A new learning and exam system. Our Training Officer, Rainer Kunнемeyer, has put a huge amount of work into this over the last year, and we now have a much more robust and complete training and exam system. The new system strengthens our credibility and standard of testing.
- Instructor Seminars. Our Operations Manager, Roger Ward, and I, have run a number of these throughout the country, and I have been really pleased with the turnout. A significant majority of our instructors attended, and the sessions were a great opportunity for us to make sure we were all on the same page. It was also very useful to meet several of our members I hadn't met before.
- Organisation survey. We received response from half of our members, which is a tremendous response. Thank you to everyone who did respond. The feedback has been valuable, and we have started working on some of the ideas and feedback.
- Interaction with CAA. We now have regular formal meetings with CAA as part of an overall Part 149 Group, and a number of informal meetings. I believe the working relationship with CAA has improved. We now share accident and incident information (anonymised) with a common goal to improve safety
- An amazing annual fly-in at Matamata. All of those who attended were impressed with the location organisation, including good feedback from the CAA staff who were there. Looking forward to the next one in Hokitika in February.
- An award from the FAI of the FAI Air Sport Medal I for his services to the Microlight community over many years.

I would like to thank the committee and officers for all their hard work this year. It is generally a thankless task, but one that keeps our members flying with a great deal of freedom. I look forward to 2024 and a year of safe flying.