

## RAANZ President's report 2020

Welcome to all present here and thanks for taking the time to come out to the AGM. We've had yet another busy year for RAANZ. Our membership has increased slightly with a count of just over 700 members and 250 current aircraft on the RAANZ register.

The RAANZ exec has been working hard on several issues that benefit our sport and the wider membership, in general,

1. I would like to inform the membership of a senior role change. I would like to welcome Stan Hyde to the role of RAANZ Technical Officer. I'm sure you will hear from Stan shortly. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Colin for his contributions over the years especially the On-Condition program and technical expertise which literally gave our members the freedom of flight.
2. I would also like to acknowledge the work our admin Stuart Parker puts in behind the scenes to keep the cogs turning. The amount of additional work in admin is not to be seen lightly and he always goes the extra mile with a smile.
3. RAANZ exec team has put together our famed well received roadshow which will be presented across the country in 2020/2021. Please attend and support the presenters who have created this learning experience which I encourage all members to attend whether you are experienced or not - You might learn something new which might save your life one day.

The RAANZ National Fly for 2021 is in discussion and watch out for more info on the Rec Flyer.

I thank you all for the support over the years on the exec and as your president. As always please remember your actions have consequences for your entire membership so please fly safe and be courteous of the skies we share with a lot of other aviators.

If I don't acknowledge the impact of COVID-19 on the aviation industry and the lives of people in general it would be a big oversight. 2020 has been extremely hard for everyone in one way or another with so many jobs and livelihoods affected by this global pandemic and not to mention the loss of life around the world.

On that note, I would like the members present here to stand with me (in spirit) for a moment of silence in remembrance of our fellow aviators and friends/family who we have lost this year.

Thank you - Live long and Prosper

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