

RAANZ OPS report 2013

With approximately 500+ pilots to look after RAANZ relies heavily on its instructors and ATO's in utilising their very competent skills not only in providing the ability in teaching students to fly, but the ongoing monitoring and assessing of pilot abilities through BFR's etc. Along with these responsibilities they have to be completely familiar and competent in ensuring that all the boxes are ticked when it comes to paper work. You really are the crux of RAANZ. It is human nature that there may be a few slips of the pen but overall I salute all of you in putting in a real effort and doing an amazing job. Accolades should also go to the IA's who deal with approximately 180 aircraft permits over the year. Keeping it all to a professional standard ensures that we are recognised in good light by all involved in this great sport.

RAANZ has been involved with a number of other concerned organisations to ensure that our skies are as safe as practical to fly in and this was highlighted by the recent success in convincing CAA in backing the Massey Aviation proposal of developing class G airspace areas that has only one frequency to operate on, rather than the present confusing options. This is quite a momentous successful change in the right direction.

CAA are about to start their 5 yearly review of controlled airspace. RAANZ again will be involved but we encourage all to be aware of when your part of NZ is to be assessed such that you have your say. It is encouraging that the CAA focus this time is in reducing the amount of controlled airspace, especially the size of control zones.

Technology is rapidly advancing and is enveloping us all. Aviation is no exception to all these changes and our stance is to keep the future affordable, safe and simple to ensure we can enjoy our sport to the utmost.

Fly safe.

Bill Penman