Withdrawal of the RAANZ Part 103 on-condition program

We have received advice from CAA that they will NOT grant us an exemption for this program, and require us to advise all affected IAs and members.

This means we have to revert to the current CAA interpretation of 103.217(b) and AC103.1.

That is- if there exists an **engine** manufacturer's maintenance schedule and TIS or calendar limits, it must be followed, even if the **airframe** manufacturer does not reference it.

We have arrived at this point through a series of events-

- a new interpretation by CAA of 103.127(b) that has stood for many years;
- development of a program in consultation with CAA to align Part 103 engine maintenance requirements with other similar classes of aircraft;
- launching that program with the expectation that an exemption will be granted;
- withdrawal of CAA's assurance to issue that exemption due to the current political climate surrounding and within CAA.

We are seeking an urgent meeting with CAA to resolve this issue. This is not the end of the story.

RAANZ database access and use

The RAANZ database holds current and historical information on all its members and their aircraft. Access to this information is subject to our <u>database privacy policy</u>. In summary-

- **Members** have access to their own record via the <u>myRAANZ</u> page. You have limited edit access for contact and other personal information, and read-only access to pilot certificate information.
- **Instructors and CAA** have read-only access to a selected member record via the <u>checkPilot</u> page.
- RAANZ admin has full read/write access.

We have heard reports of members misusing this information for other than legitimate purposes of checking on personal or specific pilot data, and passing it on to other parties. If confirmed, we will remove that person's access to the database.

Safety message from CAA

Following several relatively recent accidents, it has come to the attention of the CAA that safety improvements can be made in the following areas:

•Only appropriately qualified and current pilots are allowed to manipulate the controls of an aircraft, unless they are under the appropriate supervision of an instructor. Here is a link to a CAA Vector article-

Stay in Control: https://www.caa.govt.nz/assets/legacy/Publications/Vector/Vector-2018-4.pdf

• During flight it is important that someone knows where you are going, and actively conducts some form of flight following. This can greatly increase the chance of survivability following an occurrence/accident. A CAA Vector article is being produced on this.

I request that you communicate the importance of these points to your pilots through your appropriate communication channels.

Regards,
Daniel Foley
Safety Investigator

Regarding the second point re flight following-

There are plenty of technologies and apps (ADS-B, SpiderTracks, etc, etc) that track your position and pinpoint where you are or went down, but they are only useful if a flag is raised to trigger action.

A PLB or ELT may do the job- as long as you or your aircraft are alive and intact.

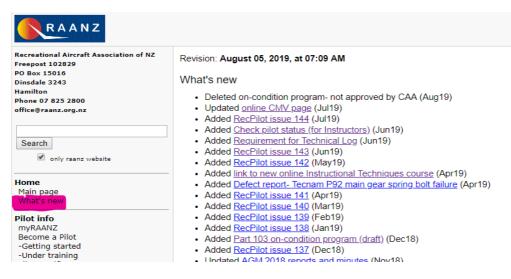
Better still- having a third party aware of your intentions and ETA, actively confirming your safe arrival and raising a flag if overdue. This can be as simple or complex as you wish-

- Telling a partner or flying mate intentions and ETA; you texting when you arrive; them raising a flag if you don't.
- An intentions whiteboard in the clubrooms/hangar- with someone checking status on a regular basis.
- Or one of the fancy flight following/alerting apps- either web or text based.

The sooner they know you are in trouble and rescue you, the better your survival chances.

What's new on the website

If you want to catch up with any changes on the website, just click on the what's new link for a quick look.



Membership changes

Colin MacDonald	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Flight Instructor	Upgrade
Stan Hyde	Feilding Flying Club	Advanced National	Appointment
Jacinda Johnston	Wairarapa Aero Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Virginia Westerberg	Feilding Flying Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
Robert Donderwinkel	Matamata Aero Club	Novice	Exam
Peter Kirby	Matamata Aero Club	Novice	Exam
Cara Bosman	Mercury Bay Aero Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
Neville Stirling	Fiordland Aero Club	Novice	Exam
Justin Lott	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Brett Cunningham	Feilding Flying Club	Novice	Exam
Egmont Johannes Stegen	Matamata Aero Club	Novice	Exam
Matt Abraham	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Exam
Duncan McLane	Matamata Aero Club	Novice	Exam
Zane Lee	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Peter Blaymires	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	Exam
Philip Smith	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	BFR
Damian Hemingway Mills	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	
Kal Rabarts Small	Mercury Bay Aero Club	Novice	Change of address/email
Sam Davenport	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Exam
Vladimir Sbitnev	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Change of address/email
Antony Lloyd	Wairarapa Aero Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Peter McGregor	Mercury Bay Aero Club	Novice	Medical expiry
Hamish England	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Mark TerMorshuizen	Matamata Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Denis Gunn	Hawkes Bay and East Coast Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Josh Kennedy	Manawatu Aviation Club	Novice	General inquiry
Craig Nicol	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	
Guy Martin	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Campbell Tannock	West Coast Microlight Club	Novice	Joined
Jack Simpson	Nelson Microlight Club	Novice	
Lucas Prouting	Geraldine Flying Group	Novice	Joined
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