

Role of Flying NZ

Flying NZ represents the largest group of recreational and sport pilots in New Zealand; each pilot is a financial member of their chosen aero club, and each Aero Club is a financial member of Flying NZ.

Aero Clubs and their Members through Flying NZ are given the opportunity to respond to aviation policy at Government level through various Industry partners- CAA, Airways and the Ministry of Transport.

The Flying NZ organisation comprises-

- Executive Committee 9 Members
- Instructor Council 6 Members
- Competition Advisory Group 6 Members
- Executive Secretary

1. Representatives on Industry Forums:

Flying NZ role in the aviation industry is varied, we have a representative on each of the following committees or forums

- NZAF (New Zealand Aviation Federation) which represents all sport aviation organisations
- ACAG the Aviation Community Advisory Group is a representative industry body that provides advice to the CAA on issues affecting aviation safety and the aviation operating environment
- ACMLG the Aviation Community Medical Liaison Group is drawn from the wider aviation community that provides a forum for the exchange of information with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on the functions and performance of the New Zealand medical certification system and those medical matters that have an impact on aviation in general.
- Airways New Zealand Customer Liaison Group who represent all aviation operators across the Airways network facilitating discussions that directly affect the recreational and commercial operators.
- New Southern Sky which is the National Airspace and Air Navigation Plan to modernise New Zealand Aviation systems. <http://www.nss.govt.nz/>

2. Submissions & Input into support of issues affecting recreational pilots:

Over the years Flying NZ has consistently made Submissions to various regulatory authorities relating to issues that affect sport and recreational flying activities- from cost recovery to licensing, airspace reviews and Part 141/61 are examples of Flying NZ's involvement.

- 2014,2015, 2016 Submissions to CAA regarding Funding
- 2010, 2011, 2014, 2016 Airways NZ relating to airspace changes, in particular Tauranga and Hamilton, funding and 2016-2019 Airspace Charges
- RPL Recreational Pilots Licence- enabling student pilots the opportunity of acquiring a DL9 Medical Certificate for ab initio training instead of a Class 2 medical certificate before going solo. Although the RPL has restrictions a Pilot can always make always convert to a PPL with a Class 2 Medical without restrictions.
- The RPL can also be applied to Gliding and Helicopter licences
- Part 149 Microlight and Instructor Certificates as a Part 149 Delegation Holder (authorised by the director of CAA) Flying NZ is able to issue Instructor and Microlight Certificates. These are easily acquired by Aero Club instructors through Part 141/61.

- Free Met Services materialised late 2015 when lobbying by the NZAF members and other recreational groups to the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation Authority were successful.
- Flying NZ recently made a Submission regarding the new Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan regarding the use of airstrips and noise sensitive areas.

3. Provide support directly to the Clubs through Flying NZ Executive Committee, Instructor Council and the Executive Secretary

- NZ is divided into five regions with a Flying NZ Executive Committee member responsible for that region and the Aero Clubs.
- EMA- Employers and Manufacturers Association provides initial advice for employment issues through Flying NZ Membership
- Support Safety & Risk Management profiling advice to the clubs
- Work with Aero Clubs to facilitate/run the Competitions, Regionally & Nationally
- Provide support to Flying NZ International competitors whether competing within NZ or in Australia for the Wings Trans Tasman International Competition
- Promote schemes to encourage pilots to continue educating and improving their flying skills through the Pilot Proficiency Scheme.
- Flying NZ is the NAC (National Air Sports Commission) for the FAI (Federation Aeronautique International); this association generates an income for Flying NZ, through the issuing of International Competition Licences for any aviation records or International Competitions As well gives Flying NZ worldwide credibility as the representative of a Global organisation.
- Facilitates through FAI the nominations and Awards to New Zealanders for their contribution to aviation in New Zealand.
- Facilitate flight training scholarships, in the year 2015-2016 there were 9 Scholarships available to (15-18 years) Young Eagle participants, plus an Engineering Scholarship to an apprentice engineer. Values ranged from \$2500.00- \$4000.00
- Supports the growth of Young Eagles Groups within Aero Clubs providing access to on line support documents
- Provides opportunities for Clubs to advertise Vacancies on the Website
- Ability to purchase Flight Vouchers on line and clothing
- Provides on line support documents for Competitions, Judging, Human Resource Management, Safety Policy, Emergency Plan
- Instructor Council supports mentoring and guidance with new instructors at other clubs
- Promotes the Service & Safety Awards for a Club or Individual at the Annual Presentation dinner
- Promotes the use of the Flying NZ Membership Card- for reciprocal rights at any member Aero Club, and discounts at a number of retail outlets.