

RECIPIENTS OF RAeS AWARDS 2013

Ian Diamond Award -2013

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This award goes to **Geoff Lamb**.

Geoff showed an early interest in aviation, learning to fly with the Auckland Aero Club in 1991. He studied engineering at Auckland University, graduating in May 1998 with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

After several years working in the marine and other industries, he started his aviation career in 2004 as an Aeronautical Engineer with Air NZ, and in 2007 as a Senior Engineer with Altitude Ltd, an Air NZ subsidiary company.

In October 2012 Geoff moved to Service IQ, (formerly the Aviation and Tourism Training Organization), where he is currently developing courses and qualifications for composites technicians and rolling out new qualifications for UAV pilots.

Geoff hopes to make his aviation career in demographics, safety, training and compliance. To this end he has enrolled in a post graduate diploma course at Massey University. Geoff Lamb is a worthy recipient of the Ian Diamond Award for 2013.

Presented this day in Wellington
April 11, 2014

Recommended for this award by Massey University.

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This award goes to **LeBeau Davie**.

Leading Aircraftsman Davie is nearing the end of his extramural study for a Bachelor in Engineering Technology (Mechanical) from AUT and will graduate in June 2014, having achieved an A-average. As part of his studies he has conducted a major project in 'Corrosion monitoring and modelling of atmospheric environments at NZ Defence Force bases'. This project required him to work very closely with the Defence Technology Agency (DTA) and as a result he was selected by his lecturer to represent AUT at an IPENZ event, where the five engineering universities in Auckland present their projects to a panel for judging. LAC Davie's presentation was well executed and he achieved a third-place award.

LAC Davie has worked very hard over the past years to complete his studies whilst still employed on a busy operational Squadron. He intends to continue studies after his degree and plans to use

his recent experiences working on 5 Sqn to pursue a Postgraduate Diploma in Business and Administration (Management) at Massey University.

LAC Davie is a very focused and intelligent individual who is constantly working to improve his academic abilities in aviation with intention of contributing towards a higher level of expertise within the RNZAF Engineering community. He is a worthy recipient of the Ian Diamond Award for 2013.

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Recommended for this award by Group Captain A J Woods, Acting Deputy Chief of Air Force.

Michael J Neville/Boeing Aeroplane Company Award -2013

The Michael J Neville/Boeing Aeroplane Company Award was established as a memorial to Mike Neville, Company Solicitor at Air New Zealand Ltd, with a donation from The Boeing Airplane Company with whom Mr Neville had many dealings. The award is made to a young person employed in aviation in New Zealand who demonstrates excellence in work ethics, values, application and results, and has the intention of further study. The award takes the form of a specially minted medal, a certificate and a monetary amount.

This award goes to **Robert Willis**

Robert came to Pacific Aerospace Limited in March 2009 for work experience as part of a pre-trade training course at Wintec. Following the completion of this course he was offered an Apprenticeship in Light Fabrication with Pacific Aerospace. As part of this course, Robert spent time in the fabrication and assembly departments and his aptitude, willingness to learn and dedication quickly became apparent. He received his National Certificate in Light Fabrication (Level 4) in June 2012.

In 2013 Robert assumed a leadership position for aspects of a highly specialised project to develop a full Geo-survey platform on the P-750 aircraft. Also, in 2013 Robert volunteered to be the 'Lean' 5S representative for the aircraft Final Assembly operation.

In May of 2013 Robert advised he wished to continue his study and obtain his Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence; which PAC was more than happy to support. Robert is studying this in his own time and seeks every opportunity to improve his skills and broaden his knowledge.

Robert is a role model for others of what can be achieved with the right attitude and diligence. He is a personable young man with a great work ethic and values, and a worthy recipient of the Michael J Neville/Boeing Airplane Company Award.

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This award goes to **Corporal Jason Scott Read, RNZAF.**

Corporal Read is about to commence his final year of study towards a BE(Hons) in Electrical & Electronic Engineering at the Auckland University of Technology. Thus far CPL Read has achieved above average results including multiple A+ results for Level 7 (Year Three) papers this year. He deserves recognition for the fact that although only in his third year of study toward this degree, he has already been awarded an A+ on completion of the Level 8 (Year Four) Industrial Project.

CPL Read is a highly capable technician and the results he achieves for Avionics Squadron are invaluable. He is a self-starter who can be relied upon to put time and effort into learning about new equipment, writing procedures and maintenance manuals, liaising with outside agencies and mentoring others. All of his endeavours have increased the effectiveness of the Sensor Systems Bays, thereby improving the support to the P-3K2 Orion Maritime Patrol capability. His efforts have been focussed on the MX-20 Electro-Optic sensor suite and the Electronic Warfare (EW) systems. He has become the MX-20 Subject Matter Expert, strengthened relationships with L3 Wescam for maintenance support and taken the lead in developing the EW Bay. In addition, he has developed testing techniques to fault-find EW Line Replaceable units (LRUs), thereby determining the best method of providing support.

CPL Read is also frequently approached to lend his knowledge to other projects that are ongoing within the Avionics Squadron. He is developing into a solid leader, guiding his subordinates and, in turn, helping them to develop their own careers. Upon completion of his study CPL Read is looking to further his career within the RNZAF, which will be of huge benefit to the Avionics trade and ultimately aviation in general. He is a worthy recipient of the Michael J Neville/Boeing Airplane Company Award.

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Douglas Patterson Award -2013

This award commemorates the memory of Douglas Patterson, former General Manager of the National Airways Corporation, and a former President of the Division. Doug was an active promoter of training of young people showing potential in the field of civil aviation. The award is specifically for young people in the South Pacific countries, or intending to make a career in those countries, and takes the form of a monetary grant, a citation and a silver medal.

The Douglas Patterson Award for 2013 goes to **Nikora (Nicky) Kaierua.**

Nicky is from Kiribati, and completed her secondary school in New Zealand in 1998. In 2002 she completed the Basic Aircraft Maintenance Licence course at the Air NZ Training Centre in

Christchurch. In 2003 she joined Air Kiribati as a maintenance engineer, where she progressed quickly to Quality Auditor, in 2005 to QA Manager and in 2010 to Quality systems Manager.

In 2011 Nicky moved to Solomon Airlines Engineering as their Quality Assurance Manager, her current position. She has continued her training, undertaking and running numerous courses in QA and management systems. She is organised, efficient and competent, and has a good rapport with people she works with. Her communication skills, both written and verbal, are very good.

Nicky Kaierua is a worthy recipient of the Douglas Patterson Award for 2013.

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Recommended for this award by Jim Samson, Solomon Airlines Ltd

George Watt Award -2013

This award was established by Group Captain George Watt to recognise outstanding technical merit which enhances the efficiency of the RNZAF. The award takes the form of a silver medal, a certificate and a monetary award.

The George Watt Award for 2013 goes to **Sergeant Simon Dudley Jones**.

Sgt Jones has made outstanding technical contributions to Avionics Squadron and the wider RNZAF due to his knowledge, hard work and genuine interest in providing excellent maintenance support to 5 Squadron. Not only has he delivered a repair and test facility for the P3K2's Data Management System with very limited resources and information, he has also made a huge contribution to the resolution of the satellite communication system issues which have been challenging since the delivery of the aircraft. Sgt Jones was tasked with assessing the COMSATCOM configuration and providing a solution to meet this capability requirement. This was made more difficult due to the age of the equipment, NZDF COMSEC requirements, and the requirement to fault-find an ISDN Satellite link with established encryption layers. SGT JONES showed great tenacity and desire to understand another unfamiliar system. He was able to reconfigure the complex components and achieve the significant milestone of connectivity and data transfer from the test aircraft at 5 Squadron flight line to the Air Operations Centre. This system is a key enabler for 5 Squadron and the RNZAF and due to the outstanding dedication, commitment and technical ability that Sgt Jones has displayed, future operations will be enhanced.

His achievements through his work as the Senior NCO in charge of Computer Systems are outstanding. As a direct result of the efforts of Sgt Jones and his team, the RNZAF now has the capability to test and repair many of the Line Replaceable Units, thereby reducing the number of items in the repair loop, increasing operational efficiency and reducing costs.

This typifies the extraordinary efforts of Sgt Jones; there is no doubt that his outstanding zeal and devotion to duty have enhanced the operational capability and overall availability of the P-3K2. Sgt Jones is a deserving of the Group Captain Watt Award for 2013.

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Recommended for this award by Group Captain IJ Mower, Chief Engineer (Technical Airworthiness Authority)

Meritorious Service Award -2013

The Meritorious Service Award is made by the Council of the Society, and recognises long term contributions and practical achievements in all sections of aerospace in New Zealand. The award takes the form of a certificate, a citation and a medal.

This Meritorious Service award is made to **Rex Kenny**.

Rex joined the RNZAF as an Airman Cadet in 1967 and remained in the service for 21 years. He spent most of this time in Woodbourne, working on Bristol Freighter, Vampire, Canberra and Harvard aircraft. He was also a technical instructor and one of two independent trade testing officers for RNZAF technical trades for the last two years of his service.

In 1988 Rex was employed by MoT, then Aviation Services Ltd and then the CAA. Rex became the new Manager CAA Sport and Recreation Unit, and proved himself to be an enthusiastic and capable manager with an enviable reputation for sound pragmatic decisions, high safety standards and unfailing support for the best interests of the sector. The NZ Register of Aircraft lists about 4600 aircraft, of which some 60% are sport and recreation aircraft. This sector is one of the most diverse in the world and includes: tandem and recreational parachuting, gliding, hang-gliding and para-gliding, micro-lights, amateur built aircraft, light sport aircraft, vintage and Warbird aircraft, and ballooning.

Rex is currently Manager Special Flight Operations, with responsibility for Adventure Aviation, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Rockets, Balloons, Model Aircraft and Recreational Aviation.

Rex Kenny's long career in military and civil aviation fully meets the criteria for the issue of the award, and the Society is delighted to present a Meritorious Services Award to Rex Kenny.

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This Meritorious Service award is made to **John David Cook**.

John trained as an accountant, but developed an interest in aviation and became a private pilot and member of the Wellington Aero Club. He owned a 4-seat light aircraft, which he kept at the club, and was Club President for over ten years.

John participated in the wider aviation community, including the Royal NZ Aero Club Inc, the NZ Aviation Federation and the Royal Aeronautical Society. In addition, he became a council member of the Aviation Training Council, part of the Industry Training Organisation (now Service IQ). He remains a council member of the NZ Aviation Federation.

John was appointed a founding director of Aviation Services Ltd, responsible for the provision of examinations for NZ flight crews and aviation engineers for the NZ CAA. He remains a director of a number of aviation related companies.

In addition to his array of aviation related commitments, John has contributed both his time and talent to a number of non-aviation organisations, including; the Arthritis Foundation of New Zealand Inc, Barnardo's NZ and the National Heart Foundation.

John was Chairman of the Wellington Branch from 1998-2013, and is actively involved with the activities of the NZ Division.

John has made and continues to make an invaluable contribution to Society, the wider NZ aviation community and other charities, and the Royal Aeronautical Society is delighted to present the Meritorious Services Award to John Cook.

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This Meritorious Service award is made to **William Ronald Tannock** BSc (Hons) CEng FRAeS.

Ron Tannock began his career as an aviation design apprentice at Scottish Aviation Ltd graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering with honours from The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow in 1962. He then worked for Hawker Siddeley Aviation as a Flight Test Engineer and was involved in the development of the HS Trident and the DH 125.

In 1965 Ron joined the National Airways Corporation in Christchurch, as Assistant Technical Superintendent. He worked in a number of positions with NAC –Passenger Services Manager, Manufacturing Manager, Technical Services Manager and Quality Manager. After the merger of NAC and Air New Zealand Ron moved to Auckland, where he held a number of management roles in Engineering and Operations. In 1983 Ron moved to Blenheim as General Manager of SAFE. Returning to Auckland in 1990, Ron spent the last 10 years of his career as Air New Zealand's General Manager Operations - International.

Upon retirement Ron and his wife Rhondda moved to Blenheim to be close to his family and grandchildren. Ron continues to be involved in the activities of the Blenheim Branch of the Society.

Ron is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a Past President of the New Zealand Division. He is a former Deputy Chairman of the Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation, and a former member and Chairman of The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand. He received the Royal Aeronautical Society's Geoffrey Roberts Award in 1976 and the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators' Jean Batten Trophy in 2007.

Ron's contribution to New Zealand Aviation fully meets the criteria for the issue of the award, and the Society is delighted to present a Meritorious Services Award with a gold medal to Ron Tannock.

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Recommended for this award by the Council of the NZ Division, RAeS

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This Meritorious Service award is made to **John Willis Lanham** FRAeS.

John joined the RNZAF in 1961 and graduated in 1964 from the RAF College Cranwell. He was awarded the Sword of Honour.

On his return to New Zealand, John flew operational tours on Vampire FB5s and Canberra B(I)12s in New Zealand, Australia and South East Asia and as a flight instructor on Harvard's and Devon's, before a return to operational flying on the Strike masters and Skyhawks.

He also flew in three air force aerobatic teams, leading two of them, including the 1982-83 'Kiwi Red' A4K Skyhawk team. John's 'Kiwi Red' team scored a world first in flying the first 'plugged barrel roll' in which team members flew the manoeuvre while joined with a probe-and-drogue refuelling hose. The 'plugged barrel' became the signature manoeuvre of all subsequent RNZAF Skyhawk aerobatic teams.

John was the commanding officer of both Numbers 14 and 75 fighter Squadrons and the RNZAF Combat Wing (of three squadrons) before leaving the RNZAF as a Wing Commander in 1987.

His civil career began as a consultant and pilot for corporate jets leased to leading New Zealand companies. In 1989, he established Rex Aviation (NZ) Ltd as CEO and Flight Operations Manager, qualifying as an Airline Transport Pilot Licence the same year. The company's principal activity was the formation and direction of Ansett New Zealand Regional, under contract to the parent airline.

In May 2000 he joined the Civil Aviation. As Manager CAA Sport and Recreation Unit, John built an enviable reputation for sound pragmatic decisions, high safety standards, and unfailing support for the best interests of the sector. As a consequence, the GA scene in NZ and the sport and recreation sector is very different now than in 2000.

John played a major role in two important related CAA projects during this time: the rewrite of the Special category of aircraft under Civil Aviation Rule Part 21; and the use of a number of Special category sub-types for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward in the new Adventure Aviation regime. The combination of these two rules is world leading.

John retired from the CAA in October 2012, but continues an active involvement in aviation. He manages the planning and choreography of all flight operations including the airshow flying programme for the Wings over Wairarapa as well as his ongoing interest in warbirds and aviation heritage groups.

In recognition for his outstanding leadership and skill as a pilot and administrator in military and commercial aviation, civil aviation administration and display flying, as well as his contribution to the Society at both branch and NZ Division level, The Society is delighted to award a Meritorious Services Award with a gold medal to John Lanham.

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This Meritorious Service award is made to **Air Vice-Marshal Peter Stockwell**.

Peter Stockwell enlisted into the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1973. On completion of Navigator training he was posted to No.1 Squadron flying Bristol Freighters, and promoted to Flying Officer in 1974 and Flight Lieutenant in 1977. Prior to completing the RNZAF Junior Staff Course in May 1980, he held flying posts at No. 41 Squadron based in Singapore and No. 40 Squadron based in Auckland.

F/L Stockwell qualified as a Navigation Instructor and spent time instructing at the Navigation and Air Electronics Training Squadron on F27 Friendships. He then returned to No. 40 Squadron as the Navigator Leader and was promoted to Squadron Leader in July 1985. In 1989, he attended a year long RAF Advanced Staff Course at Bracknell in the UK, before returning to Wellington as the Personal Staff Officer to the Chief of Air Staff.

In 1990 Peter was promoted to Wing Commander and appointed Director of Air Staff Policy and Plans and in 1992 completed the Australian Defence Force Joint Services Staff Course in Canberra. In 1993 he was posted to Auckland as Commanding Officer of 40 Squadron and in 1995 Officer Commanding Operations Wing RNZAF Base Auckland.

In 1996 W/C Stockwell was promoted to Group Captain and posted to Canada as the NZ Defence Advisor. He was appointed Base Commander, RNZAF Base Woodbourne in 2000, and Director of Air Force Training in 2001. He was deployed to Tampa, Florida, for 7 months in 2003 as the NZDF Senior National Representative at HQ USCENCOM.

Peter was appointed Deputy Chief of the Air Force in 2004. In 2006 he moved to Joint Forces New Zealand as the Air Component Commander before becoming Assistant Chief of Strategic Commitments and Intelligence in HQNZDF in 2008. He was promoted to Air Vice Marshal and appointed to the position of Commander Joint Forces New Zealand in 2009 and Chief of the Air Force in 2011, a position he held till his retirement from the RNZAF this year. After a distinguished 40-year military career, Peter took the position of Managing Director of CTC Aviation in Hamilton.

Peter's contribution to New Zealand Aviation fully meets the criteria for the issue of the award, and the Society is delighted to present a Meritorious Services Award with a gold medal to Peter Stockwell.

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Geoffrey Roberts Award -1976

This award was established by Sir Geoffrey Roberts with the donation he received for his Commonwealth Lecture to the Royal Aeronautical Society in London. Sir Geoffrey, a past President of the NZ Division of the Society and also Patron of the Society of Licensed Engineers and Technicians, had encouraged the development of young people in civil aviation and took a great interest in the people who received this award during his lifetime.

The award is open to any young person who is a New Zealand citizen and who has the firm intention of following a career in civil aviation in New Zealand. The award takes the form of a silver medal, a certificate and a financial award.

The first award in 1976 was made to **William Ronald Tannock** BSc (Hons), CEng, FRAeS.

Ron Tannock began his career as an aviation design apprentice at Scottish Aviation Ltd graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering with honours from The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow in 1962. He then worked for Hawker Siddeley Aviation as a Flight Test Engineer and was involved in the development of the HS Trident and the DH 125.

In 1965 Ron joined the National Airways Corporation in Christchurch, as Assistant Technical Superintendent. He worked in a number of positions with NAC –Passenger Services Manager, Manufacturing Manager, Technical Services Manager and Quality Manager.

It was during this period in his career that Ron was awarded the first Geoffrey Roberts award. For reasons lost in the mists of time Ron has no evidence of being the recipient of the award. Now, forty-four years later, the Society is delighted to present Ron with the Geoffrey Roberts Award for 1976.

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