

RECIPIENTS OF RAeS AWARDS 2020

George Watt Award - 2020

SGT B.J. GROVES L1012286 Ground Support Equipment Technician
CPL T. GLOVER V1034904 Master Aeronautical Metal Worker

SGT Brett Groves and CPL Tarras Glover have been jointly awarded the Royal Aeronautical Society Group Captain Watt Award for outstanding technical merit which enhances the efficiency of the RNZAF. This recognises their conception, development and implementation of a new device to aid in the removal and inspection of coalescing fuel filter elements.

During his posting to the Fuel Maintenance Bay, SGT Groves and his team of Fuel Equipment Maintainers identified an opportunity to improve the process of inspecting the fuel filters that are used in bulk fuel installations and fuel tankers. These filters require regular removal and inspection to examine their condition and to check for signs of contamination. It is vital that the filter elements do not come into contact with anything other than air and light during the removal process as anything else will damage the filter element. As there is no easy location to grip the filters, and the filters are relatively heavy, it is extremely difficult to remove them without touching the filter element.

With no commercial solution available, SGT Groves approached Master Aeronautical Metal Worker, CPL Glover. Together they conceptualised and developed a device that is able to safely remove and hold the filter elements for inspection, with the added benefit of the maintainer no longer coming into contact with the fuel.

Manufacturing innovative devices to get the job done is business as usual for these trades. It was not until it was noted in an Air BP audit that command was made aware of the device. The Air BP Auditors were so impressed with the innovation that they suggested it should be shared across the industry. This type of innovation demonstrates to the Air BP auditors that the RNZAF is committed to complying with their fuel maintenance procedures. It is reassuring to command to know that members of the Engineering Support Flight are committed to their role and the ways in which they can enhance the efficiency of the RNZAF. It is for these reasons that the nominees are deserving recipients of the Group Captain Watt Award for 2019.

Presented this day in Wellington,
30th October 2020

Recommended for this award by GPCAPT Peter Johnson, Royal New Zealand Air Force

Douglas Patterson Award - 2020

The purpose of the Douglas Patterson Award is to encourage those persons who are making or intending to make a career in aviation in South Pacific countries, where aviation is still in the developmental stage, such as, Samoa, Fiji, New Guinea and other near Pacific Islands. Where appropriate, the award would assist the successful candidate to gain experience in the aviation industry in New Zealand or where advisable overseas.

The Council takes the unique step of making this 2020 Douglas Patterson Award to **Netava Waqa of Fiji** and recognises his valuable aviation service over 40 years, not only to Fiji, but also all nations within the South Pacific, including New Zealand.

Beginning his career as an apprentice aircraft engineer in Nasouri, Fiji with Air Pacific (later Fiji Airways), Netava went on to hold the most senior position within Fiji aviation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Aviation Administration Fiji (CAAF) and Board Member of the Fiji Air Transport Licensing Board. In this position Netava had very close contact with the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand and worked tirelessly to uphold high standards within aviation in the South Pacific.

Netava's early qualifications were aircraft maintenance licenses type rated on several aircraft and engine types. He experienced involvement with a wide range of aircraft including the DH Heron, DC3, HS748, BAC1-11, B737, B767, B747 and A220. During his career he took time out to undertake a degree at the Northrop Rice Institute of Technology USA and graduated with a BSc in Aircraft Maintenance Technology in 1993. He also undertook extension training in aviation and leadership at Singapore's National University, the USA's Harvard Business School and Singapore's Asia Competitive Institute.

After retiring from CAAF, Netava took a leadership position with the Pacific Aviation Safety Office in Vanuatu, an organisation responsible for coordinating aviation technical services for 10 independent South Pacific States, including New Zealand. In this role he will continue to practise his strengths of strategic direction for aviation, leadership in civil aviation institutional reform, promotion of quality and adherence to sound governance.

In recognition of his achievements and dedication to aviation Netava Waqa is awarded The Douglas Patterson Award for 2020.

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30th October 2020

Recommended for this Award by Barry Geddes, FRAeS, FSLAET, FNZIM

Duncan Campbell Award - 2020

The Duncan Campbell Award recognises excellence in aviation journalism. There are separate awards for young journalists and writers, and for established journalists and writers who have demonstrated their ability and dedication in this specialised area of journalism. Today, we recognise the emergence of the digital era in the knowledge that Duncan would fully support this modern-day interpretation of his written words.

This award is made to **Dave Homewood**, a passionate digital media specialist and editor of New Zealand Sport Flying magazine. Dave's media repertoire as an aviation reporter and historian and has grown into a popular internet-based forum for the aviation community in NZ and internationally. This contribution to the aviation community was developed over 15 years and links through on-line forums enable past and present aviation community professionals and enthusiasts to engage freely.

After a career with the RNZAF, Dave completed media studies at the University of Waikato, where he developed his passion for the history of the RNZAF and the wider aviation world through an internet presence. The Wings over Cambridge website was launched in 2004 to record the history of local Cambridge airman who had served in the RNZAF. This developed into the Wings Over New Zealand (WONZ) Aviation Forum in 2005 as an on-line forum. This diversely themed interactive webpage has 19 separate boards, which Dave manages as webmaster. Several experienced aviation historians support this endeavour, serving as expert moderators for the various threads. WONZ registration enables direct contributions as shared knowledge, experiences and personal

photos. Currently, 277,377 posts across 19 boards were made by 6,370 registered users from all over the world.

Through the “WONZ Show”, Dave personally interviewed over 200 veteran airman and aviation personalities as podcasts, which are uploaded and accessible to members. This is a noteworthy endeavour that has enabled the preservation of New Zealand aviation history through the voices of the people who told their stories from the past and present. The “WONZ Aviation Forum Meets” provides face-to-face dialogue through meetings run as an ongoing series of events held periodically throughout NZ including the RNZAF Museum, Wigram, Classic Flyers, Tauranga, and Warbirds NZ at Ardmore. Dave’s related web-presence also includes a well-supported Facebook page.

By hard work, application, and at his own expense with limited sponsorship, Dave Homewood has connected a host of aviation people into a coherent group who share personal aviation experiences and research, as only the internet can. This is a first for New Zealand and as evidenced by the number of posts on the WONZ webpage, is a growth endeavour in this new media format.

Dave Homewood is a worthy recipient of the Duncan Campbell Award.

Presented this day in Wellington,
30th October 2020

Recommended for this award by Bay of Plenty Branch, RAeS NZ Division

Ian J Diamond Award - 2020

CPL Martin van Woerden L1030456 Avionics Technician

Corporal Van Woerden joined the RNZAF in 2011 as an Avionics Technician from Blue Mountain College in Tapanui. Since joining the RNZAF, Corporal Van Woerden has worked across multiple specialist areas. These have included the Computer and Electrical Bay at Avionics Squadron, RNZAF Base Auckland, as well as serving for Number 5 Squadron on the P3K2 Orion aircraft in the ranks of Aircraftmen, Leading Aircraftman and Corporal.

Corporal Van Woerden has excelled in every aspect of his career. He finished top of his class in Aeronautical Engineering at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, and then went on to graduate top of his Avionics Technicians course at RNZAF Base Woodbourne in 2014. In 2017 Corporal Van Woerden was deployed to the Middle East to support the P3K2 aircraft in its mission in the Arabian Sea, it was reported that Corporal Van Woerden’s diligent approach and knowledge of the P3K2 avionics systems contributed to the successful operational objectives of the mission.

His most recent achievement was being selected for the Degree Training Scheme to study a Bachelor of Engineering at Auckland University of Technology. He completed this degree achieving an A+ across all papers over the two-year period. As a result, Corporal Van Woerden received the Award of Academic Excellence, which is awarded to the top two students of each graduation year. Corporal Van Woerden was also awarded the Top Engineering Project in Sustainability; a prestigious award presented by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research New Zealand to the final year engineering project that makes the greatest contribution to global sustainability through the use of modern technology.

Corporal Van Woerden matches this excellence with an affable and humble nature. He is a well-liked and respected individual, who sets an incredible example for his fellow Servicemen. Corporal

Van Woerden has a high level of motivation, self-drive and competency and has the potential to succeed in whatever he puts his mind to.

Corporal Van Woerden has a strong desire to continue learning and it is said with confidence that he has the capacity and ability to achieve solid results in higher level courses of study. Corporal Van Woerden should be proud of his achievements to date, as he has demonstrated his worthiness for the Ian James Diamond Memorial Award 2019.

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Recommended for this award by GPCAPT Peter Johnson, Royal New Zealand Air Force

Meritorious Service Award - 2020

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 Gold Award is made to Rev. **Dr Richard Waugh** QSM. Richard's contribution to New Zealand civil aviation has been considerable and has had direct benefit to several aspects of the industry. He is one of New Zealand's foremost civil aviation historians undertaking extensive research and publishing of New Zealand aviation books. He initiated and led a 17-year project to erect permanent memorials honouring the 73 New Zealanders killed in early airliner accidents – and initiated the advocacy and organising work for the Erebus National Memorial project.

After leaving school and spending 5 years working in the motor industry, Richard trained for ordained ministry where he has served for the past 35 years. Since 1998, Richard has worked as Honorary Chaplain to the Honourable Company of Air Pilots (NZ Region). As the only civil aviation chaplain in New Zealand, he has conducted and organised a wide range of aviation related services and events.

In his capacity as a voluntary aviation historian Richard has researched, authored and co-authored 13 books on many aspects of New Zealand civil aviation history, nationally and internationally with New Zealand's involvement in the South West Pacific. The books provide a long-lasting record of history, written and visual – many books included photographs from private collections, many not published before – a significant contribution to New Zealand transport and social history.

Over the past 25 years Richard organised numerous major aviation public events, which included air shows, re-enactment flights, fly-in events, and airline staff reunions. All commemorating special, and remembering tragic, events that were significant to NZ aviation history. From 1994 to 2011 Richard organised and led a large voluntary project to erect permanent memorials for the 73 New Zealanders killed in nine airliner accidents around New Zealand during the pioneering airline years from the 1930s to the 1960s. Richard pastorally contacted families, raised finance, wrote newspaper articles, conducted the services and was the media spokesperson for the nine memorial projects.

More recently Richard has worked tirelessly from early 2016 to advocate for a national memorial for the 257 victims of the Erebus tragedy, which is the worst aviation accident in the Southern

Hemisphere. Richard's work was done out of pastoral concern that there was no public venue where all the victims could be displayed and respected. This work is still on-going.

Aviation is a vital industry in New Zealand and Richard Waugh continues to make a significant contribution with his extensive historical research and writing, event organising work, speaking engagements, and chaplaincy work. Richard's aviation books are recognised as reliable texts, especially on airline development in New Zealand.

For his long-time commitment and work to commemorate pioneering New Zealanders who were killed in airliner accidents, and his work with the national Erebus memorial, Richard Waugh is a worthy recipient of the Meritorious Service Gold Award for 2020.

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Recommended for this award by Alec Waugh and supported by the RAeS NZ Division

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This Meritorious Service award is made to **Rhona Fraser**. At the age of 93, Rhona is a feisty, indomitable woman, credited with starting NZAWA (New Zealand Association of Women in Aviation) formerly named New Zealand Airwomen's Association almost exactly 60 years ago.

Rhona was the prime mover in organising the inaugural meeting of NZAWA, held in April 1960 in her Wellington home. The certificate of incorporation was issued on the 7th December 1959, where Rhona was made President. Rhona spent 15 months contacting women all over New Zealand to set up the initial meeting. The first Rally was held in 1963 at Timaru and these annual events have been held all over the country since then. Rhona was appointed the Patroness of the Association in 1999, serving for 17 years. The organisation currently has over 200 members.

Rhona was the first woman to fly solo from the Wellington Aero Club, having joined in 1952 and trained in Tiger Moths. She gained her Private Pilot's Licence in 1955. At 28, she wanted to attend a commercial flying school, but was dissuaded by her father. However, on a visit to Australia in 1958, she was so impressed by the Australian Women Pilots Association it inspired her to develop a similar organisation here in New Zealand.

NZAWA provides mentoring, encouragement and scholarships to a diverse range of women from all over the country; These range from airlines through to recreational and glider pilots and includes air traffic control, meteorology and aircraft engineering careers, which is boosting the number of women involved in aviation across New Zealand.

At 93, Rhona is still a stalwart of the organisation that she started 60 years ago; she is absolutely revered, respected, and held in the highest esteem by members of the NZAWA. She is also passionate about preserving the history of the Association, to give new members more understanding of the background of the organisation and the trials and triumphs of women pilots over the years.

Since NZAWA was formed, Rhona has remained its most loyal supporter. She has never been known to miss a rally and is so interested in all the members. She has an avid interest in anything

aviation and is still attending air shows and flying events around the country. This is an extraordinary feat for this courageous and determined nonagenarian.

Rhona is held in the highest regard by the members of NZAWA and is acknowledged for starting the organisation 60 years ago and for being so supportive to so many women involved in aviation, including her continuous presence at NZAWA Rallies and events.

For her foresight, commitment, and passion for women in aviation careers throughout New Zealand, Rhona Fraser is a worthy recipient of the Meritorious Service award for 2020.

Presented this day in Wellington,
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Recommended for this award by Jill McCaw

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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 **Carlton Campbell**. Carlton is not only passionate about flying, but since becoming a pilot, has also been at the coal-face fighting for aviation principles and being an incredible support to his flying colleagues, students, community, and the aviation industry both in New Zealand and overseas.

Carlton's leadership in mountain flying began with his passion for flying amongst the contours of NZ and his commitment to providing flight training to a high level of excellence with his experience flying around Queenstown and Fiordland. Carlton developed one of the first mountain flying guides during his flying career at the Wakatipu Aero Club, which was later utilised to form one of CAA's CPL flying training prerequisites. Carlton was CFI, manager, and maintenance manager running the aero club and Air Wakatipu. Carlton developed such a strong following that people from all around the world specifically came to fly with him in the mountains outbound from Queenstown.

Although Carlton's teaching style in the cockpit could be fairly direct, it is a credit to him that virtually all his past students maintain contact and/or phone him for advice. His experience and knowledge, leadership qualities, values, and humble, honest and easy manner are part of the reputation that people respect wherever he goes.

Carlton joined the CAA in 2004 as a Training Standards Development Officer and worked with the licencing unit in the Wellington office. He is always in demand for his advice, expertise, and opinion, which he always tries to give to generously. When Carlton gained his A-Cat he undertook flight tests and in a change in role to "Aviation Safety Advisor" for South Island coverage in 2015, he returned to his home in Queenstown, his favourite flying playground.

Working alongside Rose Wood at CAA, Carlton became one of two key presenters for the AvKiwi presentations given throughout New Zealand. During the 12 plus years that Carlton fronted these safety presentations, attendance numbers have increased. He has also given considerable input into the Vector magazine, and other CAA publications.

The Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School is a favourite of Carlton's and he is a fully dedicated instructor and mentor to students. This is where dreams start to become a reality for these young

students, and Carlton is passionate about creating what can only be remembered as an unforgettable experience of learning and fun. He also enjoys the other end of the spectrum with the annual “fly-in” of the Healthy Bastards, and also “Women in Aviation” which he has been invited to attend for the last 10+ years.

During Covid-19 Carlton devoted endless telephone hours supporting industry operators who were among the worst impacted. This is a stressful time for the aviation industry and Carlton has dedicated his time to help those in need.

Everyone who meets Carlton quickly comes to know him as a good-natured, honest, dedicated, hard-working, and positive person. He has dedicated his aviation career to helping others which is why Carlton Campbell is a worthy recipient of the Meritorious Service award for 2020.

Presented this day in Wellington,
30th October 2020

Recommended for this award by David Jupp, Wellington Branch RAeS Division

Meritorious Service Award - 2020

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 **Christopher John Lamain**.

Despite being openly Avionics, Chris is a universally respected and much-loved member of the New Zealand aviation community. His 45 years of service to New Zealand aviation spanned two careers: 20 years of service with the Royal New Zealand Air Force and a further 24 years with the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand. Accounts of Chris’ work throughout both careers describe a dedicated, consummate professional with a passion for ‘getting the job done and getting it done well’. Moreover, Chris is more fondly remembered as a very capable leader, coach and mentor who was always there to support his team.

In 1974, Chris joined the RNZAF as Radio Mechanic. After completing core technical training and a New Zealand Certificate in Engineering (Telecommunications) Chris was promoted to Corporal in 1977. However, Chris technical and leadership abilities quickly enabled him to stand out from his peers and in 1980 he was commissioned as a Pilot Officer in the Engineering Branch. After successfully completing an Aero-systems Engineering Course, at Royal Air Force College Cranwell in 1981, Chris served in several leadership and engineering roles throughout the RNZAF. Most notably, in 1991 Chris was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for work on the RNZAF Skyhawk modernisation programme (Project Kahu). The award was for involvement in the design, integration, and testing phases of the update. In addition, the award recognised achievements in the quality control aspects, ensuring the prime contractor complied with the contract. After 20 years of exceptional service, Squadron Leader Chris Lamain retired from the RNZAF in 1994, yet his New Zealand aviation career had only just begun.

In 1994 Mr Chris Lamain accepted an Airworthiness Engineer role at the Civil Aviation Authority, where his work ethic, professionalism and safety-focused approach saw him tackle several CAA roles and challenges, including: Team Leader Design Certification 1998 – 2000; Manager Airline Maintenance 2000 – 2007; Manager Rules Development 2007 – 2011; Manager Surveillance

Improvement Project 2011 – 2012; Business Analyst 2012 – 2017; Senior Business Improvement Analyst 2017 – 2018; and, Senior Advisor Operations Policy & Guidance 2018 – 2019.

As a regulatory professional Chris once again forged a reputation as someone who could simply 'get stuff done'. Yet his greatest contributions to the CAA are universally recognised as his professionalism, dedication, relentless drive for aviation safety and exceptional leadership qualities. Chris was always the 'go-to' person when a technical challenge 'got hard', a guiding hand whenever anyone needed support and, above all, a respected friend and colleague for all in times of need.

It is not what we do but how we do it that makes us stand out from our peers. There is no question that Chris possesses sound technical and leadership abilities, which he has consistently applied to the betterment of aviation safety throughout his 45-year career. Yet it is his strength of character, professionalism and modesty that has left a lasting impact on all aspects of aviation safety within New Zealand.

Chris Lamain's selfless leadership and dedication to aviation safety makes him a worthy recipient of the Society's Meritorious Service Award for 2020.

Presented this day in Wellington,
30th October 2020

Recommended for this award by the Civil Aviation Authority

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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 **Roger Read**.

Roger has had a long history in aviation as an RNZAF pilot, instructor, and member of the Red Checkers Display team, followed by a long career with Air New Zealand, having just retired from the Boeing 777 fleet. He is an exemplary pilot, but it is what he does in his down time that shows an extraordinary commitment to pilots of the future. A glider pilot, Roger, in partnership with his wife Kim, is the powerhouse behind the Youth Soaring Development Camps, the soaring version of the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School. Roger was also one of the primary instigators of Youth Glide New Zealand.

It is more than 10 years since Roger started Youth Glide Canterbury, under the umbrella of the Canterbury Gliding Club, and went on to help create a national model under Gliding New Zealand (GNZ). Youth Glide is not just about gliding. YGNZ is an organisation which works to promote life skills, healthy adult interactions and to introduce young people to potential aviation careers through the sport of gliding. Roger has been a huge part of the success of Youth Glide.

The first Youth Soaring Development Camp was held in December 2010 at Omarama in the South Island and was highly successful. It has been repeated every year, with wait lists of students. In 2019 there were 26 students including two international students, supported by 24 volunteer staff comprising instructors, tow pilots, admin, catering, and cleaning. There were 358 flights during the camp, equating to over 240 hours gliding in 8 two-seater and 5 single-seater gliders.

Achievements at the 2019 camp included 6 GNZ Solo Pilot A Certificates, 6 GNZ Soaring Pilot B Certificates, 6 FAI Silver Height Gains, 2 FAI Silver Distance, 1 FAI Gold Height Gain, and numerous new type ratings, single seater ratings, intro to aerobatics, new Official Observer ratings, longest flights / highest flights / first time in wave / first time using oxygen.

Roger, supported by Kim, not only pull together the complex logistics of a camp of this size, they track down aircraft, instructors, negotiate deals for fuel, food, landing and camp fees, and the myriad of other small details needed to make the camp a success. They then go on to work tirelessly through the camp itself, with Kim in charge of the kitchen and Roger as camp CFI.

Roger is a pilot who enjoys his flying and loves to share the joy. This makes him an exceptional instructor. He passes on the high standards expected in the Air Force and commercial aviation in everything he does and sets the highest safety standards. As well as flight instructional training he gives aviation medical lectures on Hypoxia and high altitude flying, both at Omarama and to clubs on request. He has personally gained a 1000 km diploma, a feat many glider pilots never attain. He is also a NZ gliding record holder for a Gain of Height.

Many Youth Glide alumni have joined careers in aviation as pilots, engineers, and into Air Force positions. Some keep aviation as their hobby and have flown at the top level, winning National Gliding contests, and representing New Zealand at World Gliding competitions. There are many aviators out there who gained and fanned their interest in flying through Youth Glide and the Youth Soaring Development Camps.

Roger Read is a highly respect, passionate and professional aviator, which makes him a worthy recipient of the Society's Meritorious Service Award for 2020.

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Recommended for this award by Jill McCaw

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This Meritorious Service award is made to **Rose Wood**.

All attendees at Civil Aviation Authority AvKiwi Safety Seminars would have heard Rose introduce herself, "Hi, I'm Rose Wood. I'm the Team Leader of Safety Promotion and the Aviation Information Publication (AIP) Editor...if you have any concerns come and see me afterwards." Indeed, many did, because Rose always made time to listen and discuss the issues and concerns of everyone, whether at AvKiwi, Air Shows, flying competitions, or at Aviation Safety Co-ordinator courses. Any situation where safety promotion was afforded an opportunity to communicate with members of the aviation community, Rose would make sure her team, and The Director CAA, were available and interacting in the best interests of CAA and that community.

From her previous role in parliament, Rose was on first name terms with many Ministers and was never backward in coming forward to present messages she believed in, which was highly respected by those who worked with her in CAA over the last 20 years. Rose's passion for her work

and her drive to achieve objectives that were in the best interests of aviation safety, never tired. Rose did not see obstacles, just challenges to overcome.

Rose lead a team that included industry and CAA representation, which always sought to improve the product. AvKiwi was clearly the pride and joy of her inexhaustible efforts. From the early days of seconding presenters and touring the country delivering safety messages, to the recent complete packages, which enticed aviators from the warm winter home fire to a draughty hanger to engage in a professional presentation, Rose has been the consummate professional.

As a non-pilot, albeit with some lessons in her logbook, Rose was an astute and dedicated Editor of the AIP, including managing the Planning and Visual Navigation Charting process. This is a challenging role balancing the objectives of CAA, Airways, MetService, Industry, and ICAO. Her mantra was that if she could understand the AIP material, then it should be ok for pilots.

Her attention to detail resulted in many long hours approving, proof reading and checking every amendment to the AIP. This work included managing the demanding and complicated process of changing visual navigation charts from manual to digital data content and production. For Rose, compared to the safety and integrity of the product, commercial pressures were insignificant.

As Team Leader for the Safety Promotion Unit, Rose welcomed team ideas and suggestions for improvement, while overseeing production of CAA safety products with clarity and vision. She was a strong leader and team player, where in the interests of safety promotion came first.

Rose gained huge respect from colleagues and industry alike, which was evident through the enthusiastic greetings from the audience at the safety promotion displays that she has fronted. Especially how she related to people and their specific circumstances and built a trust with which people would tell their stories for use in AvKiwi presentations, knowing that Rose would handle the tale respectfully and in the best interests of pilots learning from their mistakes and lessons.

For her significant contribution to aviation safety, her commitment, personal sacrifice, energy and passion, Rose Wood is a worthy recipient of the Society's Meritorious Service Award for 2020.

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30th October 2020

Recommended for this award by the Civil Aviation Authority