

FLY BY

**May 2026 NEWSLETTER of the PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH
NEW ZEALAND DIVISION ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY**

As I saw in another newsletter, a comment by that Editor, “No sooner have I finished one newsletter and it is time to start the next.”

The April meeting saw some interesting model projects and there was great discussion around some of the issues and challenges of flying radio controlled model aircraft. Many members were unaware of just what is involved. Unfortunately, with Barry away we didn't get any photos of the evening.



Some of the new generation are very big, these were photographed at Napier in February.

Also on display at the meeting were a couple of tiny, vintage engines and Jeff Thomson's static model of an A400 Airbus.

Recently I asked for and received from NZ Division a list of the Society Members who live in this region and are members of Palmerston North Branch. This has cleared up a few long standing omissions and I welcome these people who may have been missing out on Branch news. This has been one part of efforts to update our membership list and contact details. Barry sends out a lot of newsletters, many to people who are no longer members. To **those who are no longer financial, this will be the last Flyby you will receive.** To continue, please pay your subs, as below, as soon as possible.

Barry is still overseas, travelling and has been sending back pictures and videos, thank you Barry, which we will get him to share with a meeting before long.



Bomber Command Centre

For the August Branch Meeting, I am following up on a suggestion to have a “Memorabilia and History” evening where members can share items of historical or personal memory, so keep this in mind and bring those items along.

If you have items of interest such as a coming event, that could be included in FlyBy, please send them to me. I am always on the lookout for content.

From the ‘Did You Know’ department, Stage Two of the Sir Keith Park Memorial in Thames is progressing well. Stage one was to have the replica of his Hurricane “OK-1” mounted on its stand and Stage Two is a bronze statue of the Man himself. Do have a look at the website <https://www.sirkeithparkmemorial.org.nz/>



May BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday 12th May at 7.00PM

Massey University School of Aviation

Airport Drive, Palmerston North

At this month's Branch meeting our member Warwick Jones will talk about Amberley Heritage Museum at RAAF Amberley in Queensland. The museum has quite a collection of aircraft and artefacts relevant to the RAAF and the base.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and sharing a cup afterward

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