ACMA... providing specialised mission aviation training for people who are passionate about...

- Reaching the “Unreachable”
- Serving remote communities
- Giving wings to the Gospel

Losing a friend – ACMA board member

ACMA recently lost a great friend. Rob Lithgow was an ACMA Board member and supporter. He died a few weeks ago in an aviation accident. Rob was passionate about mission aviation... growing up as a “missionary kid” in Papua New Guinea, he knew intimately the value of aviation in reaching people with the Gospel. And obstacles were never a barrier to Rob – he simply devised a way to fly over them... or around them.

We thank the Lord for Rob Lithgow. All of us at ACMA are going to miss him enormously.

But I think – to all of us – Rob would say this:

“Just imagine the thought...
Of stepping on shore – and finding it Heaven.
Of touching a hand – and finding it God’s.
Of breathing new air – and finding it celestial.
Of waking up in Glory – and finding it Home!”

Tax Deductible Giving

No doubt you’ve seen the sign too... “Your Tax Dollars At Work”. Usually placed in a conspicuous position to gain some PR credit for a political entity. But actually – tax deductible giving enables your tax dollars to work effectively in building God’s Kingdom.

Tax deductible gifts can be directed towards mission aviation training at ACMA via the Annabel Charitable Foundation. Details are on the Donations Form attached to this publication.

Thankyou for making the ministry of ACMA possible!

Bruce Searle
CEO ACMA
A Gift – and an opportunity!

A supporter of ACMA’s ministry has donated this Piper Tomahawk aircraft to ACMA. The aircraft is in basically good condition, but is in need of some maintenance and refurbishment. This project provides a great training opportunity and, once completed, a source of funds to channel into mission aviation training. As soon as funds are available, the maintenance will commence at ACMA’s Coldstream facility.

FUNDS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT: $25,000

Please mark gifts Tomahawk Project.

Mobile Simulator for ACMA

We praise the Lord for a significant donation which has enabled us to place an order for a second Redbird Flight Simulator.

But this second machine is different. It is to be installed in an air-conditioned trailer, and will be used in a new mobile flight training program targeting students in Years 10-12 in Christian schools.

The greatest need in mission aviation right now is for trained people. That’s precisely why ACMA was established in the first place. And the fact is this – 85% of recruits for mission aviation have historically come from Christian schools! It’s not difficult to make the connection. ACMA is now developing a training program where students in these schools can undertake flight training and receive credit towards their VET and VCE courses.
Congratulations
...to these students who have recently attained their Commercial Pilots Licences at ACMA.

Marcus Grey (Chief Flying Instructor at ACMA) and his wife Julie (Flight Administration Officer) recently revisited PNG where they had previously ministered for a number of years with MAF. Here is their report:

“We had the opportunity to go back to PNG recently – it had been 17 years since Julie had been back!

Marcus was asked to relieve Rick – the Flight Instructor of the MAF Aviation Training Centre in Mt Hagen – while he went on furlough. Two years ago Marcus had helped Rick get the ATC going again, after it had been in recess for quite a while.

The Aviation Training Centre currently has 4 national students – 2 guys and 2 girls – who are at the beginning of their training. So keeping the momentum going with flight lessons and theory classes was important for the students’ development and confidence.

They are being sponsored by different organisations, including an oil exploration company and the Southern Highlands Provincial Government, and have come to MAF as it operates the only flight training facility in the country. A recent graduate who is in the process of applying to MAF was also able to fly with Marcus, adding to his experience.

While we were there, all of the MAF Base Managers from around the country came to Mt Hagen for a course, and Julie was able to help with shopping and catering for the week.

Apart from meeting up with old and new friends, another highlight was attending a Church Dedication Service for five newly graduated Pastors and their wives. What a privilege to be able to pray for these men and women as they take up their new positions of ministry in the Mt Hagen area.

We were overwhelmed with the need to uphold the MAF families of PNG in prayer, and assist where we can. They are desperately short-staffed, and under many pressures as they serve the PNG communities. The words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8 came to mind: “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair”.

Having recently seen again the needs close up, we are encouraged to continue training men and women to become Mission Aviators in God’s service.”

2013 Camp will be better than ever!

With one month to go, ACMA’s annual Mission Aviation Camp is fast approaching. Enquiries for the 2013 camp began arriving before we even advertised, and applications soon came flying in. We are so excited to have campers coming this year from New Zealand, Fiji and a young man presently at school in India, along with others from ACT, Queensland, NSW, WA and Country Victoria as well as local Melburnians.

The message about Camp is spreading; that Camp is an incredible opportunity for young people to participate in five fun, activity-packed days of exposure to the world of mission aviation, along with times to hear from God through testimony, movies, devotions and worship.

Each new camp gives occasion to adapt the programme and improve the experience.

This year is better than ever. The theme is GPS – God Plans and Supplies. Students and staff will share their experiences of the way God calls, equips, uses and inspires. We endeavour to send the young people home with a greater awareness of the incredible value of aviation in a world that needs to know and experience Jesus’ love. And just maybe to encourage someone to consider mission and/or aviation as part of their future plans. It has happened before.

It’s our prayer that God will be at work through this camp in the lives of the young people who come – encouraging and enthusing them, teaching and empowering them to walk faithfully in the path God has for them.

See advertisement on the back page. Bookings still available.
Funding Opportunities at ACMA

As you can imagine, aviation training demands continual upgrading of facilities in order to provide effective and efficient training. Additionally, the facilities at ACMA need expansion to cope with growth.

YOU CAN HELP US! The following projects are needing funding. All of these are in addition to ACMA’s annual operating budget...

### Praise Points

Praise the Lord with us for:

- Provision of funding for a mobile flight simulator for use in flight training in Christian schools.
- Provision of funding for two drill presses and lathes for the Engineering workshop.
- Enrolments for the Mission Aviation Camp.
- Flight students achieving significant milestones in their training.

### Prayer Points

Please pray for:

- Clear direction for the ACMA Board as they determine the shape of training for the future.
- The ACMA Camp.
- Provision of donations required for 2013.
- Enrolment of new students with a passion for Mission Aviation.

### Essential Tooling for Aircraft Maintenance

- **Cost:** $25,000

### Drill Press

- **Cost:** 2 x $650

### Air Compressor

- **Cost:** $8,000

### Lathes

- **Cost:** 2 x $5,500

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**Looking for a Challenge?**

**Australian Centre for Mission Aviation Camp**

1-5 July 2013

Coldstream Airport, p/o Killara Rd. Coldstream. Cost $395 — includes accommodation, meals, familiarisation flight, excursions, and all activities. Camp can be a work experience option.

**Ph:** (03) 9739 0612  
**Email:** camps@acma.vic.edu.au  
**Website:** [www.acma.vic.edu.au](http://www.acma.vic.edu.au)

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**Opportunity for Volunteer Administration Officer**

Contact ACMA – P: (03) 9739 0612  E: jennifer@acma.vic.edu.au

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**Donations required for 2013**

Please pray with us for the Lord’s continued provision.

- **$0**
- **$20,000**
- **$50,000**
- **$80,000**
- **$100,000**
- **$118,000**

**Donations received for 2013**

- **$0**
- **$22,473**

**Project Funding**

You can help us with the above projects.

- **$0**
- **$10,000**
- **$20,000**
- **$30,000**
- **$43,000**

ACMA Affiliated Organisations

- MAF
- JAARS
- Air
- Wycliffe
- AvServe
- Ranges

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For more information on:

- How you can be a partner with us in the Mission Aviation Course.
- How you can support Mission Aviation Training through bequests.
- How you can support Mission Aviation Trainees.

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- How you can train for Mission Aviation...

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