The times they are a-changin’

Bob Dylan wrote that song back in 1964... but the change continues.

And it continues for ACMA just as it does for other organisations and all of us as individuals. As we move into 2015, there are some significant – exciting – changes afoot at ACMA:

**Changing Structures**

- From the beginning of 2015, ACMA is taking over responsibility for the Flight Training program at Coldstream which for the last 20 years has been conducted by MAF. This coincides with the decision made by MAF to move its flight centre to Mareeba in far north Queensland.  
ACMA’s new Flight Training program will continue to provide training for the Cert IV in Aviation, which includes the Commercial Pilot Licence and Single Engine Instrument Rating. Training will be provided by two of the current Instructors – Bruce Searle (as Head of Flight Operations) and Paul Denness.

Full details of the Flight Training program can be seen at: http://www.acma.vic.edu.au/Courses/FlightTraining

- The management structure of ACMA is also changing from the beginning of 2015. The functions previously carried out by the CEO will now be taken over by a Management Team consisting of two members of the ACMA Board and each of the departmental heads (Flight, Engineering, Finance, and Recruitment).

- ACMA will also take over the responsibility and management of AvServe (the commercial aircraft maintenance organisation which operates within the ACMA facility). Maintenance will still be conducted under AvServe as a trading name.

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We have space for 3 students to commence on January 27 and another 3 for our second intake commencing July 15.  
Part time positions also available.

**MISSION AVIATION...**  
Bringing the hope, life and love of Jesus to the unreached, disadvantaged and hurting.
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Changing Personnel
Joining the ACMA Team…

Andrew Letcher is the new Chairman of the ACMA Board. He trained as an aircraft engineer and spent eleven years working for a range of aviation companies, including SIL Aviation in PNG. He also spent a year teaching engineering students at ACMA. Andrew has just concluded a five-year term as the CEO of Bethel Funerals. In addition to his significant relevant aviation qualifications and experience, Andrew has a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Management degree.

Ken Provis has joined the ACMA Team as our Mission Aviation Mobiliser. His primary roles are to raise awareness among Christian young people in Australia about the exciting and challenging ministries in mission aviation, and present to them the great opportunities for training at ACMA. Ken comes with wide experience as a teacher, the majority of which has been in senior positions in Christian schools in Victoria.

Leaving the ACMA Team…
We are constantly amazed and humbled by the people the Lord brings to the ACMA Team. At the end of this year, a number of our Team are moving on to new ministries and opportunities. We are deeply thankful for the wonderful service that each of these people has given in their time with us.

Marcus & Julie Grey are moving to new responsibilities in MAF’s facility in Mareeba, Far North Queensland. Their ministry at ACMA – Marcus as Chief Flying Instructor, and Julie as Administration Officer of the Flight Training Centre – has spanned 19 years.

Tim & Carol Derbyshire came to ACMA on secondment from MAF UK in Tanzania 5 years ago. Tim has been an Engineering Instructor, and Carol has been Manager of Academic Administration and Co-ordinator of the ACMA mid year camps.

Ken Baerg has been a member of the Engineering Team for 8 years, having come from MAF Canada via The Flying Mission in Botswana. The next step for Ken is home assignment during 2015 in Canada.

While many things are changing, one thing has not – ACMA’S MISSION HAS NOT CHANGED.

Training is our mission… mission is our passion

ACMA’s role continues – to provide specifically targeted, high quality mission aviation training that is more cost effective than typically available in the normal commercial aviation environment. Our training programs include Flight Training, Engineering Training, and Bible/Mission Training.

The training pathways are illustrated on the last page of this publication.

AND… a final word from me in my capacity as the ACMA CEO.

20 years ago, Delyse and I moved from Canberra to Lilydale to establish the mission aviation course. It has been an exciting journey, experiencing God’s hand upon the development of ACMA from a department of Bible College of Victoria to what has become the Australian Centre for Mission Aviation. It has included periods of great rejoicing as well as serious battles and learning to walk by faith on a knife edge. We have been privileged to be able to impact over 200 students from 21 different countries, over 90% of whom have served or are serving in mission aviation.

As we transition to the next phase, the words of Andre Crouch’s song come to mind:

“I thank God for the mountains
And I thank Him for the valleys
I thank Him for the things
He’s brought me through,
For if I’d never had a problem
I wouldn’t know that He can solve them
I’d never know what faith in God can do.

Through it all – through it all –
I’ve learned to trust in Jesus
I’ve learned to trust in God…

Through it all, I’ve learned to depend upon His Word”

Thank you so much to all of you who have made – and continue to make – the ministry of ACMA possible. Your prayers and financial support have been pivotal in enabling all of us to do that for which we have been called – to give wings to the Gospel.

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Out of the nest!

Some years ago, ACMA was blessed by a donor in the USA who provided funds for the purchase of materials and components for the construction of an RV7 – one of the most popular light aircraft in the world today. Over the years, a number of ACMA Staff and Engineering students have been involved in building this magnificent aircraft, including particularly Neal Semanision who came from Philadelphia to assist (Neal is now serving with MAF in PNG).

The aircraft is now in the process of completing its test flying phase, and will be sold early in the new year to enable other suitable training projects to proceed.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR PEOPLE OF VISION WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MISSION AVIATION TRAINING.

Pray for ACMA’s two Aircraft Engineering Apprentices

Aidan Crossley

Phillip Castelijn

Having the opportunity to work/study at ACMA is an incredible privilege – it is a great environment to be in.

The Staff are really encouraging both in my walk with Christ and with my long term goal of becoming a mission aviation aircraft maintenance engineer.

I thank God every day for his amazing plan in bringing me to ACMA... it is the place where I can serve God and fulfil my lifelong dream of working on aircraft in an uplifting workplace.

“We are up to our eyeballs in it!” were the Chief Engineer’s words a few short weeks into my apprenticeship. God has been blessing us with a huge, almost overwhelming, amount of work that has really kick started my training... wings off, engines out, flight control cables changed, landing gear rebuilt, mysterious electrical issues solved and the unending battle against corrosion are just a few of the things that we have been getting up to. I really praise the Lord for enabling me to come to ACMA and learn heaps from the ACMA Staff (so much more than just fixing aeroplanes!)
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...

**URGENT**

**Essential Tooling for Aircraft Maintenance**

- **Cost:** $25,000

**Air Compressor**

- **Cost:** $8,000

**Lathe**

- **Cost:** $5,500

**Refurbishment of Tomahawk Aircraft**

- **Cost:** $25,000

ACMA’s Pathways to Mission Aviation

**Recruitment of Future Apprentices/Student Pilots**

**ENGINEERING Apprenticeship**

- Goal: A pipeline that produces 3 to 4 Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers per year for Mission.

**FLIGHT TRAINING**

ACMA Flying School at Coldstream

- 1 Year CPL and Instrument Rating course Total 200 flying hours. Conducted as accredited Cert. IV in Aviation.
- Goal: A minimum of 6 Pilots per year trained for Mission Aviation.

**ACMA (AVSERVE)**

- Commercial aircraft maintenance.
- Primary Purpose: to train apprentices.
- Secondary Purpose: to generate revenue to facilitate mission aviation training.
- Goal: Train and mentor 1 or 2 apprentices at a time.

**BIBLE/MISSION TRAINING AND MENTORING**

- Cert. IV in Christian Ministry & Theology (ACOM). Completed separately or concurrently with Flight Training or Apprenticeship. PLUS One-on-one mentoring for spiritual growth and development.

Application to, and service with, Mission Organisations.

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...

Contact Delyse Searle

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