ACMA – The Next Step

The ACMA Board is continuing its extensive consideration of the challenges facing ACMA in its strategic role in mission aviation training.

Despite what you may have heard on the infamous grapevine, ACMA is not relocating.

The essence of the Board’s consideration about ACMA’s shape for the future centres around two primary issues:

1. the fact that the need for pilots and engineers in mission aviation is even more critical now than it was when ACMA was originally founded 18 years ago

2. a desire to seriously look at re-creating ACMA’s original mission as “Australia’s one-stop-shop for mission aviation training”.

The intention in this ongoing analysis is simple – to establish the feasibility of having a comprehensive accredited training program available, under ACMA’s direct control, so that a person who is called to a ministry in mission aviation will be able to come to ACMA’s Coldstream facility and receive all of the required training in one place.

With this in mind, a full scale analysis is being undertaken to determine how this may best be achieved.

There is no doubt that the process is complex. At a minimum, it would involve ACMA gaining approvals from a number of different regulatory authorities, including approval by ASQA (Australian Skills Quality Authority) as a Registered Training Organisation to deliver a number of different courses, and CASA approval to deliver aircraft engineering training as an Approved Maintenance Training Organisation.

The process will also be expensive, for two reasons.

• First – it is expected that the preparation of the various submissions including the payment of application fees will be in the order of $35,000.

• Second – indications are that the approval process is likely to take up to 18 months. During this time, ACMA will not be able to enrol any engineering students, and will therefore not receive any income from engineering student tuition fees during that time. But ACMA’s overhead costs will continue.

The next step for us, then, is a step of faith, with a dependence on the Lord for His wisdom and provision.

It is our fervent desire that we will be able to provide more detailed information in the next Praise & Prayer Update.

In the meantime, we would greatly value your continued support and partnership in prayer as we continue to seek the Lord during this next phase.

Bruce Searle
CEO, ACMA
Where can you...

- Build and fly model aeroplanes, powered by an elastic band?
- Chat with helicopter pilots at the Police Air Wing near Melbourne, see helicopters take off and land, and sit in the cockpit?
- Fly in a mission aviation Cessna over the Yarra Valley doing 2 G turns?
- Visit the RAAF Museum at Point Cook and talk to a retired RAAF pilot after his air display in a CT4 military trainer?
- Take the flight controls of one of ACMA’s 2-seat training aircraft for the first time in a Trial Instructional Flight?
- Hear great stories from inspirational people about the work of God in their lives?
- Meet new friends who share a love of aviation?
- Eat marshmallows while chatting round a blazing campfire. Enjoy lots of great food. Play great games?

Where can you do all this? At ACMA Aviation Camp, that’s where.

Nineteen young people came to Coldstream for a ‘fun, entertaining, interactive, informative, inspiring and eye-opening’ 5 days in July to attend the Mission Aviation Camp 2013. The campers were especially impacted by the amazing leaders (present students and staff) described by one person as a ‘life-changing group of people’.

The eventual impact of these camps on young lives is unknown. However, the campers’ final comments give some idea...

“The camp was really fun and entertaining. I have learnt a lot about mission aviation, the Bible and God.”

“Eye-opening. Seriously considering my future options and choices.”

“Very well run, friendly staff, good food, confirmed my career choice of Aviation.”

“Awesome week. Coming back next year.”

And this comment from a mum after her son returned home...

“We are so thankful for the hospitality, care, support, Christian encouragement and of course, the time with planes. He hasn’t stopped talking about it since he arrived home – it must have been amazing!”

...makes us realise again how significant these camps are in impacting young lives today and helping them make important decisions about tomorrow.

Thank you for praying!
An opportunity for you to have an impact on the ministry of ACMA... through PRAYER

Time & Date: 7.30pm – 1st Thursday of each month (starting Thursday 3 October)
Hosted by: Jim & Ruth Charlesworth at 32 Melissa Street Donvale

Did you know that…
In MAF’s operation in Arnhem Land…
• 61% of the Pilots (including the Chief Pilot) are ACMA graduates
• 83% of the Engineers (including the Chief Engineer) are ACMA graduates
• One of the senior managers trained at ACMA

In MAF’s operation in Papua New Guinea…
• 7 of the MAF Pilots received their training at ACMA
• 2 of the Engineers are ACMA graduates

In other theatres of operation…
• The MAF Pilot in East Timor trained at ACMA
• 5 ACMA grads are serving with SIL Aviation in PNG
• ACMA graduates are also ministering in Africa, Alaska, Indonesia, West Papua and all over Australia.

Thank you for helping to make that possible!

The greatest need for mission aviation is… TRAINED PERSONNEL

THE NEEDS RIGHT NOW…
• JAARS – 6 Pilots, 15 Aircraft Engineers.
• MAF – 25 Pilots, 10 Aircraft Engineers
• NTM (New Tribes Mission) Aviation – 5 Pilot/Engineers, 3 Aircraft Engineers

IN THE FUTURE…
• JAARS – 45 Pilots, 45 Engineers in the next 10 years.
• MAF – 20 Aircraft Engineers in the next 10 years
• NTMA – 54 personnel in the next 5 years

SIL Aircraft arrives at ACMA for Assembly

This Cessna 182 aircraft has just arrived at ACMA’s Coldstream facility from USA for assembly by the ACMA Engineering Team. The aircraft will be used to facilitate SIL’s Bible translation ministry in the Northern Territory.
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:
- God’s promise to provide – wisdom to those who ask
- the resources necessary to achieve His purposes
- An effective Mission Aviation Camp and the impact it had on young lives.

Prayer Points

Please pray:
- That the significant resources required to establish ACMA on the Road Ahead will be made available at the right time. Please pray particularly for financial provision and the provision of suitable qualified personnel.

Donations

required for 2013

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

- $18,000
- $100,000
- $80,000
- $60,000
- $50,000
- $20,000

Donations required to establish ACMA as an RTO

- $95,000
- $80,000
- $70,000
- $60,000
- $50,000
- $40,000
- $30,000
- $20,000

Project Funding

You can help us with the above projects.

- $88,500
- $80,000
- $70,000
- $60,000
- $50,000
- $40,000
- $30,000
- $20,000

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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