

New Zealand's Agricultural Aviation Industry gathers at Dunedin Town Hall 17-20 June 2013

In the largest gathering of the agricultural aviation community ever in the recent history of the agricultural aviation sector with over 150 trade delegates, exhibitors and sponsors gather in Dunedin over the period 17-20 June

Key note speakers are :

- Professor Jacqueline Rowarth, inaugural Professor of Agribusiness, University of Waikato and Landcorp's 2010 communicator of the year
- Andrew Morrison an Otago Farmer on aviation and Hill country Farming
- Rob Davidson discuss the future of on farm agri economics
- Gordon Anderson - inadvertent human error
- Graeme Harris Director of Civil Aviation presents and discusses the recently completed Agricultural Aviation sector risk profile
- Angela Beazer of AMC Legal services on the responsibilities of Directors with high reliability and integrity sectors

Our aspiration is to ensure agricultural aviation in this country contributes its fair share of the growth objective set for the industry of achieve a \$16bn industry by \$2016. To do this the target for the ag sector is to grow its revenue contribution by 9% per annum, a stretch but achievable target.

This however must be achieved in a high safety environment. Risk profiling is the next step along a pathway which has seen a substantial decline in the accident rate in the sector to now be recording consistently near zero in terms of fatality rates. This is both a testament to the people who work in the sector and those who regulate it. To remain passive is not an option and at this years conference delegates will determine their next steps.

For more information go to aia.org.nz for conference programme.

Speakers bio's attached.

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Professor Jacqueline Rowarth



Jacqueline is the inaugural Professor of Agribusiness at University of Waikato. She is on the Board of trustees for AGMARDT and the Kathleen Spragg Agricultural Trust. She is President of the New Zealand Grassland Association, a member of the national Science Challenges Peak Panel and is a judge for the National Farm Environment Awards Ambassador. She writes weekly columns for National Business Review, and regularly for Rural News, the Waikato Times and North King Country Farmer. She speaks to industry, society and school groups whenever invited, and also teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Andrew Morrison Southland / Otago Sheep, Beef and Deer Farmer



Federated Farmers Southland Meat and Fibre Chairman. This is a good conjugate to involvement of many industry issues. Currently involved with Environment Southland in its Land and Water 20/20 project. This is a working group involved in water quality issues in Southland and advising going forth into the nutrient management / load limit allocation discussions. Director on Ballance Agri Nutrients ; Ovis Management Ltd ; Lincoln College Farms Committee member

Rob Davidson



Rob started his career working on farms for 5 years prior his tertiary education. Since graduation Rob has 39 years of experience working in agricultural economics, policy and micro [farm] economics, forecasting farm sector output that includes meat slaughter numbers and production, farm management, farm survey and analysis, public speaking and project result presentation.

Gordon Anderson



Gordon is a professional engineer with an operational background. His experience spans manufacturing, marine engineering (sea-going), & public safety controls, working as both an operator and certifier of dangerous plant. More recently, Gordon has worked as a senior health and safety auditor for several international certification bodies and for the ACC as well as a safety consultant. Gordon noticed that many companies who had very well established safety management systems still had a residual level of human error type accidents decided to try and make a difference in this regard. He now specialises in human error reduction techniques aimed at addressing this issue.

Graeme Harris



Following a first career in the Royal New Zealand Air Force as an Engineering Officer Graeme moved into the power industry working for companies such as Alstrom and Transpower. The pull of aviation

eventually saw him move to the Civil Aviation Authority for a short time in 1998 and where he became the Team Leader Airline Surveillance before moving to Mount Cook Airline in 2000 as part of the Airline's management team.

In 2004 Graeme returned to the Civil Aviation Authority as General Manager Personnel Licensing and Aviation Services. More recently Graeme has had the role of Chief Operating Officer; has acted as Deputy Director, and since April 2011 has managed the Authority's Change Programme. He became the Authority's Chief Executive in May 2012.

Angela Beazer



is a Barrister and Solicitor, and director of AMC Legal Services Limited. Angela advises and represents a wide range of aviation industry participants in New Zealand and the Cook Islands on all aspects of their involvement within the civil aviation system.

Angela has over seven years of experience in New Zealand and international civil aviation law, including as former Senior Solicitor with the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority from 2006 – 2010. She writes a monthly legal column on aviation issues in the *NZ Aviation News*. She will be speaking on the responsibilities of Directors particularly in the context of the silent partner which has taken on new significance with the recent actions of Maritime New Zealand to initiate a prosecution against a surviving partner. Angela will also contribute to the discussion on potential changes to the Civil Aviation Act.