



# Corporate Profile: An Introduction

*Since 1980,  
Serving regional aviation, and through it,  
the people and businesses of regional Australia*

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# RAAA

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) was formed in 1980 to support its members by working with Government, the regulatory authorities and the Community. The RAAA Charter is to promote the maintenance of a safe and viable regional aviation industry.

Over 4 million Australians rely on regional aviation services. Without these services the social and economic wellbeing of regional and remote communities and many regional industries would be at risk.

The RAAA has 35 Ordinary Members (AOC holders) and 70 Associate/Affiliate Members. The AOC members directly employ over 2,500 Australians, many in regional areas. On an annual basis RAAA members jointly turnover more than \$1.5 billion, carry well in excess of 2 million passengers and move over 23 million kilograms of freight.

RAAA members operate in all States and Territories and include airlines, freight operators, airports, engine and airframe manufacturers, flight training companies including Universities, finance and insurance companies and government entities.

Many of the RAAA members operate successful and growing businesses providing employment and economic sustainability within regional areas. A full list of members with profiles highlighting their operations is available on our website - [www.raaa.com.au](http://www.raaa.com.au).

The RAAA argues strongly that regional aviation is a vital part of Australia's national infrastructure and aviation policy should be developed alongside policies supporting national quality education, health, telecommunications and rail/road/ port systems.

RAAA members are keen to partner with government to ensure that regional communities have access to cost effective and efficient aviation services to reinforce the economic and social development of these communities.

The RAAA supports the growth of a healthy market-based regional aviation industry. It is argued though that a market based only approach will not deliver a minimum standard of aviation services and infrastructure to a significant proportion of Australia's dispersed regional and remote communities. In these instances a partnership between government and regional aviation should be developed to ensure that a range of minimum services are delivered.

One of the ways the RAAA actively pursues these aims is by participating in government and regulatory authority policy formulation to ensure members gain input into policies and decisions which may affect the flying, maintenance and commercial operations of their business.

**Only by industry, Government at all levels, and the community working together will the continuing decline in regional aviation services be reversed. This should subsequently assist regional and remote communities to prosper.**

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# RAAA Objective

The RAAA's Objective is to support its members to promote the maintenance of a safe and viable regional aviation industry. To meet this goal the RAAA:

- 1 Represents and communicates on behalf of the regional aviation industry and its members to government at the Federal, State and local levels and their agencies;
- 2 Contributes to government and regulatory authority policy processes and formulation to enable its members to have input into policies and decisions that may affect their businesses;
- 3 Promotes and maintains a high public profile in the community so that regional aviation gains greater recognition by the community for the valuable role it plays in regional and remote Australia with particular emphasis on informing the public on issues relating to operational safety, operational efficiency, financial viability and dedication to serving regional and remote parts of Australia;
- 4 Initiates, manages and participates in events that promote and support aviation or that provides exposure for regional aviation in Australia;
- 5 Facilitates assembly, dissemination and exchange of technical and other relevant information to RAAA members; and
- 6 Provides a forum for formal and informal professional development and information sharing.

**The RAAA provides wide representation for the regional aviation industry by direct lobbying of Ministers and senior officials, through parliamentary submissions, personal contact and by ongoing active participation in a number of consultative forums.**

# RAAA Administration

The RAAA is managed by a Board elected by Ordinary and Associate Members each year at the Annual General Meeting. Under the Constitution, the Board consists of:

- A. a simple majority of Ordinary Members, and
- B. a minimum of two Associate Members.

The Board appoints a CEO/Company Secretary to administer the day to day operations of the Association. This position is currently held by Mr. Mike Higgins.

## Member Categories

The RAAA is the only organisation representing **all sectors** associated with regional aviation in Australia. This includes airlines, charter operators, aeromedical operations, airfreight operators, flying schools, airports, maintenance organisations, training organisations, engine and airframe manufacturers, insurers and financiers.

Under the RAAA Constitution membership of the Association is broken into the following categories:

- 1 **Ordinary Membership** is open to all organisations that hold an Air Operators Certificate (AOC);
- 2 **Associate Membership** is open to all organisations, other than AOC holders, with demonstrated involvement in the regional aviation industry;
- 3 **Affiliate Membership** is open to all organisations, other than AOC holders and Associate Members, who nevertheless participate on a continuing basis directly or indirectly in or with the Australian aviation industry (whether they participate at the regional level or at a different level) and who in the opinion of the Board will contribute to the goals of the Association;
- 4 **Honorary Members are** Individuals who are nominated for Honorary Membership of the RAAA by the Members at a General Meeting of the Association. Under the RAAA Constitution, there can only be a maximum of seven Honorary Members at any time.

**To become a member simply complete the application form, or go to our website - [www.raaa.com.au](http://www.raaa.com.au) - and complete the online form. Under the RAAA Constitution all applications for membership must be approved by the RAAA Board.**

# Benefits of Joining

The RAAA has proven to be a very effective voice of and advocate for regional aviation. Membership of the RAAA not only allows members to utilise the Association in this way, but it also provides the vehicle for substantial networking and exchange of information with industry colleagues.

Being a member of an industry association such as the RAAA is an indication to others that you take your industry, and by extension your profession, seriously. It says you:

- 1 care about the future of your industry
- 2 value continuing professional development
- 3 are actively involved in issues affecting the industry.

Other benefits include:

- 4 Advocacy on behalf of members on national and local aviation issues
  - 5 Ability to provide input into joint submissions (input is confidential and always de-identified to provide you the opportunity to comment anonymously)
  - 6 Attend regular Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings to discuss issues affecting our industry. These meetings generally incorporate a dinner to give members and their guests a chance to network in a less formal environment
  - 7 Contribute/participate on government/industry working groups as an industry expert
  - 8 Receive regular industry updates and invitations to comment on a wide range of issues, and are encouraged to participate fully in the Association's activities. We are strongly committed to ensuring relevance of information for all categories of Members so to add value to their membership of the Association.
  - 9 Additional exposure to other members through inclusion in the Members Directory, RAAA Newsletter and the RAAA web site.
- 10 RAAA Membership provides the following convention benefits:
- » Discount Registration Fees for the RAAA Convention;
  - » Discount on Trade Site Hire for the RAAA Convention;
  - » Priority placement of limited spaces at the Convention Trade Exhibition

**The RAAA provides upon request, and generally at no cost to the member, an advocacy service whereby it acts on behalf of a member in relation to regulations generally or specific operational matters.**

# The Regional Aviation Association of Australia Ltd

A.C.N. 008 568 054 A.B.N. 23 008 568 054



## Membership Application *(Effective from 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019)*

Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Director(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ABN/ACN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Fees (incl. GST)

Please indicate which level your organisation will be paying:

#### Ordinary Membership (AOC Holders):

Turnover up to \$1m, or not for profit:	\$1,688
Turnover \$1m to \$5m	\$4,223
Turnover \$5m to \$10m	\$7,120
Turnover \$10m to \$20m	\$8,772
Turnover over \$20m	\$10,445

#### Associate Membership (Industry Suppliers):

Turnover up to \$1m, or not for profit:	\$1,688
Turnover over \$1m	\$4,162

#### Affiliate Membership:

(Organisations not AOC Holder or Industry Supplier)

\$2,170

### Payment Options

There are three options available for payment, please indicate your preferred option (you can change your option next time you renew your membership)

- Annual** (single one off payment per year, pro-rated from the date of acceptance)
- Quarterly** (payable every quarter, pro-rated from the date of acceptance)
- Monthly** (direct debit only)

Email address for invoicing: \_\_\_\_\_

We understand that on acceptance of our application by the Board of Directors and subsequent payment of fees due, we will be provided with a copy of the Association's Constitution, newsletters, and minutes normally distributed to members and be welcome to attend all Association Member's meetings as arranged by the CEO and Board of Directors.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please return (email preferred) to RAAA :  
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