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RAAA, AMDA to partner on RAAA National Convention

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) National Convention will return in 2024 after a five-year hiatus, as a three-day Gold Coast event delivered in collaboration with Australian International Airshow organiser AMDA Foundation.

The 2024 RAAA Convention, the first since 2019, will be held 19-21 March at the RACV Royal Pines Resort, Benowa. It is expected to attract 300-500 delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Island Nations and Southeast Asia.

The conference content will explore critical issues affecting aviation in the region, including workforce skilling, emerging technologies, maintenance, Towards Net Zero, and advances in training tools and methods.

Under an agreement signed this week AMDA Foundation will assume overall management for the event, freeing the RAAA to focus on conference content and delegate engagement.

RAAA Chief Executive Officer Steve Campbell said the collaboration would deliver a much-needed national platform for engagement, at a time of great change in the industry.

"AMDA Foundation and RAAA share a common interest in the development, sustainment, and promotion of civil aviation in Australia," Mr Campbell said.

"The relationship between our two organisations has already produced several successful regional events since COVID, but the industry is lacking a national event that brings regional communities together for broader discourse and networking opportunities.

"AMDA's expertise in event management makes it the ideal partner with the RAAA, whose broad depth of membership will ensure the quality of content and delegates is exceptional."

Under the agreement the RAAA Convention will become a biennial event, held in alternate years to the Australian International Airshow & Aerospace and Defence Exposition (Avalon).

AMDA Foundation CEO Justin Giddings said the Foundation was pleased to support one of Australia's most critical aviation sectors, through the RAAA.

"AMDA's mission is to promote development of aviation and the aviation industry," he said.

"By assuming management of the RAAA Convention we will work with the RAAA to further develop the event as a hub for debate, networking and engagement on issues affecting regional aviation, in the national interest.

"The RAAA has always been a great advocate for its members and the industry. This agreement will free RAAA resources to focus on those core goals."

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About the Regional Aviation Association of Australia

The Regional Aviation Association of Australia (RAAA) is a not-for-profit organisation formed to protect, represent and promote the combined interests of its regional aviation organisations across Australia.

The RAAA has approximately 100 members, who directly employ over 10,000 people, many in regional areas. On an annual basis, the RAAA's AOC members jointly turnover more than \$1.5b, carry well in excess of two million passengers and move over 23 million kilograms of freight.

The Association supports its members by working with Government, the regulatory authority, and the community, to promote the maintenance of a safe and viable regional aviation industry.

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It achieves these goals by delivering Australia's most prominent and respected world-class biennial industry expositions as platforms for interaction between industry, defence, government and academia.

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