



VATSIM OCEANIA REGION REPORT

Q3 2016

Executive Summary

Both divisions have shown steady membership growth. VATPAC is continuing to develop with ongoing staff changes and some promising IT developments on the horizon.

Operational activity continues to grow, albeit slowly.

Events are continuing to develop and WorldFlight, the major event of the year, is now nearly upon us with planning well under way.

Administrative Report

1.0 Staffing

There have been no changes in the staffing of the region. There have been some changes at a Divisional level, which are detailed in the attached Divisional reports.

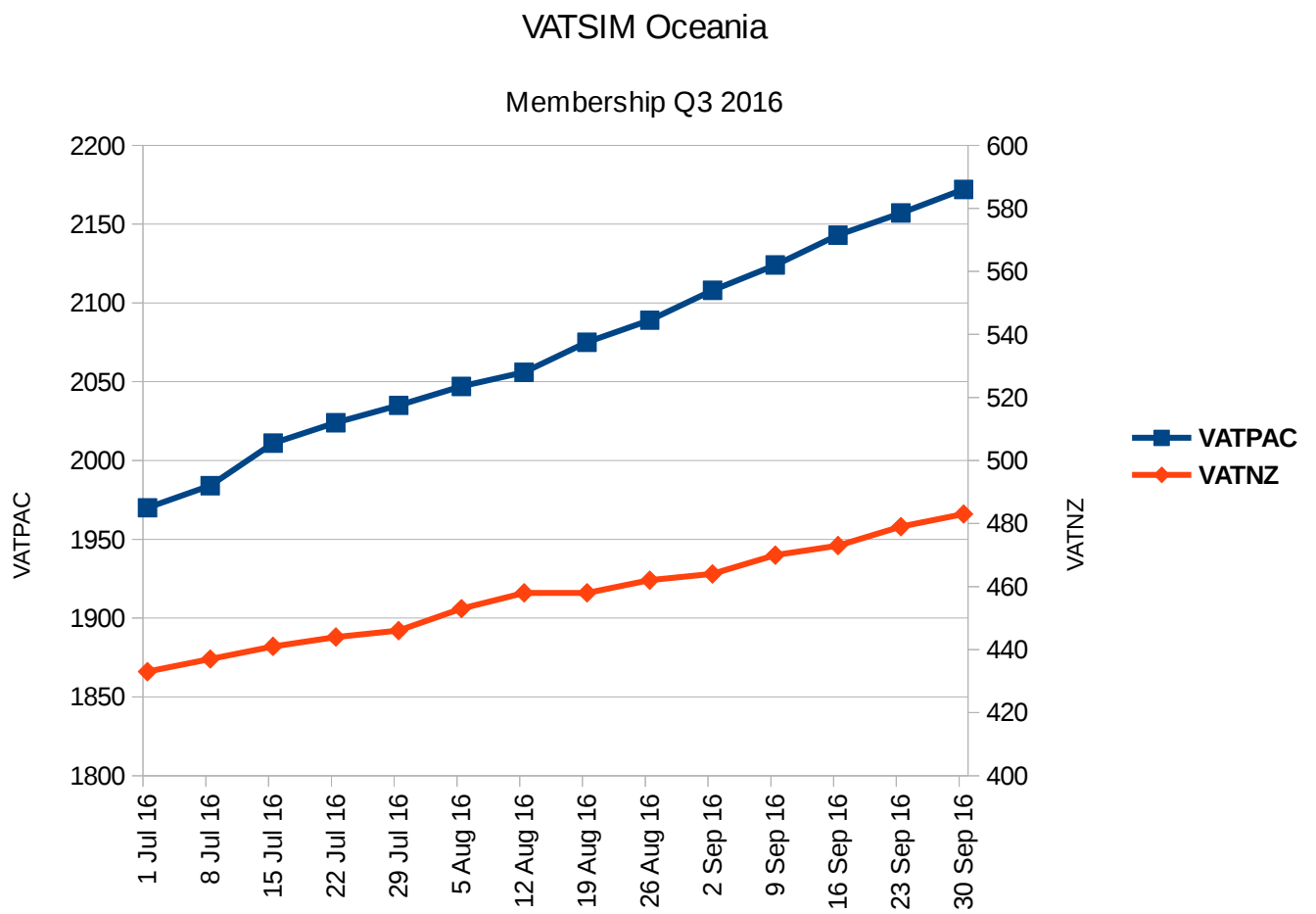
2.0 Technical

VATPAC have continued changes and further development of their new website. VATNZ have some further changes to their ATC Training system, which are under ongoing development.

3.0 Membership

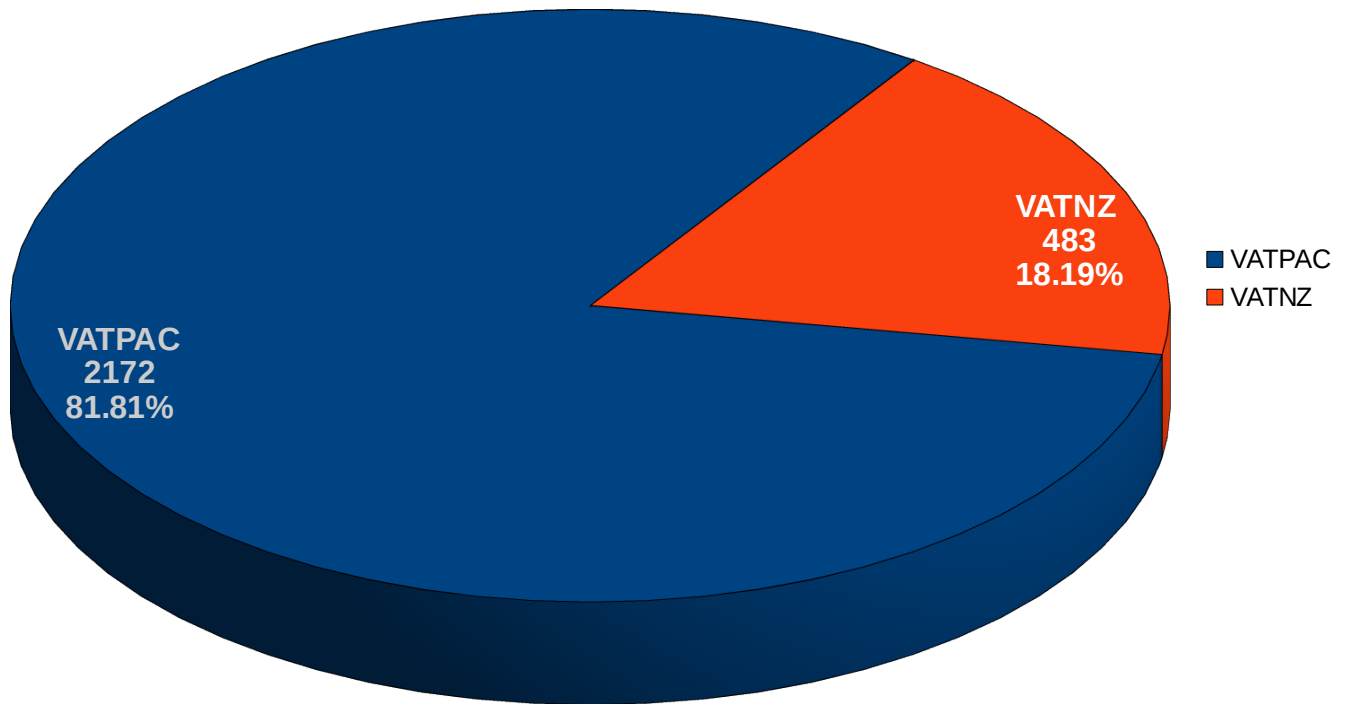
3.1 New Members

It is clear that we have not yet developed an accurate tracking tool to accurately assess the number of members in each division. Polling the VATSIM database on the day of creating this report has produced numbers significantly lower than in Q2, and in line with those in Q1. It is clear that members leaving the divisions between the date sampled and the date preparing the report are affecting the figures. An automated snapshot run on the same day each week is required. The graph below shows the figures as collated on 30 Oct 16. Both divisions continued their average 10% growth (based on the metric used).



VATOCE Membership

End of Q3 2016



3.2 Transfers

There were 31 requests for transfer into the Region:

- 20 auto-rejected as insufficient time had elapsed since the last transfer or rating change
- 9 automatically actioned for OBS/S1
- 2 others.

The auto rejects consist of just 4 members. All made multiple attempts to hammer the system after getting their first rejection. The most attempts was 10, the lowest 2.

3.3 Other

It has become clear that accurate tracking of membership numbers remains a problem. Our other tracking indicates that 310 members joined and 285 members left VATPAC; similarly 76 members joined and 59 members left VATNZ.

Of the 310 joining VATPAC 69 were longer term members transferring into (or back into) the division, whilst in VATNZ 13 of the 76 were longer term members transferring in (or back).

Of members leaving VATPAC:

- 212 were long term members with the division since first registering,
- 46 were long term members who had joined VATPAC sometime after first registering and were now transferring elsewhere,
- 10 were new VATSIM members who transferred out almost immediately after first joining,
- 15 were long term VATSIM members who had only transferred to VATPAC within the past 1 to 6 weeks, and
- 2 were long term VATSIM members who transferred out within a week of transferring in.

Of those leaving VATNZ the situation is simpler, 55 of the 59 departures were of longer term members (almost all over 12 months), while 4 were members who arrived and left on the same day.

4.0 Conflict Resolution Trends

VATNZ have had issues with youthful members and their behaviour in the VATNZ TeamSpeak rooms. Updated policy has been implemented to help prevent a recurrence. The proposed rewrite of the Code of Conduct may assist in this matter.

5.0 VA/SOA Matters

VATPAC has revised it's Virtual Airline Policy and this is in the process of being posted on their website.

6.0 Additional Matters

Nil.

Operational Report

Operational activity over the quarter was slightly increased, with most of this occurring in VATPAC. Both Divisions have a number of projects underway which are progressing well and should come to fruition in the next quarter..

1.0 Region Activity

VATPAC showed an increase of ATC hours of roughly 3% over the quarter. Domestic flight hours and movements were up slightly, while international movements and hours were more or less static.

VATNZ activity over the quarter was steady.

2.0 Air Traffic Control Training

Both divisions continue to be able to handle the number of requests for training they receive. School holiday periods are a known issue, particularly in VATPAC due to greater numbers, however this was not as big an issue in the holiday period that occurred in this quarter as it has been previously.

3.0 Operational Projects

3.1 VATPAC Airspace Restructure

VATPAC are revising their airspace sector structure to bring it even closer to the real world Australian airspace structure. This will be one of the biggest restructures of the airspace structure in VATPAC airspace. This is timed to co-incide with the AIRAC cycle in November 2016 (AIRAC 1216).

3.2 VATPAC MATS Project

VATPAC are preparing v3 of their virtual Manual of Air Traffic Separation. This should be released early in Q4.

4.0 Events & Meetings

VATPAC continue to run a full event calendar. Friday Night Ops continues to grow in popularity.

Both Divisions have commenced planning for WorldFlight, which is the single biggest event of the year and planning is also commencing for the next Cross the Ditch trans-Tasman event.

5.0 Additional Operational Matters

Nothing additional to report.

SIGNATURES & ENDORSEMENTS

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Dr Jackson Harding VATSIM Oceania
Regional Director

30 Oct 2016

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1. VATPAC Q3 2016 Report
2. VATNZ Q3 2016 Report



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Executive Summary

VATPAC continues to change and grow with a fresh staffing presence including new events, operations and IT staff with bold new ideas and a strong vision for the future of the division.

Administrative Report

Summary of administrative report.

1.0 Staffing

VATPAC Welcomes:

- new full time Director Events, Paul Tyquin.
- Deputy Director ATC Training, Ryan Steffe.

VATPAC thanks:

- outgoing Director Events & Communication, Tracy Shiffman
- outgoing Deputy Director IT (and former Director IT), Steven Brown

for their efforts over a period of several years.

2.0 Technical

VATPAC has recently refreshed our website

<http://www.vatpac.org> in an effort to bring more information into one place and make it easier for members to use and find that information.

A new Pilot Assist system has been developed and work continues to bring similar improvements to our unique ATC Assist platform.

A new events calendar has been commissioned bringing workflow and presentation improvements that should allow information about events to be more effectively communicated and distributed.



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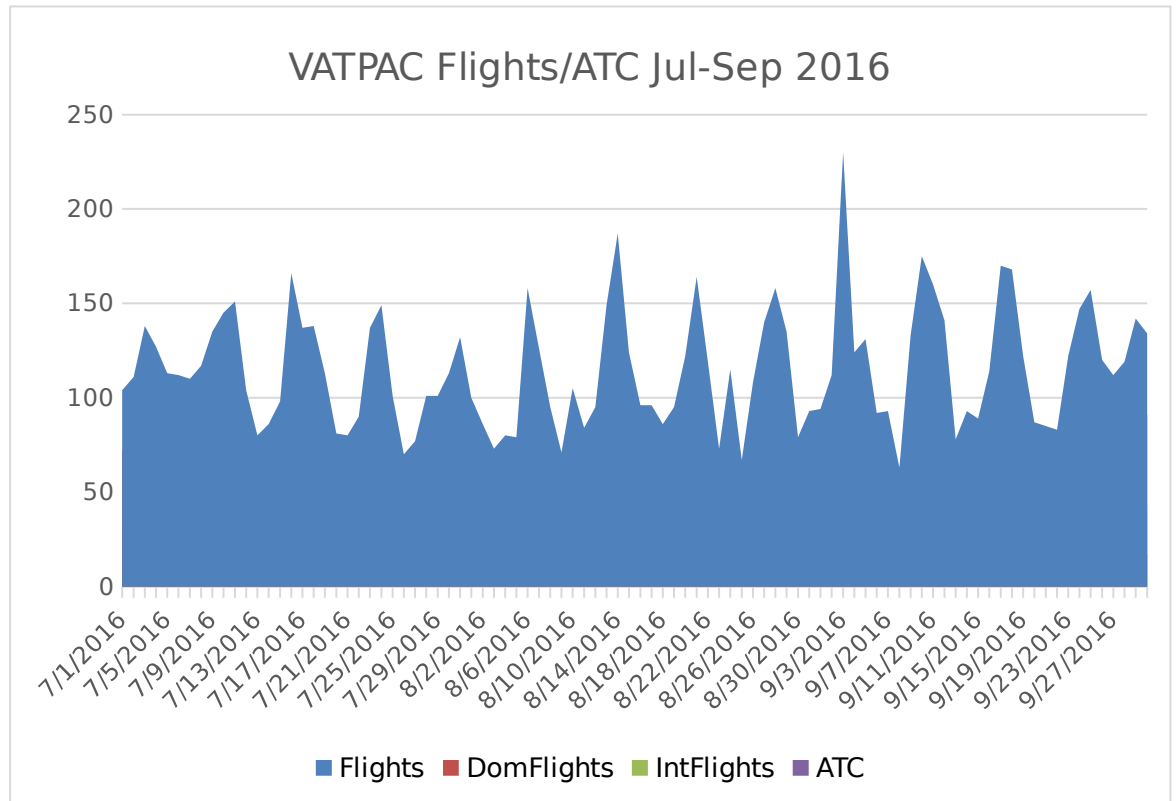
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3.0 Membership

Membership within VATPAC continues to grow with in excess of 200 new sign-ups during the July-September quarter.

Operational Report

1.0 Region Activity



In the July-September quarter 2016 VATPAC saw an average of 115 flights and 14 ATC connections per day for a total of 21,320 hours and 2197 hours respectively.

	Q3 2016	Comparison	Q2 2016
Flights/Day	114.84	3.2 (+2.87%)	111.64
Dom Hours	8879.82	515.3 (+6.16%)	8364.52
Int Hours	12440.2	9.11 (+0.07%)	12431.1
Total Flt Hours	21320.0	524.41 (+2.52%)	20795.6
ATC/Day	13.70	0.09 (+0.67%)	13.60
Total ATC Hours	2197.01	-40.23 (-1.8%)	2237.24

2.0 Air Traffic Control Training

We welcome Rowan Lilley as the newest Tower course Mentor, and farewell veteran Instructor Arjun Murthy, who temporarily stepped down from the team, due to time and real world commitments. I'd like to thank Arjun for his many years of work with us, and hope to see him back around soon.

The training team has been kicking along, and managed to reduce the waiting list considerably over the last few weeks, compared to the last school holiday peak period. The addition of an extra mentor at the Tower level has added extra capacity to our most-demanded course. We've also seen a noticeable boost in TMA requests, which we are currently working through. Increasing TMA course capacity is the next goal on the list.

Rating	Completed	Terminated	In Progress
Tower	3	1	2
Proc Tower	4	0	0
TMA	1	1	7
Enroute	1	0	4
Oceanic	2	0	0

3.0 Operations

3.1 Virtual Airlines

A revised VATPAC Virtual Airline policy has been tabled in consultation with local virtual airlines and will be available on the website soon.

Virtual Airline Audits are underway.

3.2 Documentation

MATS v3 is under review and should be released in approximately 3 weeks.

3.3 Airspace

AIRAC1612 will include many improvements and significant work on ground layouts and airspace classes.

Proposal of realignment of ATC sectors to match real world environment underway. In progress of consultation with real world ATC staff.

4.0 Events

VATPAC would like to again thank Tracy Shiffman for his efforts as Director Events & Communications. Tracy was instrumental in pioneering major events such as visiting Friday Night Ops and regular Cross the Ditch fixtures.

The visiting Friday Night Ops event was again a huge success with up to 90 movements from local and international pilots joining in the fun.

VFR Operations continues to be successful with a good mix of OCTA and Class D flying. VFR operations continue to be a good training ground for new members and these events take place weekly on Friday and Sunday local VATPAC time.

Planning for Worldflight 2016 is underway. This year the event begins leaving Sydney on the morning of Sunday 6th November and returns to VATPAC airspace in the early hours of Saturday 12th November. Expect a full day of VATPAC flying for the return legs.

Following Worldflight, VATPAC has begun working with VATNZ on organizing the next Cross the Ditch event.

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Greg Barber

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VATPAC Director of
Division

Date: 16/10/2016



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Administrative Report

Summary of administrative report.

1.0 Staffing

Staffing remains unchanged for the quarter with the exception of one ATC mentor who was removed for disciplinary reasons. This person was replaced by an experienced instructor who had taken a break from his instructing role and has returned as a mentor.

2.0 Technical

Work continues on a new ATC training website. Exact implementation date is still to be advised by the VATNZ IT Director

3.0 Membership

3.1 New Members

47 New members joined VATNZ during the quarter

3.2 Transfers

41 members transferred out of VATNZ

3.3 Other

VATNZ continues its slow growth trend with an 8% increase in membership so far in 2016

4.0 Conflict Resolution Trends

We have noticed an increase in disciplinary issues relating to the VATNZ teamspeak server. This is a private server and with input from the server owner a policy has been put in place on the use of the server.

The common denominator with all of the issues was each breach of policy was by a member less than 18 years old.

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5.0 VA/SOA Matters
Nothing to report

6.0 Additional Matters
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Operational Report

1.0 Division Activity

Controlling hours have remained steady during the quarter with 870 hours being carried out at NZAA, NZCH, NZWN and NZQN. These airports are used as a trend monitor as the airspace associated with them covers 95% of VATNZ airspace.

4401 aircraft movements were recorded at these airports and a further 250 movements at other provincial airports.

Movements at provincial aircraft remain at low levels with small upward trends being observed at the major airports

2.0 Air Traffic Control Training

6 new Tower controllers were trained during the period and an additional 4 controllers upgraded to a higher rating.

Interestingly there has been an increase in controllers seeking Oceanic endorsements. This is a positive thing as VATNZ covers most of the South Pacific Oceanic airspace

3.0 Operational Projects

Nothing to report

4.0 Events & Meetings

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5.0 Additional Operational Matters

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Division Director

Date: 10/18/2016