

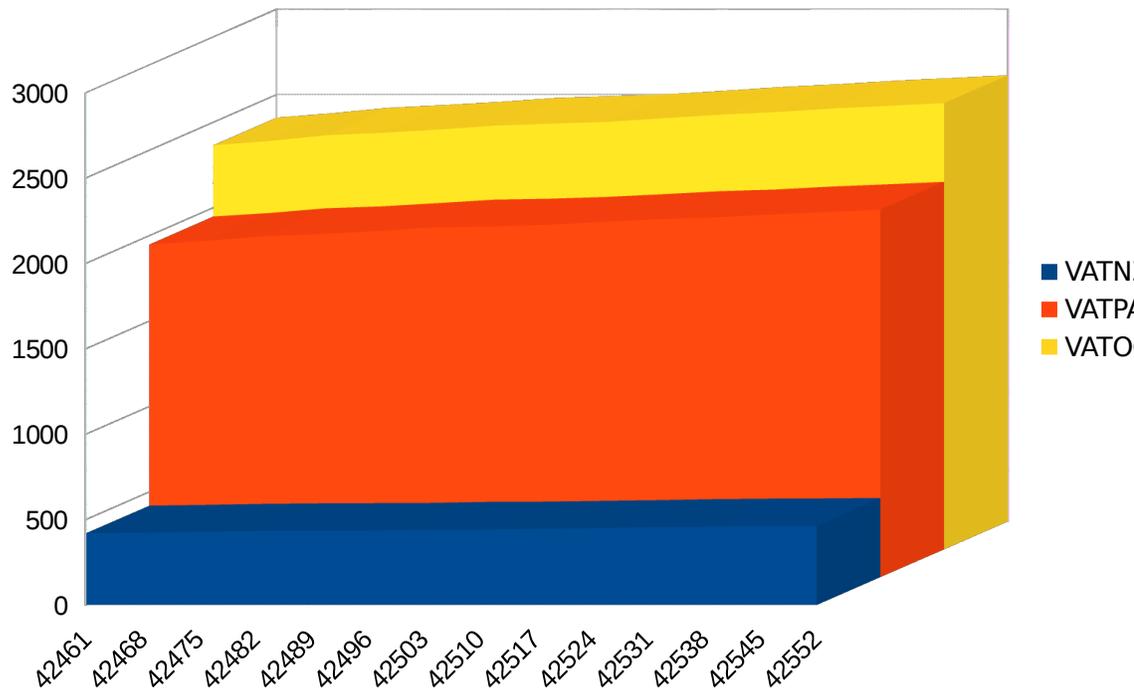




**VATSIM OCEANIA REGION REPORT**

**Q2 2016**

Membership Growth Q2 2016



The VATSIM membership database indicates that VATPAC gained 203 members during the quarter, while VATNZ gained 44 members. Growth in both divisions was approximately 10%. Tracking of members entering and leaving both Divisions is conducted by VATNZ on behalf of the Region. This tracking showed that 321 members joined and 259 members left VATPAC, and that 67 members joined and 49 members left VATNZ. There is no obvious explanation for the discrepancy between this data and the data obtained via CERT. Deeper analysis will be conducted on this in the next quarter.





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### 3.2 Transfers

There were several transfer requests that were not actioned automatically due to inadequate time having elapsed since the member last transfer. Three of these were from VATEUD, citing training delays as the reason for wishing to transfer.

### 3.3 Other

As is usual the vast majority of suspensions appear to be due to the creation of duplicate accounts.

### 4.0 Conflict Resolution Trends

No obvious concerns.

### 5.0 VA/SOA Matters

Nil.

### 6.0 Additional Matters

Nil



## Operational Report

Overall both online activity and training has increased over the quarter.

### 1.0 Region Activity

VATNZ has had a number of members return after lengthy absences. Based on their own definition of inactive (no activity online for 180 days) they have around 300 inactive members. This is a very high figure for a small division and warrants further examination.

VATPAC has had a mixed quarter. Overall ATC connections are up over 20%, which is a very good result. However while flight movements are up slightly there has been a significant fall in the total number of flight hours in international flights which have shown a significant fall. It is too early to tell if this is a one off result or represents a significant new trend.

### 2.0 Air Traffic Control Training

Training requirements in VATNZ were in line with preceding quarters. VATNZ has experienced a spike in training requests. Divisional staff are examining options to help meet this increased demand and to avoid training bottlenecks.

### 3.0 Operational Projects

#### 3.1 Regional Report Template

The Regional Director has been working with Mr Mahmoud Fadil, the Deputy Director of VATME, to develop a standardised template for Regional reports. It is expected this templating will also be applicable to the Divisional and vACC/ARTCC level. This report uses the latest draft developed by the template project.

### 4.0 Events & Meetings

Both Divisions have continued to run their event programmes. Full details are in the attached VATPAC and VATNZ reports. The major change is the major weekly event in VATNZ has been moved from Sunday to Saturday nights. This has allowed greater participation by younger members as the following day is not a school day. The Region is already starting planning for WorldFlight, which is the biggest event conducted annually.



## SIGNATURES & ENDORSEMENTS

By digitally signing below, the Region Staff Member authorising this report hereby testifies to its truthfulness to the best of their knowledge and ability.

Date: 30 Jul 2016



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Dr Jackson Harding    VATSIM OCEANIA Regional Director

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1. VATPAC Q2 2016 Report
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# VATPAC Quarterly Report

## Q2 2016

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## **1 Staffing**

### **1.1 Director Events & Communications**

Mr Tracy Shiffman has resigned from the role of VATPAC Director Events & Communications. The position has been re-advertised after a sole applicant was unable to continue with their application due to time constraints. Applications close July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **2 Operations**

Significant update to AIRAC 1606 to remove redundant ground based navigational aids.

Significant update to sector files for use in special events in Melbourne. This is to align airspace to real world boundaries.

No significant change for affiliated airlines.

Documentation update to occur over the next three months.

### 3 ATC Training

#### Personnel

The training team welcome Ryan Steffe as the new Deputy Director ATC Training. Ryan currently manages the administrative portfolio on top of his mentoring duties.

We have seen a high demand for training activities over the past few months and the training team is looking to expand its capacity to help cope with these busier periods.

ATC Quizzes have returned to the forums thanks to Kirk Christie's efforts. These are also tied in to the newsletter to boost participation and help improve controller standards.

#### Statistics

Rating	Completed	Terminated	In Progress
Tower	7	5	4
Proc Tower	1	0	0
TMA	3	1	4
Enroute	0	1	2
Oceanic	0	0	0

### 4 IT

The VATPAC IT team is working hard on a significant code update to the new website. We hope this will make it easier for you to navigate and find information. Whilst developing, we've also updated the CMS to a newer version, resulting in a fast and error-free website.

As always, the IT team is looking for people to help out. I cannot stress the importance of volunteers contributing; our tight-knit community is an online community and as such, we need a strong team of people maintaining it. Even if you have only basic knowledge of HTML, PHP or other relevant web or Operating System languages please don't hesitate to email Director IT. We'd love to hear from you and have you contribute to our team.

### 5 Events & Communications

#### Events

Attendance at official events were up during Q2, including a decent increase in the number of participants in the Q2 14 hour Ultra-Longhaul event. Participants were encouraged to depart in the evening AEST, disconnect

overnight and reconnect for the arrival the next morning. This format was well received and positive feedback was provided to VATPAC5.

Panic Stations Melbourne went off as well as any other Panic Stations and a lot of fun was had activating non-standard sectors around the Melbourne TMA.

### Communications

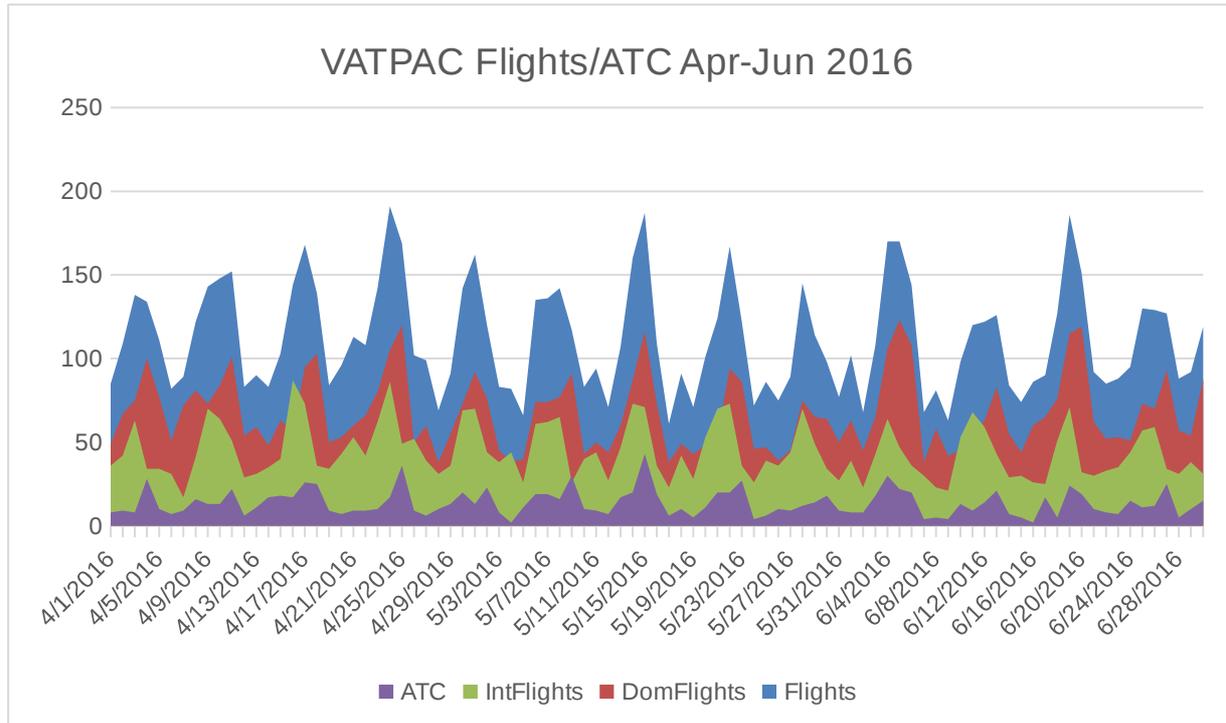
The VATPAC Newsletter continues to be well received. Feedback received indicates the membership would like to see more regular updates from all departments.

**VFR Operations** events continue 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.

## 6 Traffic Analysis

In the April-June quarter 2016, VATPAC saw an average of 111 flights and 14 ATC connections per day with flying participation marginally down for the quarter due to a decline in International flights, but ATC participation was significantly up.

	<b>Q2 2016</b>	<b>Comparison</b>	<b>Q1 2016</b>
<b>Flight Connections/Day</b>	<b>111.6 4</b>	<b>5.34 (+5.02%)</b>	<b>106.30</b>
<b>Domestic Flight Hours</b>	<b>8364. 52</b>	<b>438.05 (+5.53%)</b>	<b>7926. 47</b>
<b>International Flight Hours</b>	<b>12431 .12</b>	<b>-1608.24 (- 11.46%)</b>	<b>14039 .36</b>
<b>Total Flight Hours</b>	<b>20795 .64</b>	<b>-1170.19 (-5.33%)</b>	<b>21965 .83</b>
<b>ATC Connections/Day</b>	<b>13.60</b>	<b>1.46 (+12.04%)</b>	<b>12.14</b>
<b>Total ATC Hours</b>	<b>2237. 24</b>	<b>398.07 (+21.64%)</b>	<b>1839. 17</b>



# VATNZ Quarterly Report Q2 2016

## Staff Changes

There have been no changes to the Board during the quarter.

There have been some changes to the training staff with 1 instructor resigning from training however this position was quickly filled from the ATC mentor ranks.

## Membership

There has been a slight increase in VATNZ membership numbers during the period from 481 to 485.

The ratio of inactive VATNZ membership has increased slightly with 309 showing as inactive. Inactive is defined as not having controlled or flown within VATNZ airspace in the last 180 days.

## Events

A proposal was put forward to move the Sunday Night Ops (SNO's) to Saturday. Historically New Zealand has run its main weekly event on a Sunday since before VATSIM so this was a major change.

Following a successful trial period SNO's now occur on Saturday. This has seen more younger people participating as they now don't have to consider school the following morning.

The VFR Flight Club continues to be a success with a slow but steady increase in the number of people participating in this event.

## Activity

The increase in controller hours and aircraft movements that we saw in Q1 2016 has continued although the rate of increase has slowed.

One of the more pleasing aspects has been the return of people to the hobby who have been inactive for a period of time.

## Training

Training has been steady with 2 new controllers and 4 upgrades being completed in the quarter

## IT

Our IT director has carried out a software update to the VATNZ website.

Work has started on a big change to the training side with the creation of a new training website that will not be reliant on moodle.

## Summary

The Q2 2016 period has continued to be a positive one for VATNZ. The growth in controller hours and aircraft movements we saw in Q1 has continued.

Andrew Moseley

VATNZ - Director