



VATSIM Oceania

Quarterly Report

Q1 2014 (January to March)

The summer period is over in Oceania with some of the hottest temperatures recorded across the southern states of Australia and an unprecedented heat wave.

Evenings in both VATPAC and VATNZ airspace continue to be the most serviced by ATC but pleasing to see is a steady increase in ATC services on weekends.

VATNZ built a whole new website in a couple of weeks after the host announced that they were discontinuing support for the CMS (Content Management System) that the division has used for the past 6 years. The host gave the Division three weeks to design and build a new system and well done on everyone involved in achieving this tight time frame. Special thanks to the Division Director/Webmaster Nick Johnston for his work to get the new site up and running and to the Deputy Division Director Leon Gibbs who painstakingly updated the text on the new site.

VATPAC continues to be very active with events on several evenings each week, including their "milk run" events on Monday nights between the major airports on Australia's east coast as well as the regular Tuesday event. VATNZ Sunday Night Ops is the main focus for VATNZ with steady streams of traffic up and down the country participating.

During the quarter **226** members joined VATSIM Oceania, up again slightly on the 209 that joined during the previous quarter. At the end of the quarter there were 2,354 members in the Region, with a good increase from the previous quarter's count of 2,164.

That's my little lot for this quarter. Thanks to my Deputy Regional Director Jeff Smith and the Regional team for their efforts this quarter.

Mark Richards
Regional Director
1 April 2014



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STAFFING

Mr Don Collins stood down as Director of Pilot Training (VATPAC8). Mr Daniel Smith was appointed to the position. In a first for VATPAC live interviews were undertaken of all applicants via TeamSpeak.

Mr Russell Diehl took over as VFR Coordinator from Mr Zach Biesse-Fitton

ATC TRAINING

Welcome New Mentors:

- Zach Biesse-Fitton
- Peter Adamos

A massive effort put in by the entire ATC Training team in Q1 2014. Huge thanks to all those involved.

ATC Ratings:

- TWR: 17!!! Competent. 2 In Progress. 1 Terminated prior to completion.
- TMA: 3 Competent. 1 In Progress. 1 Terminated prior to completion.
- ENR: 2 Competent. 1 In progress.
- C3: 2 In progress.
- OCA: 1 Endorsed.

OPERATIONS

The Director of Operations Mr Steve Cotterill remains on extended leave of absence due to ill health. The Deputy Director Mr Arjun Murthy is administering the Operations portfolio until further notice as there is no current Deputy Director of Operations.