

SAAA Membership

The nuts, bolts, opportunities and benefits

Build and fly aircraft amongst a seriously experienced community with a will to help each other – the SAAA spirit!

If you're thinking about building your own aircraft, then the SAAA is your best starting point. SAAA is likely the most cost effective & expert supported environment to build, maintain & fly Experimental Category aircraft. Check out our Member support capability – experience abounds amongst the SAAA Community. SAAA supports Members with aircraft builds, flight operations and maintenance. And we have lots of fun!!

Annual SAAA membership:

- \$270/yr Effective from FY 2021/2022

SAAA Chapter network:

- Hundreds of experienced builders and pilots readily on hand to help others learn and fly their dreams
- Part of the SAAA fabric and community spirit – almost 30 “hubs” around the country; some Chapters charge a small annual fee to cover social events
- Most Chapters have some of their own tools that are shared amongst members

Build support:

- Expert support available from our Technical Counsellors (TCs) – we have around 70 TCs
- \$nil service fee; discretionary cover for TC travel expenses; TC program is SAAA managed
- Several sets of aircraft weighing scales available around the country for nominal hire charge

Special Certificates of Airworthiness (SCoAs) issuance:

- SAAA's own Authorised Persons, delegated by CASA to issue SCoAs – we have almost 20 APs
- Approx. \$700 for basic for day VFR ops; up to \$1600 with NVFR / IFR and no flight area restrictions (these are once only costs; SAAA administered; CASA regulated)

Aircraft registration:

- \$195 (one off cost for VH-Mark and aircraft registration; no recurrent costs; CASA managed. SAAA Members operate just like any other VH aircraft owner in this respect)

Aircraft maintenance:

- Expert support available from our TCs
- If you built >50% of an aircraft or similar, you can do your own maintenance – your costs can be limited to cost of parts and consumables, but you have to complete a one time Maintenance Procedures Course at a cost \$550 (regulated by CASA)
- If you cannot claim to have built >50% of your aircraft or similar, or do not wish to do your own maintenance, then you would need to engage services of a LAME – although CASA Sched 8 allows basic “pilot / owner maintenance” to be carried out (oil changes, tyres etc) without a maintenance approval
- SAAA is working towards developing a Maintenance Techniques Course that will, with CASA approval, offering a number of certificates including a replacement to the current MPC for builders, and a certificate to enable non-builder experimental aircraft owners to conduct and certify their own annual inspection

Pilot Licencing:

- Managed by CASA – all the opportunity a pilot aspires to grasp; from RPL, VFR to IFR and commercial. (SAAA Members can operate just like any other Part 61 licenced pilot).

Flight Ops Support:

- SAAA has a network of Flight Safety Advisors (FSAs) - they offer support around all matters flight ops
- Our FSAs assist with everything from aircraft selection, training planning, flight safety systems, flight test planning and also act as Safety Pilots and Mentoring Flight Trainers
- Many of our FSAs are accredited Flight Instructors and Test Pilots
- \$nil service fee

Flight Training:

- SAAA has its own CASA approved Type Transition Training program (instructors hold FIRs IAW Pt 61); \$nil service fee for most SAAA instructors; discretionary cover for FSA travel expenses
- SAAA does not offer "ab-initio" or aircraft feature or pilot rating training

Insurance:

- SAAA does not operate or underwrite its own limited or comprehensive insurance offering
- SAAA does, however, support an option for SAAA members to insure through QBE which can be an attractive option depending on the scope of cover you are looking for
- The QBE Insurance offer for SAAA members is linked to the SAAA Member Support Program which involves commitment, with SAAA support, to improving safety outcomes

Other benefits of Membership:

- SAAA offers many other value propositions to its Members – from discounted fuel schemes, to attractive freight deals and competitive forex services – and much more.

** All information presented is current at 30th September 2021 and may be subject to change*

Plan Wise – Build Well – Fly Safe

What are you waiting for?

Visit SAAA's website at www.saaa.com

If you would like to talk to us – just call 02-6889-7777 and our friendly Membership Services Team will put you in touch with the people you need to speak with to explore the opportunities.



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