



SPORT AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE 2021/2022

To All Members,

The future of the SAAA has never looked brighter.

We are proud of our efforts over the last five years to stabilise then grow our membership and secure our business model with solid strategies and investment in staff and enhanced member benefits.

Supported by a comprehensive set of policies & procedures and a commitment to solid financial governance and efficient utilisation of our resources and systems, we have taken control of expenses, and removed non-value adding activities. This has created the funds to progressively build a team of technical and support staff. This improves the delivery and quality of technical and administrative support services to our Members. Importantly, this also reduces the reliance on volunteers to run and manage the business.

You will be familiar with the SAAA Annual Activity Reports tabled at each AGM (you can also find these on our website under the Corporate Reference Centre), but here are just some of the highlights from the last 5 years.

We have:

- Developed a modern website packed with a growing information resource from Chapter details, technical and administrative support team details, to technical and corporate reference centres.
- Developed a new and streamlined SAAA Chapter Charter – this greatly reduces the administrative burden on Chapter leaders and allows everyone to focus more on Chapter activities – having fun! A number of new and re-established Chapters have already adopted the new structure; we encourage other Chapters to move to the new structure.
- Put in place a new Chapter Funding program which, whilst still supporting all SAAA Chapters, provides for targeted assistance to new and small Chapters, and special projects.
- Established our Flight Operations support to Members with a team of formally appointed Flight Safety Advisors (FSAs) and our own Flight Instructors to deliver Type Transition Training – all managed under our CASA approved Flight Training & Safety Manual (FTSM).
- Started work to build Flight Reviews into our FTSM.
- Established our Safety Management System which includes our own Occurrence Management System
- Continued to advocate on behalf of Members to protect and enhance members' interests through:
 - Engagement in the relevant Senate RRAT Committee hearings;
 - Submissions to Senate Committees, CASA and Air Services.

- In response to encouragement from CASA, almost completed development of a Maintenance Techniques Course (MTC). Beyond creating a comprehensive knowledge base, the MTC aims to streamline (and replace) the current Maintenance Procedures Course (MPC) and also provide a basis for non-builder aircraft owners to conduct their own annual inspections and related certifications of their aircraft. We hope to be able to submit the course and all supporting documentation to CASA for approval mid-2021 – given CASA's long-standing support for this, we are hopeful of an expedient approval.
- Begun investing in the future through engagement with young Australians - nurturing a new generation of Members and future Australian aviators. The first major step in this regard, and long called for by SAAA Members, is the SAAA Sponsored Youth Aircraft Build & Fly Program. The first aircraft, an RV12 being built by 6 schools across the country is well on its way to completion

SAAA has come a long way in recent years - thanks to the continued and enormous amount of hard work by National Council and the administrative and technical staff working behind them. We have a solid stable organization, a growing membership, increased member benefits, a growing team of technical and administrative staff and are moving closer to reducing the current high degree of reliance and dependency on volunteers.

We have managed to achieve all this with only limited increases in Membership fees. In fact, we have not increased fees over the last 2 years. However, we do need to increase fees by ~10% this year to bridge the gap left by inflation, the freeze on increases over the last 2 years and support further projects - refer also the table below.

Membership Category	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Full	\$245	\$245	\$270
Senior	\$215	\$215	\$235
Legacy	\$50	\$50	\$55
Student	\$60	\$60	\$65

** All fees are inclusive of GST*

Thank you for your past and hopefully future support!

SAAA National Council

Plan Wise - Build Well - Fly Safe

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