

The Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

As President of the Canterbury Aero Club, I would like to recommend to Flying NZ Executive that Mr Ian Kirkpatrick be nominated for the above award.

Ian Kirkpatrick has been involved with the Canterbury Aero Club for close to 40 years and during this time was involved in the Executive Committee for 32 years and was President for 10 continuous years between 1990 and 2000. Soon after 2000 he became part of the Royal NZ Aero Club Executive as the Alpine Area Representative.

Throughout his time with the Canterbury Aero Club his business experience with electronic communication technology combined with his passion for general aviation flying enabled him to share business focus and enthusiastic volunteer promotion of sport and competition flying.

Whilst with Flying New Zealand, Ian has very effectively managed the website display and advertising promotion of all aviation events that aero clubs within New Zealand actively participate at a Regional and National competition level; this has also extended to include the Trans Tasman Trophy activity between Australia and New Zealand. Ian's role in the Trans Tasman Event is as a National Selector and Manager for the Flying New Zealand Team.

Everybody has a lot of interests for their spare time in life and the aero clubs have to continually promote passionate aviation. The, proactive and vibrant publicity that Ian has increasingly developed over the years has meant that the number of competitions has increased, as well as involving many more individuals with an increased level of personal focus. This passion continuously improved and kept Flying NZ Regional and National competition activity at a very high level of attainment for all participants.

This enthusiastic approach and in-depth development has truly benefited the Aero Club movement within New Zealand and is truly worth recognising.

Paul Drake

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