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Airservices clears scholarship winners for takeoff

Four aviation enthusiasts have been given a helping hand to pursue their aviation dream following the announcement that they are the recipients of Airservices Learn to Fly Scholarships.

The scholarships, presented in conjunction with the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia (RFACA), were announced this week at the RFACA Annual Flying Conference.

They are aimed at identifying and assisting the next generation of Australian pilots.

Airservices Acting Executive General Manager Corporate and Industry Affairs, Elissa Keenan congratulated the winners of the scholarships, and encouraged them to continue their training and obtaining their licences.

“We hope that through these scholarships, young people will be encouraged to pursue a career in aviation and in turn will help facilitate the growth that is occurring within our industry,” Ms Keenan said.

Recipients of the Airservices Learn to Fly Scholarships were:

- Grant Mortimer - Schofields Flying Club, NSW
- Bailey Pohlman - Darling Downs Aero Club, QLD
- Joshua Buckley - Royal Victorian Aero Club, VIC
- Taylor Sibbritt - Pettit Royal Aero Club, WA

Each winner will receive \$7000 to subsidise the cost of obtaining a Private or Commercial Pilot's Licence.

The announcement of the scholarship winners also coincided with Airservices renewing a three-year sponsorship agreement with RFACA. The agreement, worth \$95 000 over three years, will help to support the Learn to Fly Scholarships.

“We are very pleased to support RFACA and contribute to the future of the industry as we encourage people to pursue their flying dreams and secure a future in aviation,” Ms Keenan said.

“RFACA are an important institution and we look forward to continuing our relationship with them.”

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