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Airservices supports aspiring aviators to reach new heights

Four flying enthusiasts are a step closer to a career in aviation after being presented with Airservices Learn to Fly Scholarships.

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

Airservices Executive General Manager Air Traffic Control, Greg Hood, who presented the scholarships, congratulated the winners.

“As a pilot myself I recognise the importance of encouraging and assisting young people in pursuing their goals for a career in aviation,” Mr Hood said.

“Tomorrow’s commercial pilots are today’s aviation enthusiasts, and we are proud and pleased to support their aspirations. We hope that through these scholarships, we inspire young people to continue their training and obtain their licences.”

Recipients of the Airservices Learn to Fly Scholarships are:

- Austin Cawley, Royal Aero Club of Western Australia
- Bruce Harrison, Manning River Aero Club
- Sam Higgins, Royal Newcastle Aero Club
- James Hollands, Downs Aero Club

The entrants were assessed on their suitability for formal flying training as well as a written brief statement explaining why they wish to learn to fly.

Each winner will receive \$7000 to subsidise the cost of obtaining a Private or Commercial Pilot’s Licence. The financial support of the scholarship has allowed previous winners to continue with their flying lessons, obtain their pilot’s licence and accept positions within the industry.

“We are very pleased to support RFACA and contribute to the future of the industry as we encourage people to secure a future in aviation,” Mr Hood said.

Established in 1914, RFACA promotes and fosters the development of aviation, to ensure adequate flying training is available to all pilots.

Editors note: Airservices is Australia’s air navigation service provider – we provide air traffic control, aviation rescue and fire fighting and air navigation services and has a key role in promoting and fostering civil aviation.

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