

RDA & PENNANT MOU BRINGS INTERNATIONAL AVIATION TRAINING TO AUSTRALIA

29 January 2020 — <u>Pennant</u> Australasia is delighted to sign an MOU with <u>RDA Hunter</u>, to bring enhanced, internationally-comparable aviation skills training to students in the Hunter and Shoalhaven regions.

This significant agreement brings best practice aviation training to Australia through Pennant's not-for profit Aviation Skills Foundation and their Aviation Skills Charter which promote future careers and skill development within the aviation industry and current work force. Combining this with RDA's STEM workforce development program, it is an exciting time for Australia's aviation industry.

The signing of the MOU builds upon Pennant's successful ongoing relationship as an aviation industry skilling partner with RDA Hunter and the visit of the RDA's Trevor John to the UK's International Aviation Academy late last year.

RDA Hunter provides numerous activities and programs to the Hunter region, training and shaping the future workforce required in the industry. As well as industry-led STEM programs and the ME program, they work closely with aviation and aerospace organisations such as the Royal Australian Air Force, BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin Australia, Jetstar and Boeing Defence Australia.

RDA Hunter's Executive Officer, Trevor John said, "We are delighted to be partnering with the Pennant Group and the Aviation Skills Foundation. Our program participants will benefit from their international experience and knowledge in training for aviation careers. We are thrilled to be starting a new journey with our aviation partners which sees proven training packages available to students in the Hunter and Shoalhaven regions as part of the International Charter for Aviation Skills. For those who are interested in defence, aerospace and aviation careers, this means they will be equipped with internationally comparable skills."

The Aviation Skills Charter covers five key areas to promote future careers and skill development within the aviation industry and current work force. It promotes and recognises the potential that anyone can pursue a career in aviation and aims to develop partnerships across the industry, as well as pathways interfaced with jobs, regional academies and bringing together information and communication networks to supply the necessary information to those seeking it.

Pennant Australasia's Managing Director Tammy Halter said: "We're thrilled to be signing this MOU with Regional Development Australia - Hunter. The combination of Pennant's Charter and RDA's STEM programs will enhance the Hunter region student's current training programs, and contribute to the development of aviation training across New South Wales and the rest of Australia."

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