



VATPAC Quarterly Report

Q2 2016

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1 Staffing

1.1 *Director Events & Communications*

Mr Tracy Shiffman has resigned from the role of VATPAC Director Events & Communications. The position has been re-advertised after a sole applicant was unable to continue with their application due to time constraints. Applications close July 1st.

2 Operations

Significant update to AIRAC 1606 to remove redundant ground based navigational aids.

Significant update to sector files for use in special events in Melbourne. This is to align airspace to real world boundaries.

No significant change for affiliated airlines.

Documentation update to occur over the next three months.

3 ATC Training

Personnel

The training team welcome Ryan Steffe as the new Deputy Director ATC Training. Ryan currently manages the administrative portfolio on top of his mentoring duties.

We have seen a high demand for training activities over the past few months and the training team is looking to expand its capacity to help cope with these busier periods.

ATC Quizzes have returned to the forums thanks to Kirk Christie's efforts. These are also tied in to the newsletter to boost participation and help improve controller standards.

Statistics

Rating	Completed	Terminated	In Progress
Tower	7	5	4
Proc Tower	1	0	0
TMA	3	1	4
Enroute	0	1	2
Oceanic	0	0	0

4 IT

The VATPAC IT team is working hard on a significant code update to the new website. We hope this will make it easier for you to navigate and find information. Whilst developing, we've also updated the CMS to a newer version, resulting in a fast and error-free website.

As always, the IT team is looking for people to help out. I cannot stress the importance of volunteers contributing; our tight-knit community is an online community and as such, we need a strong team of people maintaining it. Even if you have only basic knowledge of HTML, PHP or other relevant web or Operating System languages please don't hesitate to email Director IT. We'd love to hear from you and have you contribute to our team.

5 Events & Communications

Events

Attendance at official events were up during Q2, including a decent increase in the number of participants in the Q2 14 hour Ultra-Longhaul event. Participants were encouraged to depart in the evening AEST, disconnect overnight and reconnect for the arrival the next morning. This format was well received and positive feedback was provided to VATPAC5. Panic Stations Melbourne went off as well as any other Panic Stations and a lot of fun was had activating non-standard sectors around the Melbourne TMA.

Communications

The VATPAC Newsletter continues to be well received. Feedback received indicates the membership would like to see more regular updates from all departments.

VFR Operations events continue to be successful with a good mix of OCTA and Class D flying. VFR operations continue to be a good training ground for new members and these events take place weekly on Friday and Sunday local VATPAC time.

6 Traffic Analysis

In the April-June quarter 2016, VATPAC saw an average of 111 flights and 14 ATC connections per day with flying participation marginally down for the quarter due to a decline in International flights, but ATC participation was significantly up.

	Q2 2016	Comparison	Q1 2016
Flight Connections/Day	111.64	5.34 (+5.02%)	106.30
Domestic Flight Hours	8364.52	438.05 (+5.53%)	7926.47
International Flight Hours	12431.12	-1608.24 (-11.46%)	14039.36
Total Flight Hours	20795.64	-1170.19 (-5.33%)	21965.83
ATC Connections/Day	13.60	1.46 (+12.04%)	12.14
Total ATC Hours	2237.24	398.07 (+21.64%)	1839.17

