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**Speaker – Squadron Leader Steve Owen
Future Air Mobility Capability Engineering Manager
“The Next Generation RNZAF C130”**

Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.00pm

Marlborough Aero Club – Clubrooms – 100 Aerodrome Road, Omaka

Members, non-members, interested persons and guests welcome - please forward this notice

Tea and Coffee available, Dress - Casual

A voluntary gold coin donation is welcomed from non-members to defray supper costs.



Royal New Zealand Air Force C-130H(NZ) Hercules replacement Aircraft, the C-130J-30.

In this month's presentation, Squadron Leader Steve Owen will provide an overview of the C-130(H) NZ replacement program. Steve will also briefly cover the process that led to the C-130J-30 being selected as the replacement aircraft, a brief overview of the new aircraft, the Introduction into Service process and the proposed Sustainment strategy.

Steve gave a version of this presentation to the monthly RAeS sponsored Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Zoom programme last month. It provided some very illuminating and well-illustrated information on the new aircraft, its enhance capabilities compared with the C130H and the additional features that it offers. I'm guessing that by the time this new fleet reaches its retirement date the RNZAF will have more than 100 years of C130 operations!

Steve joined the RAF in 1989 as an Avionics Apprentice Technician at RAF Cosford. After graduation, he was posted to 7 Squadron RAF Odiham where he was responsible for the flight line operations of the Chinook HC Mk2 and the Gazelle helicopters. He left the RAF in 1998 to join the RNZAF as a Corporal in the Instrument Bay in RNZAF Base Auckland. For the next 22 years, Steve has either been working on or performing supporting roles for the P-3K / P-3K2 fleet at 5 Squadron RNZAF Base Auckland. Commissioning in 2007 as an Engineering Officer, in 2017 he was finally able to recognise his desire to be the Maintenance Flight Commander at 5 Squadron.

After a career of 30 years of work in the Operational environment, this year saw Steve posted to the Future Air Mobility Capability project based in Wellington. It is in this role where his attention to detail and extensive operational experience is proving to be an invaluable asset to the team.