

## 2017 Aerobatics SIG Report

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As the last SIG AGM was only 9 months ago, there has been little activity for the Aerobatics SIG.

Precision competitions have been the only net income to the bank account.

International representation saw New Zealand pilots compete at the Australian Master, a QLD competition and in October a team competed at the FAI F3A Asian Oceanic Competition (AOC) in Taipei Taiwan.

A grant was secured from MFNZ for the AOC team, after considerable effort to show MFNZ that this even is the competition that the majority of NZ F3A pilots compete at now ~ not the World Championships.

NZ is to host the next F3A Trans Tasman in April 2017 in the Hawkes Bay. An Application for a Grant for Funding has been submitted to MFNZ to assist with the running expenses of this event.

Ross & I and Frazer attended the MFNZ SIG Meeting and AGM at the Aviation Country Club in Auckland.

And lastly, despite continued effort from some members, it is disappointing that there still seems to be a decline in interest to compete over recent months. Hopefully 2017 will see an improvement in this respect and entry fees will help boost our bank account again.

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