

AAPA Visits

CEBU PACIFIC

On 11 April 2012, Cebu Pacific Chief Operations Advisor Mark Breen took time out of his busy schedule to visit Rex's head office in Sydney and even managed to squeeze in a tour of the Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA) campus in Wagga Wagga.

Rex Chief Operating Officer Garry Filmer and GM Flight Operations and Chief Pilot Neville Howell hosted Mark's Sydney visit and presented him with a personalised Rex SAAB aircraft model.

Mark then travelled down to Wagga Wagga for a tour of the AAPA campus. AAPA Chairman Dale Hall and GM Flight Operations and Chief Flying Instructor Geoff Cook hosted his tour of the campus, starting with the kitchen at AAPA, which delivered a freshly cooked lunch of steak and fries.

A visit to the accommodation facilities was followed by a simulator demonstration by the Rex cadets, and the tour was wrapped up with a hands-on introduction to the Piper Seminole in the hangar.

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SOUTH WAGGA LIONS CLUB

On 28 March 2012, Rex and AAPA hosted the South Wagga Lions Club for a special presentation, a tour of the facilities and dinner. It was the South Wagga Lions Club's regular fortnightly gathering, however, on this occasion Rex agreed to host them at AAPA.

Rex GM Network Strategy and Sales Warrick Lodge provided the group of 39 guests with an overview about the Rex group of companies – in particular, AAPA, and how it came to be what it is today. AAPA Chief Flight Instructor (designate) Jan Rebello was on hand to assist with pilot training-related questions and Rex 011 Cadet Carl Riseley gave the group a flying demonstration in the flight simulator.

Following the two simulator sessions and a tour of the facilities, the South Wagga Lions Club members were treated to a roast dinner and dessert. The group enjoyed the excellent meal and appreciated the opportunity to be given greater insight into the operations at Rex and AAPA.

The group was blown away by Rex's achievements in pilot training and, in particular, the significant local investment that Rex has made in Wagga Wagga. [O]



Top to bottom: Enjoying a freshly cooked steak lunch with AAPA and Piper Warrior representatives; Rex cadets demonstrating the simulator to Mark; AAPA dining hall set up for the visitors; South Wagga Lions Club members enjoying their meal.