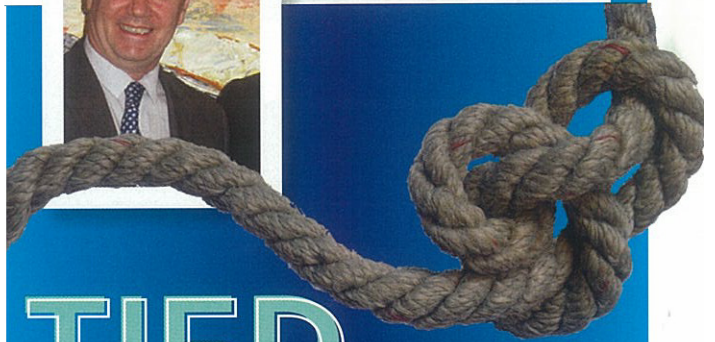


AAPA at Wagga Wagga and
AAPA chairman, Jim Davis



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Big news for the new Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA), based at Wagga Wagga and Mangalore, came recently as they announced a significant strategic alliance. AAPA will now provide pilot training services for Jeppesen in Australia and train airline pilots for Jeppesen's client companies all over the world to Australian CPL standards. This is certainly an exciting development for antipodean aviation and for student pilots. AAPA chairman, Jim Davis said, "We are absolutely thrilled that a company with the global reputation and prestige of Jeppesen has chosen AAPA as its Australian partner for ab initio pilot training. It is a testament to the quality and standard of pilot training at AAPA to have received such an honour."

The agreement has just commenced and will run for three years, leveraging Jeppesen's current partnership with Boeing Training and Flight Services. Richard Low, general manager of Jeppesen Australia, said student pilots would be drawn from fast-growing aviation markets in China, India and the Middle East. "We envisage more than 80 students a year coming to Wagga Wagga to learn to fly," Low said. "AAPA has a fantastic facility for students to complete their Commercial Pilots Licence and instrument ratings in order to transition to airline jets."