

**Subject: Membership Message 8/2021**

Dear Members,

**1st Virtual Association's Supporting Team Meeting 2021**

Following the virtual WACA Council Meeting held on 23 May, a further virtual meeting was held via a Zoom video conference on 6 June with the Council Members and the Association's Supporting Team to appraise them of the Council's thoughts and decisions taken.

**Moment of Silence**

The meeting began with WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, saying how shocking and sad it had been when we learned on the day prior to the meeting of the death of our dear friend and Council Member, *Julian Chau*. All attending the meeting were then requested by Maga to join with him for a moment of silence in memory of Julian.

**The 2021 Interline Festival**

A discussion took place covering various aspects of the current situation such as international travel restrictions to enter countries, as well as entry restrictions when returning to home countries, that will need be monitored closely before any decision is made to go ahead with the Festival. It was also decided that there should be no financial consequences if it is decided to host the event and then have to cancel at a later date. Easy flight connections to the chosen location where the event will be held should be considered.

Maga concluded the discussion saying there was a consensus that we should go ahead and plan to host the Festival from 17–23 October in one of the preferred locations of the Seychelles, the Maldives, Mauritius, Malta or Dubai providing there will be no financial cost to the Association when making a provisional booking with an hotel, tour operator, etc. A deadline date on whether to host the event or not will be made in due course.

**53rd AGA (Bali, Indonesia): The 2022 Interline Celebration**

Vaccinations against COVID-19 are mandatory in Indonesia and so everything looks positive to host the tours and AGA in May 2022. The pre-AGA tour will take place from 8–15 May, the AGA from 15–20 May and the Post-AGA tour from 20–24 May.

**Virtual AFRAA Aviation Stakeholders Convention**

WACA President, *Maga Ramasamy*, had the pleasure to attend virtually the 9th AFRAA Aviation Stakeholders' Convention on 18/19 May where he was able to advise about WACA's involvement in the project for travellers to make a difference. A press release about the Convention is attached.

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**Contribute**

If any WACA member has anything they would like to contribute to the next "Membership Message" please send the information to the attention of the WACA Administration Manager at WACA Headquarters.

**KEEP WELL. STAY SAFE.**

Yours in interlining,

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