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Nat Nagy to Head AAAA



The AAAA Board is delighted to announce that Mr Nat Nagy has been selected as the new CEO of the Aerial Application Association of Australia Ltd – ‘four As’ - when the current CEO of 22 years, Mr Phil Hurst, retires in February 2022.

Mr Nagy brings a wealth of aviation experience across operations, management and safety to the role, as well as his experience as a senior executive within the public service in Canberra, including at the ATSB.

President of AAAA, Mr Steve Holding, said that the search for the best candidate had been thorough and that he looked forward to working with Nat to build on the incredible legacy of positive relationships, effective programs and strong member representation left by Phil.

“There is still plenty of work left to do and significant emerging opportunities across the industry, including in agriculture and forestry, firefighting and in continuing to improve our own performance and stewardship from an already high base,” Mr Holding said.

“AAAA is known as a no-nonsense peak body that always looks for a positive outcome – and Nat has the experience to continue to deliver against our core values and strategic plan while reinforcing the great culture of the aerial application industry.

“All AAAA members look forward to welcoming Nat to the industry and ensuring the coming decades are as successful as those under Phil’s stewardship.”

Mr Nagy thanked AAAA for what he saw as the opportunity of a lifetime to contribute his extensive skills and experience to an industry he holds in such high regard.

“Aerial application is a critical industry for Australia. It’s role in protecting agricultural crops, forestry and pastures and fighting bushfires from the air can’t be undersold.

“AAAA’s reputation amongst all in the aviation industry is as a first-class contributor, a strong fighter for their causes and a positive influence across a wide range of safety, regulatory, and environmental issues. I am very enthusiastic about heading up such a well-regarded and outcome-focused organisation.”

Mr Nagy also thanked the outgoing CEO.

“Phil has been instrumental in building the professionalism, profile and safety culture of the industry. I look forward to continuing to serve all members to this high standard.”

Mr Nagy will formally commence with AAAA from 1 February 2022.



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