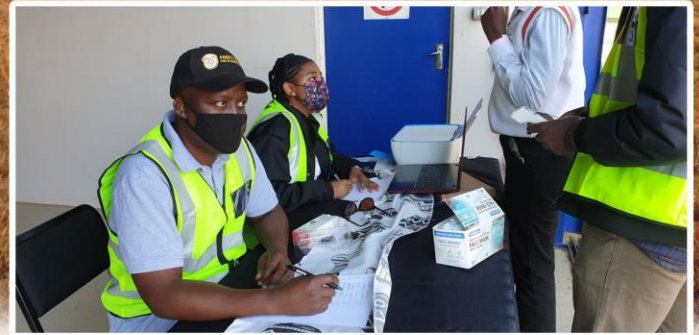




# Rise Above Aviators Awareness day @Middelburg Airweek Centenary Celebrations



RAA Directors, Goitseona and Kgopotso  
Informing Educators about RAA Principles



RAA COVID-19 Registration Desk

The Spirit of Aviation was loud and clear at this year's annual Aero Club of South Africa Fly in hosted at Middelburg Airfield in Mpumalanga. Rise Above Aviators, inspired by transformation and aviation development, enjoyed this prestigious event with more than 50 school learners from the local Middelburg Community.

The AeroClub Centenary Celebrations was an event of spectacular magnitude and received a lot of support from Aero Club member clubs and as such, Rise Above Aviators did not want to miss out on the festivities. Rise Above Aviators as a rapidly growing and enthusiastic organization are deeply rooted in providing access and foundation for aviation transformation, with this goal in mind, RAA invited 50 school learners from Middelburg Secondary schools.





**RAA Pilot, Goitseona - Flitecare Sling 2**



**RAA Pilot, Daniel - Learners Intoduction flight**



**RAA Pilot, Amanda - Empowering the Learners on Aviation 101**

Aviation and development is the cornerstone to transformation and Rise Above Aviators ensured that the school learners were exposed to the careers, aviation clubs and opportunities on presentations on the day.

Richard Lovett from the Middelburg Aero Club hosted our team whilst showcasing his beautiful hangars and presenting the learners with a course breakdown on studying towards your pilots license we had aviatrix First Officer Amanda who formerly flew A380's at Emirates. Elijah, one of our Rise Above Aviators team facilitators hosted a para-gliding "crash-course" explaining and demonstrating the art of para gliding, Elijah's robust presentation put a smile on our students face's as they were inspired by the representation of aviation professionals from previously dis-advantaged backgrounds.



**Itumeleng Mokoena - Drone Pilot  
conducting Drone capabilities demonstration**



*RAA Directors (Left to Right) Kgotso Mongale, Goitseona Diale and Daniel Ralefeta*

We added an extra dimension to bring aviation closer to home to the community school kids and invited Lebogang Mokeona who is a licensed drone pilot and instructor to offer meaningful insight in the drone industry, her presentation included live demo's of drone flight and equipment features.

A walk about during the day was an exciting experience for our guests and school learners as they were given an aircraft identification and sightseeing tour. Part of our day's highlights Rise Above Aviators was invited to a live hot air balloon demonstration by BAFSA one of the Aeroclub of South Africa's sections. To wrap up our educational excursion the RAA flying team were so generous by offering our honored school learners with introductory flights in a pair of Sling 2 Aircraft and a FK9, respectfully flown by our directors.

*RAA Directors in formation - FK9 and the Flitecare Slings 2*





*RAA Crew ensuring COVID-19 Protocols are adhered to*

This year we boasted a 10 team strong RAA volunteer group who took up duties during the day for education presentations, aviation demonstrations and logistics. A beautiful highlight that we all enjoyed was the award of “Most Enthusiastic” section at the Aero Club of South Africa’s Gala Dinner, the award was a true reflection of our high spirits and determination throughout the weekend.

Although some of our planned activities did not materialize due to safety concerns and due to short term logistical organizational plans not materlizing we are still grateful for yet another opportunity to further aviation awareness and development in Middelburg





# AIRWEEK ENTHUSIASTS AWARD

Most Enthusiastic Team



AWARDED IN APRIL 2021

*Aero Club*

*RAA Award received at the Centenary Celebration*

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Richard Lovett and the department of Sport and Recreation for their generous contributions to our mission at the Aero Club Centenary Celebrations. And last but not least a massive thank you to Aero Club of South Africa for a seamless event and wonderful convention.

**The Balloon and Airship Federation of South Africa (BFSA)**  
- Richard Bovell and Sbu Ngcobo

