



Mark Fox, MAF NZ CEO said,

// This is the fulfillment of a long-time dream of mine, to create a centre filled with the noise and activity of all things aviation. **This hub links together all of MAF New Zealand's activities.** It provides office space, meeting rooms, accommodation and training facilities. It is a place where people and groups are encouraged to pray for MAF's ministry and missionaries. Where people are inspired to join MAF and are then trained and empowered for service overseas—and cared for and supported once they are on the field."

In order to keep the planes flying in 27 countries, **Ian McBride, the Chairman of MAF NZ said,**

// It is critically important that we meet the urgent global need for more 'mission-ready' staff to serve with MAF. It's time for us to take a bold step forward and provide a much more effective platform to assist and support potential staff towards service with MAF globally."



Mark Fox talking to a school group.

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THE KENDON-STRONG MAF CENTRE



FOR MANY YEARS THE KENDON-STRONG MAF CENTRE WAS JUST A DREAM. TODAY IT IS A REALITY!



Kendon & Strong

At the end of the Second World War, in 1945, two young Kiwi Air Force officers sought to find ways to use aircraft to bring help and hope to people in isolated areas of the world. Murray Kendon and Trevor Strong, motivated by their Christian faith, asked the question: Aircraft have been used in spreading death and destruction during war; why can't they be used to bring life and hope in peacetime?



Murray Kendon, left, and Trevor Strong.

Today, millions of people around the world are cut off from the resources they need to build better lives for themselves and their families by the barriers of extreme geography, human conflict and natural disasters.

MAF's fleet of 130 light aircraft transport essential resources, including medical teams, food, building and educational supplies, teachers, missionaries and aid workers. Our flights enable 1,400 partner aid and development agencies, missions and churches to quickly and effectively put their resources to use where they will make the most difference.



The Hub

Despite all the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, on Wednesday 19 August 2020, MAF NZ was able to put down a deposit on a hangar at Tauranga airport. The hangar is being developed into the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre, named after Murray Kendon and Trevor Strong, the two Kiwis who founded MAF over 75 years ago.

Today we welcome school and church groups and others to hear and see the MAF story through interactive audio/visual presentations. The hangar houses our operational Cessna 206, which is used for pilot training and promotional activities. The Centre allows us to form strategic partnerships with churches, training providers and companies around New Zealand so we can work together to achieve our goals. Finally, the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre is strategically placed to share our vision with the many other nearby aviation companies.

The developing of both the facilities and programmes to train pilots and aviation engineers will be ongoing.

In MAF we say, "All pieces play a part!"

We all have a part to play in keeping the MAF planes flying.

To find out what part could you play, go to our website:

maf.org.nz