



A Bold New Vision **The Kendon-Strong MAF Centre**

Greetings!

Earlier this year, Ian McBride, MAF NZ Chairman, said:

“We believe it’s time for MAF NZ to take a bold step forward and provide a much more effective platform to assist and support people towards service with MAF globally.”

I want to share some very exciting news with you—a new “hub” that will link together all of MAF New Zealand’s activities.

In response to ongoing global needs, and the critical importance of providing “mission-ready” staff to serve with MAF, a key step forward was to find a hub or centre—preferably in a hangar at an airport.

To give you some context, one way to describe an organisation and its activity is in a ‘word picture’. The word picture God has given me of MAF NZ is a house with four rooms. These four rooms represent four key areas of operation under one roof.

Room 1

The Room of Prayer

This is where people and groups are encouraged and equipped to pray for MAF’s ministry and missionaries. People are on their knees seeking God’s provision, protection and providence.

Room 2

The Room of Mobilising

Here people are welcomed and inspired by God to apply to join MAF. They are then interviewed, assessed, trained and empowered for service overseas. There is praise for those helped and reached in remote places.

Room 3

The Room of Raising Resources

This is where people and organisations partner with MAF to pray for, gather and send the resources required to enable the work of God to reach across the globe. Those who have been sent out to serve are cared for, encouraged and supported with both finances and prayer by many walking alongside them.

Room 4

The Room of Christian Communities

The community of believers are in this room. They enjoy partnering with MAF, worshiping God, studying the scriptures, hearing stories of MAF’s work and being inspired to help. Many churches work alongside MAF to identify potential staff, send them out and encourage them in their ministries. The room pulsates with excitement for what God is doing.



This house welcomes visitors, missionaries on home assignment, people wanting to hear about MAF's work and those who want to be involved. Some are praying, others are training, flying or doing administration.

Around the house is the noise and activity of all things aviation. God smiles on the house and is pleased with the people and their service.

The Vision Is Becoming Reality!

I am excited to tell you today that the Lord has heard our prayers and answered! On Wednesday 19 August, with gratitude for His goodness and provision, MAF NZ was able to put down a deposit on a hangar at Tauranga Airport. This hangar will be developed into the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre, named after Murray Kendon and Trevor Strong, the two Kiwi pilots who founded MAF.

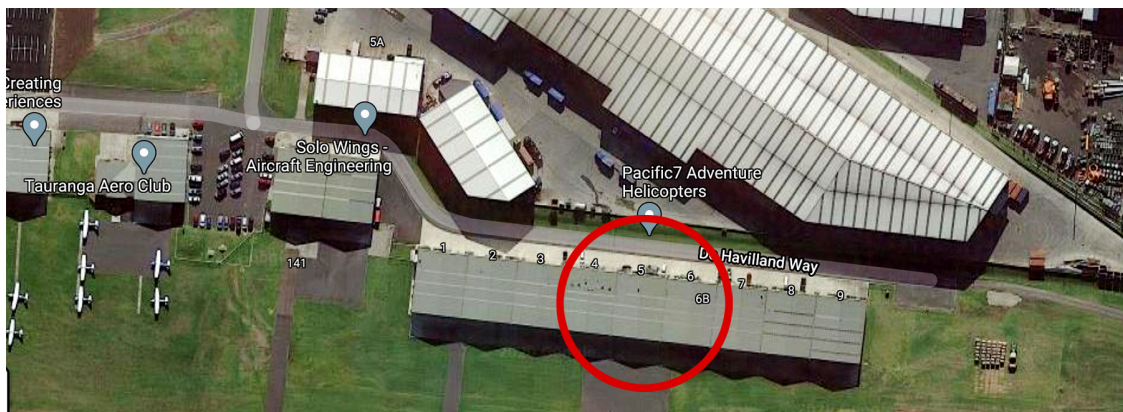
The Kendon-Strong MAF Centre will allow us to meet the changing landscape of recruiting and developing missionary pilots, engineers, ground staff, managers and leaders. The challenging realities of flying in places like PNG requires a high level of expertise. At the same time, opportunities for less experienced candidates to build experience are in decline. The new centre will bridge this gap. New Zealand provides a unique combination of terrain, weather and relatively low costs that makes it an ideal place for training.

This "hub" will also provide office space, meeting rooms and accommodation. It will house our Cessna 206, which will continue to be used for pilot training and promotional activities. From it we will be able to form strategic partnerships with churches, training providers and companies in order to work together to achieve our goals.



Mark and Ian McBride visit the new hangar.

Finally, the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre is strategically placed to be a light to the many other nearby aviation companies and a place to welcome school and church groups, and others who want to hear and see the MAF story through audio/visual presentations.



Our new hangar No 5, 7 De Havilland Way, Tauranga Airport

You Can be a Part of the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre!

Over the last few months God has moved things forward at a rapid pace. Finance towards this purchase has come from investments from the sale of our previous hangar at Ardmore many years ago, and three very generous gifts recently received towards this project. Yet there is still a way to go.

Will you join us to help create a place where people come to be inspired, equipped and prayed for—and go as Ambassadors of Christ, to serve in places far and wide?

From the purchase price of \$1,040,000 we have an outstanding balance of \$245,000 still to raise. The settlement date is 26 November, 2020, and we urgently need to raise as much of this outstanding amount as we can before then.

Be a vital part of helping the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre become an invaluable missions resource for many years to come by making a donation of:

- \$45, \$120 or \$350
- A one-time donation of \$5000 or more
- An interest free loan or
- A faith pledge to pay over the next few years.



Mark Fox, MAF NZ CEO

As we stand on the threshold of purchasing the hangar by 26 November, would you pray and ask God what He would like you to do. Your contribution of any amount will be a lasting legacy towards the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre. This is a tax deductible donation.

Yours in Christian service,



Yes, I would like to help establish the Kendon-Strong MAF Centre!

- Please accept this one off gift of **\$45, \$120, \$350** or \$_____ (please specify)
- I have prayed and would like to make a special one-off capital investment gift of \$_____ (please specify)
- I wish to give MAF an interest free loan of \$_____ (please specify)
- I pledge to give MAF \$_____ over a two year period



You can give:

- Through the **website**. Go to maf.org.nz, then go to the **Donate** page.
- Cheque (make payable to **MAF NZ**)
- Direct to Bank Account: **06 0583 0528842 01** Ref:<consid> **APL2004**
- Credit Card (fill in details below and sign the following declaration)

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard

Card No: Expiry:

Name on card: _____

I agree to MAF deducting from my credit card Signature: _____

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