

The Paul Tissandier Diploma

This Diploma, established by the FAI in 1952, is named after Mr Paul Tissandier, Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945. It shall be awarded to those who have served the cause of Aviation in general and Sporting Aviation in particular, by their work, initiative, devotion or in other ways.

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Details:

As ABF National Safety Officer, Bob has brought substantial aviation experience and dedication to his role in ballooning. Despite health challenges he has overhauled ballooning safety and developed a Safety Management System for sport and recreational ballooning in Australia. Bob started ballooning in 1992, and has logged over 630 hours. He is an ABF Instructor, a RAAF Reservist Balloon Pilot with additional duties as the RAAF Balloon Flight Safety and Training Officer. RAAF Career: He has around 4000 hours of Military flight time on CT4, Macchi, Dakota, HS748, Hercules, Caribou and Trackers. In August 1979 he became an Air Force Qualified Flying Instructor and ended up as an 'A2' category (almost demi-God). He was also a member of the RAAF Aerobatic Team, the 'Roulettes'. Civilian Flying: Bob left the Air Force in the mid-80s to join CASA (then CAA) and was involved in Regulations and Standards. A civilian instructor in his spare time he holds various endorsements including float endorsement and ATPL. He also held ATO privileges for a while. Bob is a trained practitioner in James Reason method of Accident Investigation.

