

The I.Ae.E. in Australia.

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JUST over two-and-a-half years ago, the Institution granted a charter to Capt P Roach-Pierson of Melbourne, Australia, empowering him to form an Australasian Branch of this Institution

Since that date the Australasian Branch has made great progress. Until recently the Chairman of the Branch was Lieut-Col H C Brinsmead, O B E , M C , M I Ae E , the Australian Controller of Civil Aviation, which is in itself some testimony of the regard which the Institution is held in Australia. Col Brinsmead has recently been succeeded as Chairman by Wing Commdr Wackett, D F C , A F C , B Sc , who commands the Randwick Station (The Australian Farnborough) of the R A A F

Capt Roach-Pierson has worked unceasingly for the success of the Branch, and it is to him that its present prominent position is to a large extent due. This applies especially in regard to membership, in which branch of his work he has proved very active, as is shown by the fact that amongst the members are Sir Keith Smith, K B E , F R G S , who made the first England to Australia flight, Wing -Commdr Goble, Liaison Officer of the R A A F , Flight-Lieut McIntyre, and many other well-known Australian aviators about whom a whole page could be written.

The Council of the Institution are rightly appreciative and proud of what the Australasian Branch have done, and both on their behalf and personally, I wish them every success in the future.

(Since writing the above, news has been received that a division of the Institution has been formed in New South Wales, and it is understood that the Australasian Branch hope to form divisions in the other States of the Commonwealth)