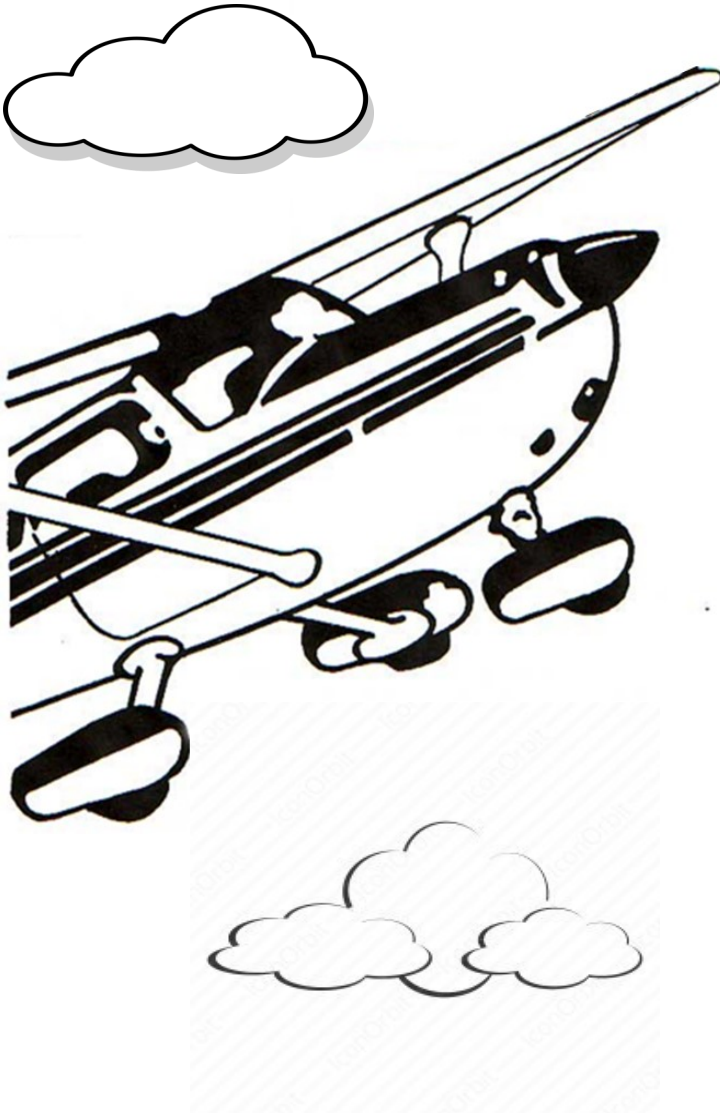


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Presidents Message

Hi all, what a month it has been.

I must take this opportunity to thank Bob Emery for the very informative OZ Runway Presentation on Saturday 7th November 2020 he ran to those pilots that attended. Thanks Bob.

The Fly in to Murray Field for their Breakfast and instrument-less circuit was very well attended.

3 NAC pilots flew in their own aircraft to join Royals Aero Club in their competition, Dave McFarlane came equal first with Royals, Ian Berry 2nd place and I managed to sneak in 3rd place. As Jim Jenkins explained in the Briefing this is what to do if you lose your instruments. By looking out your window you need to judge your altitude, and air speed to land.

The Christmas party was once again well attended. A lot of past members made it back for the occasion. John Masters and his wife Jeanette, Bruce Smart and his lovely wife. Andrew Johnson and Mike Smith both past Instructors with family members made it back and had a ball catching up with past members and pilots.

Father Christmas could not arrive in the helicopter but we were able to fly him in using the Plane.

Lucky for the children he had a sack full of presents to give out, and all smiles from the receivers.

Once again, the ladies did a fantastic job with food and desserts galore. Thank you to all those that contributed to the "bring a plate", we were inundated in a good way. A huge thanks to Marg, Beth, Kate, Gail and Heather for presenting the meal and cleaning up. Thanks to Howie for manning the bar and keeping the liquid up to all those that attended.

Our club plane PGL is being left out of the hangar, not tied down. This is not a good practice because at this time of the year willie willies come through and can flip the plane or damage it. So, if it is taken out of the hangar tie it down please.

Merry Christmas to everyone and if you don't get to fly enjoy your Christmas and New Year and roll on 2021.

Cheers, Errol

Ready to roll!

Club Captains Report

Hello All, Peter Hill Here again.

Sunday 13th December was our monthly Flying Comp, however the weather/wind was well over safe minima with low cloud ,very blustery crosswinds and rain as well!

So we waited a couple of hours for this situation to improve, which it did,then flew a modified Comp so we did not miss out on Christmas Lunch, which was really lovely, prepared by the Lovely Ladies in the Clubrooms-we are so lucky!

While we waited for that windsock to be at least reasonable in its gyrations TEAM NAC PILOTS and CREW spent some quality time in the Flight Office .

Ian told us of his Flight Review last week,what a great trip!

"J.J." Jesse Stewart spoke of his plans for a career in Aviation, he starts his course early 2021,we wished him every success and we know he will succeed too.

James spoke about his Rottnest Endorsement with RACWA.

and we hope to see James use our Club Aircraft for Navigation endorsements and more.

Peter congratulated Dave, Ian and Errol on placing 1st 2nd and 3rd at Murray Field Comp to much applause, and just about then the windsock decides to behave itself and circuit minima is evident so we fly now.... all Pilots handled their machines safely and a super fast debrief brought us to Christmas Lunch--yummo!

I feel privileged to fly with TEAM NAC Pilots and CREW, and wish them and their Families a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Thank You All,

Peter Hill, Club Captain

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First Place	Peter Hill		
Second Place	Dave McFarlane		
Equal Third Place	James & Jesse		
Fourth Place	Ian		

WA Governors visit to Northam Aero Club



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The Honourable Kim Beazley AC
Governor of Western Australia

16 December 2020

Errol Croft
Northam Aero Club

dowref@bigpond.net.au

Dear Errol and Team

Visit to Northam Aero Club

Thank you for taking the time to show me the Northam Aero Club and sharing your fascinating stories. I particularly enjoyed meeting and hearing about Claude's solo trips he undertook using light aircraft.

Please keep me posted on the Hot Air Balloon Event in 2021. If my schedule allows I would love to come back for a visit to see the start of the flight.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely


GOVERNOR

Competition at Murrayfield



Briefing time at Murrayfield with Royal Aero Club and Northam Aero Club



Proof of Dave McFarlane's perfect instrument less flying at Murrayfield Competition

Competition at Murrayfield



Mick Harcourt is the Club Competition Officer at Royal Aero Club and he enjoys flying his Tiger Moth on a regular basis.

Our next Flying Comp is Sunday 14th February 2021,
followed by a committee meeting in our air conditioned Clubrooms.

THANK YOU TO ALL TEAM NAC PILOTS AND CREW.
Best Wishes, Peter Hill Club Captain 0450415947.



The Ruthless Rhyme of The Ten Little Airmen

I found this little ditty in a book I was given as a “secret Santa” gift this year.

The Book is called:

Australian Aviation, A pictorial History, by Adam Lee & Gary Davis

TEN little airmen thought it Jolly fine, to try and loop the loop one day
Then there were NINE

NINE little airmen stayed out rather late, they tried to fly home after dark
Then there were EIGHT

EIGHT little airmen climbing up t'wards heaven, one went up a bit to far
Which only left SEVEN

SEVEN little airmen, one in such a fix, he ran short of petrol
And that left SIX

SIX little airmen found their pal alive, one took him off to his Mama
Then there were FIVE

FIVE little airmen one day saw the ground, coming up to meet them
Only FOUR were found

FOUR little airmen tried to dodge a tree, one went in to roost there
Then there were only THREE

THREE little airmen, their number getting few, one of the grew too fat to fly
Then there were only TWO

TWO little airmen, one's flying days were done, he became a married man
Then there was only ONE

ONE little airman, robbed of all his friends, was run down by a scooter
And so the story ENDS!

Editors Note

Hi All,

As we draw close to the end of another year, (and what an unusual year it has been), I would like to thank each and every contributor to the Fly About, for all of the pictures and stories that have made my job so easy.

I would like to make a special mention of our instructor, and regular contributor, Kevin Lathbury for his amazing and informative articles.

You will be happy to know that one of Kevin's articles was read by Jan Goosen, Senior Standards Officer from the Flight Standards Branch at CASA. Jan took the time to contact me with the following email:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to tell you that CASA has recently issued Advisory Circular (AC) 91 -16 on the subject of Wake turbulence. The AC can be found at <https://www.casa.gov.au/files/ac-91-16-v10>

Why I am telling you this is because I noted your excellent article on the subject in the Vol. 50 Issue No. 8 edition of 'Fly About' and its reference to 'AIC H30/17'. This AIC is about to be cancelled as it is replaced by AC 91-16.

Well done Kevin, keep the articles coming!

Merry Christmas everyone, Fly Safe, Cheers, MJ

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Hi All, just a quick reminder that membership fees fall due on the 31st of December each year.

Please see the form on page 12 of the Fly About for fees, bank details and club items for purchase.

Bar Roster

Bar Hours - Saturday 5pm - 7pm

If unable to do your rostered days, please make arrangements to swap with someone.

The Bar is currently closed for Christmas, New Year period.
The scheduled for renovations will commence in February.

Please check with Matt Bignell for Opening days and hours.

0407 873 700

IF UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTERED DAYS
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SWAP WITH
SOMEONE



Bernie Hush has put together a private group Facebook page for the Northam Aero Club. Your annual membership gives you access to join and share your aviation stories. Be on the lookout for an email invitation from Bernie to join the Facebook page!

Thank-you Bernie

Next Club Competition

NEXT NAC FLYING COMP is scheduled for:

Sunday 14th February 2021

Peter Hill, Club Captain NAC 0450415947 prh@aurora.net.au

Next Club Committee meeting at 13:00 (1pm)

Sunday 14th February 2021

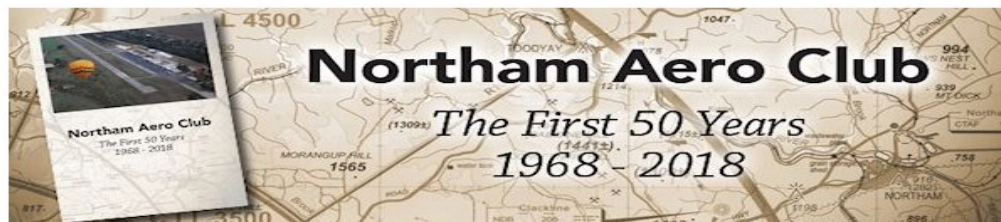
At NAC Clubrooms

Dec/Jan. 2020/2021



NORTHAM AERO CLUB

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Member- ship fees due	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	Dec 1	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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\$25.00 available from Northam Aero Club

Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia

- Books
- Artifacts
- Photographs
- Old Aircraft Parts
- Signs

If it's old and historic—I'm interested

Adam Price—0428 611 797

NAC Club Aircraft Bookings



Enquiries— Matt Bignell

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Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____

☐ Not Renewing

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (email) _____

Type of Membership: ☐ Adult (\$55)

☐ Junior (\$10)

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 A/c Number:69-2937

Apparel: ☐ Club Polo Shirt (\$35) – Size _____ Name on Shirt: _____

100% breathable polyester jersey knit, snag resistant. Knit collar with contrast tipping.

Mens sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL or 5XL . (185 GSM standard 3 button)

Womens sizes 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 or 24 (Ladies 215 GSM with open V with 2 press studs)

☐ Club Cap (\$20) plus \$8 postage. (* Caps are also available from the bar)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an Invoice please tick ☐

‘Fly About’ Magazine: Yes ☐ I would like to receive it by ☐ email (preferred) ☐ post

No ☐ I do not wish to receive it

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$20

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35 (Personalised)



Classifieds

Northam Aero Club Merchandise

Club Polo Shirts with name and club logo—\$35.00

Postage available—\$10.00 per order

Club Caps with logo—\$20.00 available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00 available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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