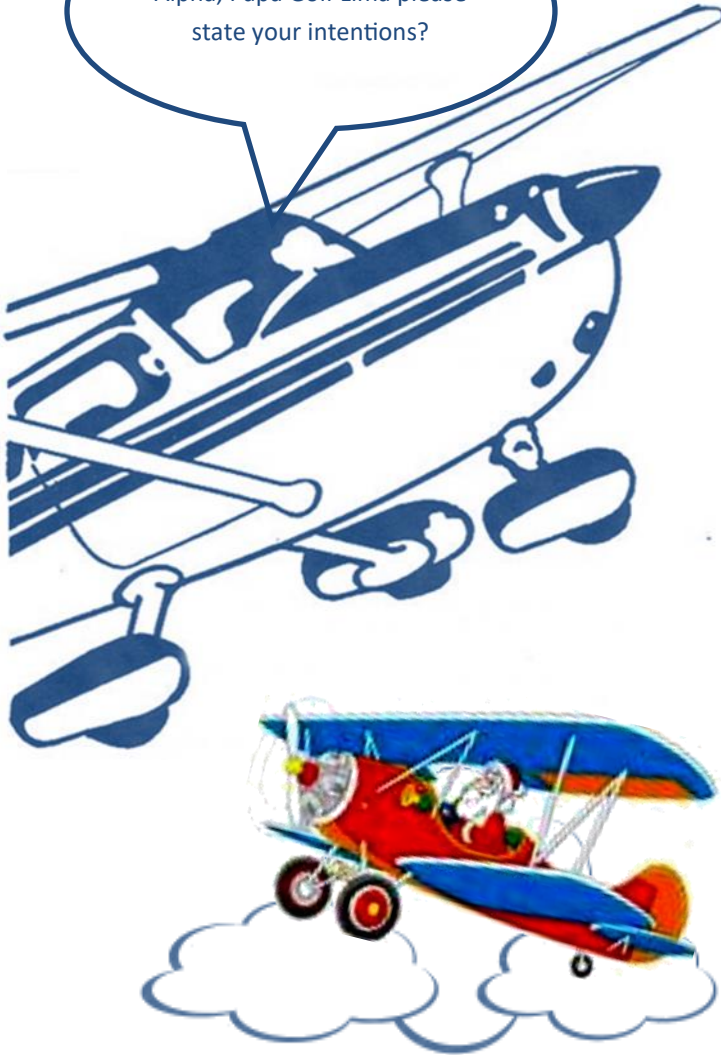


# *Fly About*

NORTHAM AERO CLUB (INC.) NEWSLETTER

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Sierra Alpha November Tango  
Alpha, Papa Golf Lima please  
state your intentions?



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# Presidents Message

## Welcome to December Fly About

Since last month's issue we hosted our Christmas Lunch that was once again well attended. We had plentiful food organised and prepared by our very faithful girls in Liz, Sue and Heather, thank you to all. It was great to see some of our original members all sitting and reminiscing about the early days.

A huge thanks goes to Paul Blain who organised the reticulation water project for the club rooms lawn. The busy bee was well attended together with Paul's organising the whole day went very well. With fertilizing from Trevor, I am sure we will have the best lawn in Northam! (see photos on the next page).

The Northam Aero Club website has been updated. If you have any problems, go to [northamaeroclub.com](http://northamaeroclub.com) and hit refresh on your browser.



Thanks to Ashley for running Sunday's competition, due to Dave being delayed up north.

Before the flying competition, we all had a quiz to answer and all correct answers added to our score. It was very enjoyable and our flying skills were well tested.

I am not sure if the photo of PGL Tyre made Facebook (see left) but it does show you what happens when you over exert the brakes on landing on a bitumen airstrip.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Thanks again to all our volunteers.

Cheers,

**Errol**

# Presidents Message

Trenches dug  
and pipes laid



Men hard at Work



All back filled  
and finished



The GODS weren't sure we should tackle  
this job...SO...

Through the heat,  
then a thunder storm and rain,  
followed by mass humidity and  
finally a cooling breeze,  
the job was complete!!

# Club Captain's Report

## Novembers Club Competition:

The December competition was put together at short notice, due to our club captain being held up in Newman. He was bumped off his Virgin flight, only to be told the next available flight would be in 48 hours time!!

The competition was basically our usual HMAS Northam, thus consisting of three circuits. The first circuit was a short field take-off with a flapless landing, the second circuit consisted of a go around and the third circuit concluded with a short field landing.

Ten pilots took up the challenge to compete, only to be told they had to complete a closed book, 13 question multiple-choice questionnaire, with only 10 minutes to complete before flying.



We may need to make this a regular feature as most pilots did better at the flying than the questionnaire. Hopefully everyone found the questions interesting.

Thanks to Kate for organising the morning tea, a great spread of yummy treats contributed by members.

# Club Captain's Report

## Winners were....

→	First Place	James Hill	C152 BFC	93 points
→	Second Place	Peter Hill	C172 BOF	88 points
→	Third Place	Paul Blain	C172 PGL	84 points
→	Fourth Place	Chris Hill	C172 BOF	83 points
→	Fifth Place	Peter Hill (Snr)	C152 BFC	81 points
→	Sixth Place	Ashley Smith	C172 PGL	78 points
→	Seventh Place	Phil Maley	RV-6 DUO	73 points



**The next competition will be after the  
Christmas break on  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Briefing @ 9am.**



We wish all our members and friends a very  
Merry Christmas and  
a happy and safe New Year.



Drawn on Twitch!

**Ashley Smith  
(Stand-In Club Captain)**

# Aviation Humour



WITHOUT MECHANICS,  
PILOTS ARE JUST PEDESTRIANS WITH  
SUNGLASSES AND COOL JACKETS



**ONCE AN AVIATION LOVER,**

**ALWAYS AN AVIATION LOVER.**

# Aviation Humour

## PILOTS RULES

The **PILOT** always makes **THE RULES**.

**THE RULES** are subject to change at any time without prior notification.

No **CO-PILOT** can possibly know all **THE RULES**.

If the **PILOT** suspects *the* **CO-PILOT** knows all **THE RULES**, he must immediately change some or all of **THE RULES**.

The **PILOT** is never wrong.

If the **PILOT** is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the **CO-PILOT** did or said wrong.

The **CO-PILOT** must apologize immediately for causing said misunderstanding.

The **PILOT** may change his mind at an time.

The **CO-PILOT** must never change his mind without the express written consent of the **PILOT**.

The **PILOT** has every right to be angry or upset at any time.

The **CO-PILOT** must remain calm at all times, unless the **PILOT** wants him to be angry and/or upset.

The **CO-PILOT** is expected to mind read at all times.

Any attempt to document **THE RULES**, could result in bodily harm.

THE **CO-PILOT** who doesn't abide by the rules is grounded.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & APPAREL

## Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Not Renewing

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: ☐ Adult \$55.00

☐ Junior \$10.00

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 Acc Number: 69-2937

Apparel: ☐ Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 – 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 5 XL (185gsm 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 \$25.00 plus \$8.00 postage ☐

Caps also available from the Bar

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive an invoice please tick ☐

"Fly About" magazine Yes ☐

No ☐

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$25.00

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 personalised



# BAR

The Bar will be open every Saturday evening from 17:00 — 19:00

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## **NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 @ 13:00**

### **Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia**

- Books
- Artefacts
- Photographs
- Old Aircraft Parts
- Signs

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

**Adam Price—0428 611 797**

### **NAC Club Aircraft Bookings**



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**0407 873 700**

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Northam Aero Club Merchandise

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

*Club Caps with logo—\$25.00*

*available at the bar or Postage—\$10.00 per order*

*Stubbie Holders—\$7.00*

*available at the bar or*

*Postage —\$8.00*



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# NAC Cessna 172 — VH-PGL

## Hire Fee Structure

**New prices take effect from 1st of January 2025**

- Private Hire - \$270 per hour
- Dual Training - \$440 per hour
- TIF's - \$220 per 1/2 hour
- Briefing - as required
- Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$170 per hour

## Pre-paid Discounted Block Rates Available

- 5 hours - less 5%
- 10 hours - less 10%

*Student pilots may use the discounted block rate for aircraft hire costs only. Instructor fees remain as fixed price.*

For all further enquiries please contact:

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Aircraft Bookings: **Matt Bignell - 0407 873 700**

## NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

### 9:00 am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

Cheers,

**Dave McFarlane**

Club Captain **0428 743 031**

