

# *Fly About*

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

## *WELCOME TO AUGUST FLY ABOUT*

**WELL, IT HAS FINALLY HAPPENED IN 2025...**

*I came FIRST in the Flying Competition!!!*

Dave Mac, our retired Club Captain, could not make the Flying Competition so he handed me the "Flying Comp Case" with this month's instruction. The weather was not good and while we were contemplating whether to fly we decided to see what Dave had set for us. When we went to open the case, we realised the case had coded locks and I had not been given the code.

Making several phone calls to Dave and waiting for him to call back with the code we ate Ashley's magnificent scones and watched the weather come in. When Dave did eventually call back, he advised us that all we needed to do was slide back the locks to the side, no code was required. Darn.



# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT...

With the break in the weather, we decided just to do a crop inspection from the air. We took off and headed to Preston Farms to check the crops there. They were very nice by the way.

I identified waypoint Preston Farms. Next, we flew to Meena Industrial Park and Ian Berry identified that waypoint. We then changed course and flew to Muresk and Ashley identified that waypoint.

All in all, we had equal points so to break the score of one all, on our inbound we had to identify Northam Army Airstrip. We all did and the winners were:

- First Place Ashley Smith
- First Place Errol Croft
- First Place Ian Berry

What a great competition. I might add the crops all look fantastic from the air. As a passenger it is amazing what we identify when not piloting.

The weather has not been the best for flying but the crops are looking fantastic. Happy Flying.

**Errol**

# CLAUDE MEUNIER DONATION

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of August at 12.00pm our own Claude Meunier is making a very special and generous donation to the Aero Club.

For those that don't know, here are a few details of Claudes history with the club

- He has been a life member since 1993
- Has been also been successfully elected as the Club President 4 times
- Flew around the world in his Aerostar, starting from Northam, in 1996
- Create the first website for the Northam Aero Club (which the Wayback Achieve first recorded in 2001)



The Aero Club will be providing lunch and maybe a drink for this very special occasion so if you would like to be a part of this occasion please advise, Sue, Heather or Errol for catering purposes.

# AVIATION HUMOUR



On one hand it was a  
**40 MILLION** dollar plane,

On the other hand,  
the **SPIDER** was **INSIDE**

**YES, I HAVE  
A RETIREMENT  
PLAN  
PLANE**



# 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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Ph Errol 0428 880 149 or Kevin 0434 000 217  
[www.NorthamAeroClub.org.au](http://www.NorthamAeroClub.org.au)

## NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 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



Enquiries— Matt Bignell

**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

- 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:

NAC Treasurer - [nactreasurer@bigpond.com](mailto:nactreasurer@bigpond.com) T: 0427 909 412

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

## NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

**9:00 am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Club Captain for the day will provide the briefing

