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## **Club Presidents Report**

Merry Christmas all and a Happy New Year.

NAC held their competition and Father Christmas lunch on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and was well attended. Some 45 adults and children saw Father Christmas arrive in Captain Claude's R34 Helicopter. After presenting the children, and I might add a few adults with presents, he departed for his next stop.

We had the good fortune of the War Birds flying in with some of their aircraft and they also graced us with their presence at the very hearty Christmas lunch. They would like to do this more often and provided a good display as they departed after the meal. Also seen for the first time in many years was Gerry Paule who came all the way down from Gabbin.

A big thanks must go to Heather, Margie McFarlane, Beth Smith and Sharna Freeman in all the effort and preparation for Christmas lunch.

Thanks to Captain Claude and Father Christmas, our VIP guests of the day. A huge thanks to Christina Posselt for sharing Tahlia's birthday cake with us as the centrepiece of the table. See photo.

Thanks again to Bob Emery and Fred Warren for their entertaining music.

Thanks also to Howie, Ashley and Dave Beech for the work they have done with the outside alfresco area, barbecue and sink.

Welcome to our three new members of the club, Toby Hill, Craig Saunders and Greg Power. Happy Flying to you all.

PGL is back on line flying after her major inspections (SID's), she had a few problems around the belly but who doesn't nowadays. Thanks to NAS, she is ready for many hours of flying and hire, so make the most of the plane and our instructors.

Bob Emery has had a lot of enquiries regarding Ozrunways information so we will look at holding another training night in the New Year. We will keep you advised. There will not be a club competition in January but we will keep you posted regarding a fly in.

Once again, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers, Errol

## Club Captains Report

Sunday 13th December dawned clear and not too hot.  
Very nice conditions for flying!  
Our many visitors relaxed in the air conditioned Clubrooms,  
TEAM NAC Pilots gathered in the flight office for our

Flying Comp briefing:

" IFR YNTM"---"I FOLLOW ROADS NORTHAM".

Appr 40 n.m. mini air trial, nominated times with Radio etc.

Each Pilot nominated his own time for the journey, so not a race, just a nice fly out to the East and back.

Full maps and Comp sheets were issued on the day as usual, plus

all pilots as usual were given a full and detailed Comp Sheet

at our previous Comp debrief 8th November.

So all pilots had lots of time to read/study/even practice this Comp.

As good a reason to fly as any!

We all enjoyed the flying, scores were closely bunched once again.

Ten Pilots and six different aircraft joined together for a nice little fly today!

Welcome to new pilot Gerry Pauley from Koorda!

Great to see Serpentine Raiders Dave Gard in his shiny CT4a # 041 and

Bo Hannington in his pristine RV6a VH-CBO from SABC Serpentine join

us in the Comp, winning the Visitors Team top spot!

Also Dave Kerr / CT4a #075 was on the ramp and a crowd pleaser!

(on 10 days leave from Hong Kong where he Captains A330 Airbus aircraft)

Our many visitors appreciated your flypasts too!

## Club Captains Report Cont./....

Thank You Judges;  
your work is very professional and much appreciated!

Judges Comments:

"Safe flying by all Pilots,we had the best seats in the house!"

Judges:

Radio : Mr. Matt Bignell.

Runway/Nominated Times: Mr Shaun Bazely.

RESULTS: all Pilot's scores were extremely close...

FIRST PLACE: PA 28-235 VH-CEU. Ashley Smith.

SECOND C152 VH-BFC. Peter Hill.

THIRD : Cessna 172 P VH-PGL Dave and Marg McFarlane.

Fourth Zenith Zodiac 19-7108 Bob Emery.

Fifth PA28-235 VH-CEU Howie Pietersie.

Sixth Cessna172P VH-PGL Gerry Pauley.

We look forward to you joining us in 2016 Gerry!

Seventh Cessna 172P VH-PGL Errol Croft.

Eighth Glasair VH-IVB Ian Berry!

NEXT COMP. is Sunday 14 th February 2016.(Valentines Day!)

" AVON GOLF RECONNAISSANCE."..appr 44 n.m.

Come and spend a nice morning with us at Northam Airfield,

there are seats available if you wish to fly with us eh?

Thanks everyone,until then --Merry Christmas and a Great New Year!

FLY THAT SKY!

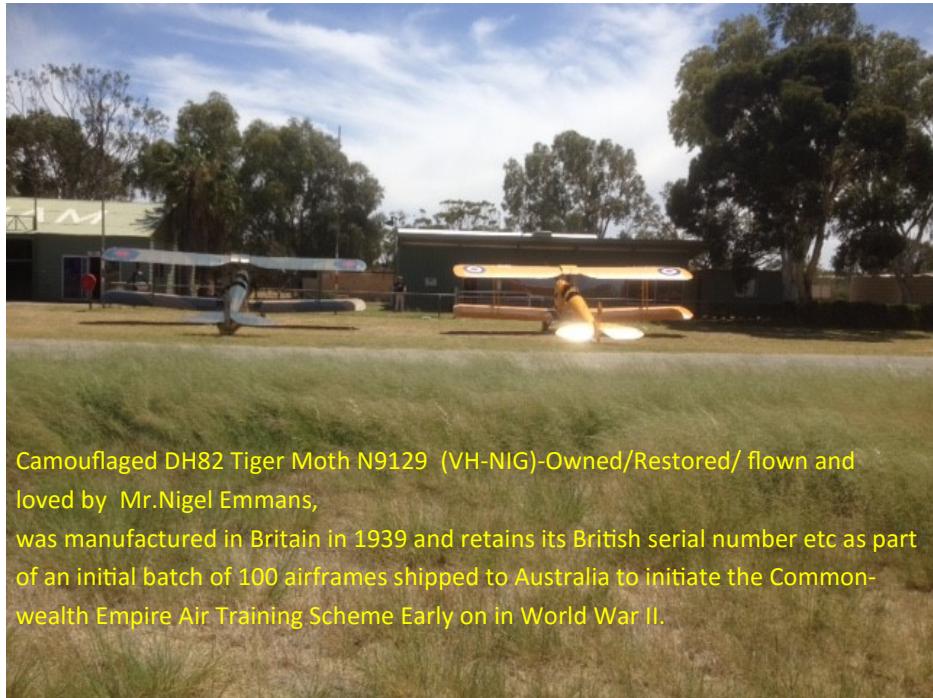
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## **" At Northam Aero Club Sunday 20th December 2015."**

Both the Tiger Moths in the following pictures are ex  
R.A.A.F. Cunderdin machines used to train pilots for  
the Empire Air Training Scheme.

Most pilots went on to Geraldton on Avro Anson twin engine bomber trainers then overseas on Active Service.  
These two captivating examples are privately owned / restored over many years and lovingly cared for by their Owner/Pilots.



Camouflaged DH82 Tiger Moth N9129 (VH-NIG)-Owned/Restored/ flown and loved by Mr.Nigel Emmans,

was manufactured in Britain in 1939 and retains its British serial number etc as part of an initial batch of 100 airframes shipped to Australia to initiate the Commonwealth Empire Air Training Scheme Early on in World War II.



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## Photos from the NAC Christmas Party



Some of the aircraft that were flown in to enjoy the festivities:

Photo Heather Deegan



Two of the warbirds that arrived to visit Sunday: Photo Heather Deegan



A Warbird that received a lot of attention from our members and guests:

Photos Heather Deegan



Christmas lunch



Above: NAC Members and guests watching aircraft movements

Below: Father Christmas and helper giving Tahlia her present





Above: Father Christmas and his helper hard at work distributing gifts

Below: Sandra Voake with Tahlia and her brother.



## The Lily flyaway

Shirley Harding from SABC circulated an email in Nov asking if anyone was interested in a flight to The Lily Windmill, near the Stirling Ranges, NE of Albany.

Sat Nov 28 was the agreed date for the trip. Trying to stretch the experience, I flew my Zenith Zodiac down from Northam the day before in clear blue skies, and stayed overnight in one of the accommodation “Dutch houses”, which was great.

I'd had heard that Pleun was a jazz musician, so I took my guitar along, and enjoyed a great night jamming with Pleun on his sax and enjoying his and Hennie's company. The accommodation and food was excellent!

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> saw six SABC aircraft and Damien from Cunderdin in his Cub arrive in cloudy conditions.

We enjoyed a great morning tea of coffee and cake, then a tour of the windmill and the Dakota (also an accommodation unit).

Pleun and Hennie have created an amazing achievement in building not only the fully functional Dutch windmill, but re-building the Gnowangerup Railway Station and the Dakota.

For more information check out the website [www.thelily.com.au](http://www.thelily.com.au)

A great trip, enjoyed by all.

*Regards*

*Bob Emery*







## NORTHAM AERO CLUB

### BAR ROSTER 2015—2016

<b>AUGUST</b>		
1st-2nd	-	Matt
8th-9th	-	Ashley
15th-16th	-	Howie
22nd-23rd	-	Peter
29th-30th		Crofty

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1st	-	Peter
7th-8th	-	Crofty
14th-15th	-	Matt
21st-22nd	-	Ashley
28th-29th		Howie

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5th-6th	-	Ashley
12th-13th	-	Matt
19th-20th	-	Howie
26th-27th	-	Peter

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
5th-6th	-	Peter
12th-13th	-	Crofty
19th-20th	-	Matt
26th-27th	-	CLOSED

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
3rd-4th	-	Crofty
10th-11th	-	Ashley
17th-18th	-	Matt
24th-25th	-	Howie
31st		Peter

<b>JANUARY</b>		
2nd-3rd	-	CLOSED
9th-10th	-	Ashley
16th-17th	-	Howie
23rd-24th	-	Peter
30th-31st		Crofty

### **Bar Hours**

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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**NEXT CLUB COMPETITION**

**9am Sunday 14th February 2016**

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting  
will be held at the club rooms on  
Sunday 10th January 2016 at 12.00 noon

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