

Fly About

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WELCOME TO JUNE FLY ABOUT

The Hopper Balloon Event has been held and once again was very successful. One morning was lost to ballooning with the weather not co-operating. Saturday night at the Oval in Northam was amazing, a great turn up of visitors for Northam. Everyone enjoyed themselves and I would like to thank our volunteers that have helped to make it so successful. Our breakfasts were enjoyed by all the balloonists and their crews.

I would also like to thank our sponsors without all the support we would not be able to hold these events. Thank you to *Avon Valley Bakery* in Northam, *Quins Gourmet Meats* and *Northam Paper Products*. I was on hand to make coffee for all and enjoyed interacting with so many happy faces early in the morning.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting has been held and I would like to thank our outgoing committee for all their time they have given to the Aero Club over the last 12 months.

Our Committee would not be possible to continue without your support and that includes all our grateful members. Thank you also to Denis Beresford to carry out the responsibility of our Returning Officer for the Northam Aero Club. Thank you to our new Committee which happens to be all the returning committee nominations however we still require a Vice President and a Club Captain.

The role of the Club Captain does not need to be a Committee member only a member of the Aero Club, please contact me or Dave McFarlane if you are interested. We need to keep our competition going to keep us all flying every month.

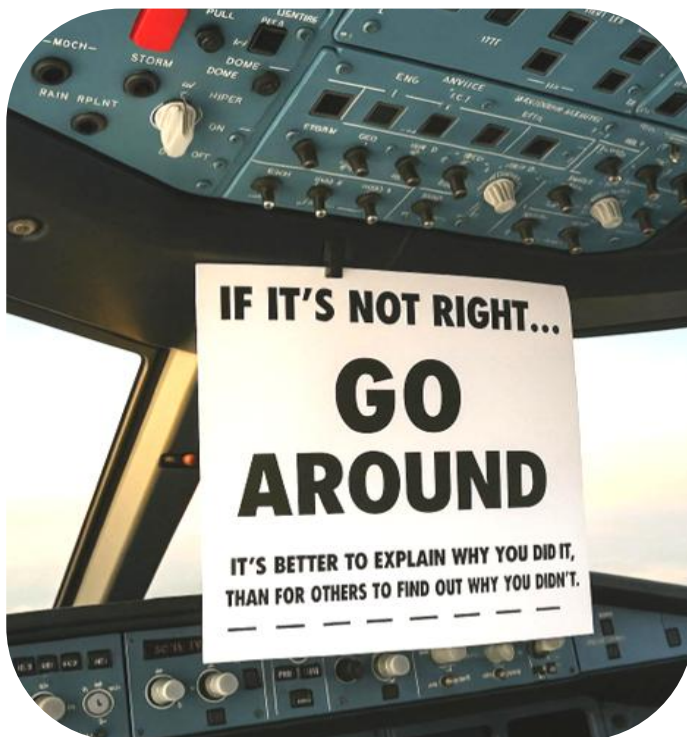
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT...

The Club Competition is held on the second Sunday of every month from 0900 hours and everyone is welcome. As always thanks to Marg McFarlane, Beth, Ashley and Kate and any others that help provide the food for all of our Pilots during the morning comp. Bernie Hush is keen to make it and get the barbeque going again so please try to make it next month and help him get this off the ground.

The Airfield looks beautiful and green at the moment but the weather has not been all that favourable to flying, so just remember to use that Carby heat with this cold weather.

Cheers all,

Errol



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

JUNE CLUB COMPETITION:

Nav Ex; YNTM – Goomalling - Clarkes Lake - Silo Complex - Buckland-YNTM

51 nm 31 minutes @ 100kts

At Goomalling pilots carried out a strip inspection and then onto to identify which is Clarkes lake amongst a group of multiple lakes.

At the silo complex pilots had to nominate the colour of the house roof. Nobody got the two colours! At debrief to try to separate equal second they were asked for more information on that roof, to no result. (Half the roof was brand new dark red colourbond and the other faded red colourbond).

On return from a midfield cross field entry pilots “discovered” that they had no brake pressure; all did really well on this, rolling to a stop, except one who thought it was a short field landing.

The Results of the day:

→	First Place	Phil Maley	RV6 DUO	95 pts
→	Second Place	Peter Hill	C152 BFC	88 pts
→	Equal Second	Bernie Hush	Foxbat 8842	88 pts
→	Third Place	Ashley Smith	C172 PGL	87 pts

Bernie Hush modeling the latest fashion in Pilots Flight Bags along with matching High Vis Flight Boots and Vest



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT CONT...

Many thanks to those who provided a great spread for morning tea.

The night before the Competition was the Club's AGM. The Competitions aggregate Results for the year were:

→	Third place	Paul Blain	641 points
→	Second place	Peter Hill	925 points
→	First place	Ashley Smith	945 points

Dave McFarlane
(Retiring Club Captain)

NEXT COMPETITION:

Sunday 8th June. Briefing from 9am

NEW US NAVY FISHTANK DECOR JUST DROPPED



NEW CLUB FLYERS

Did you know that the club has recently developed some new flyers? These are in the clubroom so feel free to share them with anyone who may be interested...

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Type of Membership: ☐ Adult \$55.00

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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)

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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

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BAR

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

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NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 13th July 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

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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:

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9:00 am Sunday 13th July 2025

Club Captain for the day will provide the briefing

