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Above: Diane and Clive Brookes take a holiday in the Nanchang. See Page 10. **Inset:** Dot McSparron turns 95. See Page 7. **Left:** Greg Ackman and nephew, Tom, with the Long EZ at Brisbane Airport. **Below:** Santa arrives at the Children's Christmas party. The pictures appear on Page 12.



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UPCOMING FLYING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

General Meeting	Sunday, 18th January, 2pm. (Postponed from December.) Contact: Jock Anderson. NOTE: This date is to be confirmed.	Clubhouse
Australia Day BBQ	Sunday, 25th January. 6pm. BYO food and grog. Eating irons available. Contact: David Rittie.	Clubhouse
Social Workday	Sunday, 22nd February. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members. Contact: Tim Causer.	Wedderburn
General Meeting	Sunday, 22nd March, 2pm. Contact: Jock Anderson.	Clubhouse
Annual General Meeting	Sunday, 22nd March, immediately following the GM. Contact: Jock Anderson.	Clubhouse
AAAA National Fly-in	Friday to Sunday 27th - 29th March.	Echuca



From your Editor

Welcome to the December 2014/January 2015 issue of the SAC Newsletter.

This edition of the Newsletter was able to cover events up until the Children's Christmas party held on 30th November (see **Page 12**). The annual Christmas party will be featured in the next edition.

There are some Notices of Motion included in this edition. The first two are re-issues of motions notified in the last Newsletter (**Page 3**), but Vic Laybutt has two more mo-

tions that are included in the Secretary's Report on **Pages 4 & 5**.

There are articles sent in by the usual suspects, including a short note from our caretaker, Rou, who climbed out of his hospital bed to send it in. There is news from Margaret Adams about Dorothy McSparron's 95th birthday and Ron Lalor's 90th. However, the big story this time comes from Diane and Clive Brookes where they tell us about their recent flying holiday.

John Gallagher sends in his heartfelt thanks of support for his very ill wife, Chris, on **Page 16**.

There are more and more photos being sent in which enhance your Newsletter, but makes the difficult Editor's choice of "Photo of the Month" even harder.



Thanks for the contributions everyone.

Allow me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a great 2015.

Cheers.

David Rittie



A Christmas Message from the President



A great year, and almost finished! The club as a group of likeminded enthusiasts, and all the resources it owns and maintains, are in a great state and ready for another year. As always, there is work to be done, but nothing to be concerned about.

So, that leaves me to have a little fun and wish everybody a great time over that very Australian "traditional" summer break. For some of us, it means Christmas celebrations. For others, family gatherings or holidays are the focus. For others, lots of sun, or lots of rest!

But, being pilots, it will almost universally mean time to indulge our love of flying, enjoying the freedom and challenge that comes in the air. I hope that you enjoy all that is important to you and your families over the holiday period, and most importantly fly safely and often, to be back around the airfield in the new year.

Merry Christmas

Bret Cavanagh



NOTICES of MOTION

Below are two motions that will be addressed at the next General Meeting scheduled for 18th January. These two motions will each require a 75% majority as they involve changes to the club constitution.

NOTICE of MOTION (1)

"That Part 6: Supplementary Rules, Clauses 43 to 49 and the Appendices 1 and 2 be removed from the Club Constitution."

Moved: Jock Anderson

Seconded: David Rittie

NOTICE of MOTION (2)

"That proxy voting is not permitted in the NSW SAC, and postal voting is permitted only on matters where advance information is provided such as the AGM, and will be carried out in accordance with the Associated Incorporation Regulation 2010 Schedule 3 and the clause 32 and 33 in the Constitution be replaced with the clauses as follows:

32: Voting

- (a) On any question arising at a general meeting of the association a member has one vote only.***
- (b) All votes must be given personally or by post.***
- (c) In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.***
- (d) A member or postal voter is not entitled to vote at any general meeting of the association unless all money due and payable by the member of the association has been received by the treasurer.***

33:Postal Voting

Postal Voting will be carried out in accordance with the Associated Incorporation Regulation 2010 Schedule 3. The returning officer must, at least 14 days (or 21 days in the case of a special resolution) before the date fixed for the closing of the ballot, send by post or otherwise deliver to every member entitled to, and requesting a vote in the ballot, one set of the following material:

- (a) one ballot paper,***
- (b) an envelope (in this Schedule referred to as the outer envelope)' addressed to the returning officer and the reverse side of which is noted or printed with the name and address of the member,***
- (c) a small envelope (in this Schedule referred to as the inner envelope)'in which the ballot paper is to be enclosed,***
- (d) a copy of a statement prepared by the board setting out the terms of the resolution,***
- (e) in the case of a special resolution - a copy of a statement to the effect that the resolution is intended to be passed as a special resolution."***

Moved: Jock Anderson

Seconded: David Rittie

From the Secretary's Desk

NEW MEMBERS

Brendan Sadgrove, David Perry, Mark Nicholls, and Jon Priddle have been elected as full members and Ross Jongejans (from Tasmania) as a social member since the last meeting. Please make them welcome.

Philip Goninon, was interviewed for full membership last workday and will be considered at the next committee meeting.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Signage

The paramedics and firies have asked that all hangars be identified by signs so that they can find their way in an emergency and Matthew Grey is arranging them. Also the sign at the front gate is to be renewed.....Napper Field.....so you will see these changes soon.

Cameras

Bret Cavanagh is arranging for two cameras to be placed on the field so that they can be accessed from OzRunways. This will be a great advance to those of us who wonder whether the field is VFR on approach even from Albion Park, for instance. I hope it is better than the one I tried for Sydney Airport....it gave me a great shot of Berowra Waters!

Hangar Licence Agreements

These are still under review by Phil Ayrtton and Bret Cavanagh. When they are complete all hangar owners will have to sign the new agreements.

Works in Progress

There are numerous smaller but important tasks underway, especially around the clubhouse, regarding such things as air conditioning, painting and guttering, which are being attended to by Phil Ayrtton and Richard Thompson along with Bill Leighton. Karen Lalor also has her shoulder to the wheel regarding catering and Dave Rittie is helping with the Christmas Party. It never ceases to amaze me how many things are being done by volunteer members of this club. Thank you to all.

The Constitution

The Department of Fair Trading has confirmed in writing receipt of the updated Club Constitution which was approved at the last general meeting. This means that it has been officially registered with the Department. I have forwarded a copy to Don Harvie and in due course it will be published on the club website. In accordance with the Incorporated Associations Regulation 2010 the Constitution will now be known as the "Constitution" and not as the "Rules". As I foreshadowed in my previous Secretary's report two motions additional to those already published will be placed before the membership at the next General Meeting. These have already been circulated in the newsflash, but I will reproduce them here:-

NOTICE of MOTION (3)

"That clause 11 in the Club Constitution be replaced by clause 11 from the Model Constitution".

Moved: Vic Laybutt

Seconded: Richard Thompson

FYI Clause 11 in the Club Constitution is:-

11: Disciplining of members

(a) A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the association:

(i) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this Constitution, or,

(ii) has persistently and willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association.

(b) The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.

(c) If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee.

(i) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and

(ii) must give the member at least 14 days from

the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint, and

(iii) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.

(d) The committee may, by resolution, censure, fine, suspend or expel the member from the association if,

After considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved, provided that no membershall be fined an amount exceeding the annual subscription of a full member of the association.

(e) If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is



From the Secretary's Desk (cont.)

taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under Rule 12.

- (f) *The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:*
- (i) *until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or*
 - (ii) *If within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under Rule 12 (e), whichever is the later.*

FYI Clause number 11 in the Model Constitution is:-

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- (1) A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the association:
 - (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution, or
 - (b) has willfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association.
- (2) The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- (3) If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee:
 - (a) must cause notice of the complaint to be

- served on the member concerned, and
- (b) must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint, and
- (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (4) The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the association or suspend the member from membership of the association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- (5) If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause 12.
- (6) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under clause 12, whichever is the later.

NOTICE of MOTION (4)

“that clause 12 in the Club Constitution be replaced by clause 12 from the Model Constitution”.

Moved: Vic Laybutt

Seconded: Doug Stickland

FYI Clause 12 in the Club Constitution is: **12: Right of appeal of disciplined member**

- (a) *A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under Rule 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect*
- (b) *The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.*
- (c) *On receipt of a notice from a member under clause (a), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.*
- (d) *At a general meeting of the association convened under clause (c):*
 - (i) *no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted; and*
 - (ii) *the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and*

- (iii) *the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked; and*
- (e) *If at the general meeting the association passes a special resolution in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed.*

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- (1) A member may appeal to the association in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause 11, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- (3) On receipt of a notice from a member under sub clause (1), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the association to be held within 28 days after the

From the Secretary's Desk (cont.)

- date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (4) At a general meeting of the association convened under sub clause (3):
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and
 - (b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the association.

As with any motion to alter the Constitution, three (3) weeks notice must be given to the membership. This requirement will serve as that notice. It is anticipated

that the meeting at which these motions will be presented to the membership will be on Sunday, January 18th.

Correspondence

Correspondence has been relatively quiet during the last two months, and has mostly dealt with hangar matters.

Finally, I have heard that our special caretaker Rou has been struck down by a particularly nasty virus and even as I write, has been admitted to the respiratory unit in hospital. Please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. We need you Rou and Dawn.

Fly safe and have a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

Jock Anderson



More Valuable Advice for Hangar Owners from Phil Ayrton

Below is the final instalment in the series sent in by our resident architect, Phil Ayrton, telling us about the process required for any intended hangar structural modification or internal fit-out. Thanks for the series of articles, Phil. *Ed*

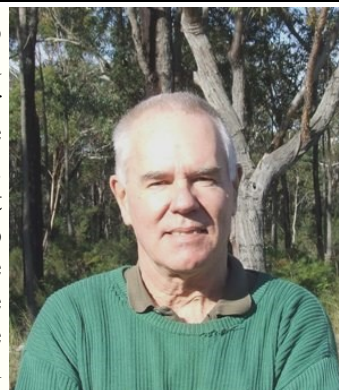
Hangar Modification Approval Process – Part 5

Just when you thought we had dealt with this issue as completely as possible you now find out that there's more... The main stages we have described so far include the following:

- 1 Prepare Your Drawings,**
 - 2 Get the Club Stamp,**
 - 3 Submit to Lands Dept for owners signature, and**
 - 4 Submit to Wollondilly Shire Council,**
- with the additional final stage being:
- 5 Send a copy of the approved consent to Crown Lands.**

The last time I received stamped drawings and the signed application and accompanying letter from Crown Lands, I noticed the accompanying letter contained an additional requirement that I have not previously been aware of. If you read the copy you keep for your records, it clearly states that once the application is approved by Council, a copy of the Council consent is to be forwarded to Crown Lands for their records, so this just means that to complete the process and to be completely compliant, you will need to make a copy of the

consent document only to send to Crown Lands, and an accompanying letter mentioning the hangar site by number is a good idea, as sometimes the consent document does not. No need to send a copy of the plans as they already have these, albeit without the addition of the council stamp.

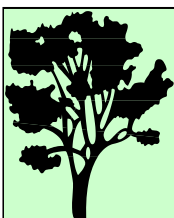


So there it is in all its glory, the approval process for any works on your hangar. I will endeavour to put the document together and have it placed on the website for reference. Initially the process can seem a bit daunting but the best way is to just read the previous articles describing the process and tackle them one item at a time and you will be successful and ultimately delighted to know you are fully compliant, it's a nice feeling and well worth the effort.

Merry Christmas to all.



Philip Ayrton



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****The Harlands also do hangar concrete slabs, at very reasonable prices****



Dorothy McSparron Turns 95

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our esteemed Life Member, Dorothy McSparron, who reached the fantastic age of 95 on Friday 7th November.

Dorothy, as many of our SAC members know, has been involved from day one of our wonderful club and was one of the original Ladies when we formed the Ladies Auxiliary, and has for over 30 years always been on hand to help at all the functions we held at our Airfield (and there were many) but unfortunately Dorothy had to give up her weekly



trips to Wedderburn, it was just too far to travel. Dorothy held the position of Treasurer for the Ladies Auxiliary for all this time too and she did a sterling job. Her bookwork was perfect. Thank you Dorothy for all your dedication, time and very hard work you gave to the Club.

On Sunday 9th November a family party was held at Dorothy's home in Beverly Hills where she received wonderful gifts, many well wishes with even a phone call from her sister Peggy, in Canada, which she was delighted to receive. It was a great celebration for a most wonderful lady and we all do trust you will be able to enjoy many more birthdays.

As most members know Dorothy is now in a nursing home at Bexley where she is a very popular resident and it would be most thoughtful if some of our SAC members could give Dorothy a ring to say "Hello". Her phone is right at her side table and it would thrill her to receive some calls. The phone number to ring is 9599 1925.



Congratulations again Dorothy on you reaching 95 years young. Lots of love is sent your way from all your many friends at NSW Sport Aircraft Club, Wedderburn.

Margaret Adams



Ron Lalor Turns 90

We found out from Margaret Adams that Ron Lalor, SAC Member No1, turned 90 years of age just recently. The photo at left shows Ron with his wife, Pat, about to cut the celebratory cake at the birthday party.

Congratulations Ron. May there be many more birthdays.

David Rittie

ROO'S NEWS

OUT OF HOSPITAL AND BACK ON DECK

A few words from our caretakers, Rouen and Dawn Andrews

SOCIAL WORKDAY November 2

Another very successful Workday, highlighted by the installation of a new Yanmar water pump on the northern dam under Richard T's supervision. Tim Causer oversaw the completion of other projects, including an oil change on the Perkins diesel generator.

Steve and Karen Lalor produced another gourmet lunch, spit roast beef and salad, with apple turnover and trimmings for dessert.

Attending were two fire units with crews, one from Lynwood Park and one from Wedderburn. We were also instructed in the use of the defibrillator by a trained representative of Cardiac Science.

LIGHTNING STRIKES November 5

On Wednesday afternoon we experienced a thunderstorm with several lightning strikes in the vicinity of the Clubhouse which knocked out phone sockets in the office and in the residence, and wiped out our computer. Telstra came the next week. One strike was in the trees in the vicinity of Greg Ackman's Hangar A1 and threw pieces of tree across the car parking area. Truly scary!! Thanks to Ian Harvie and Errol Pillemer for clearing up the mess.



Steve Lalor standing under the smashed tree

GRASS RUNWAY

Glenn Buttsworth has, once again, been performing his magic, aerating and fertilising this facility. However, we



Rouen and Dawn

have had 103mm of rain from 30/11/14 to 12/12/14 (four inches). This lovely rain has rejuvenated the runway but members are asked to treat this with care.

NEW ARRIVALS

Otis Wilding McDonald - Bruce and Laura Cunningham are now proud Grandparents! Pippa and Fergus have presented them with a grandson - 4.1kg at birth, now 4.8kg.

PERSONAL THANKS

A big thank you to all who have sent greetings and best wishes to me in my recent bout of ill health. Now on the mend, I want to thank everybody for pitching in and helping with various chores.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - Alive and Well at Wedderburn

Two of the stalwart ladies of SAC, June Nicholson and Jan Faulkner, have combined to produce a lovely range of children's soft toys that we have arranged with Glenda Howell to present to Anglicare for their Toys and Tucker Christmas Appeal. These will be included in hampers distributed to the needy at this time. We salute you June and Jan, for the hours of work to present these lovely gifts.

Rouen and Dawn send their Christmas greetings to all our friends in SAC. We thank you for all your kindness throughout the year.

Dawn and Rouen Andrews
0425 380 964



PHOTOS of the MONTH

Once again we have received some serious contenders for “photo of the month”.

The first one, **at Left**, was taken by Bill Leighton of Manly Beach at dusk. (We hope he made it back to Wedderburn before last light!)

The next contender, at **Centre Left**, comes from Greg Ackman, which is another one of his delightful shots taken over Sydney. This one is of the city and the harbour taken from South Head as he flew down Victor One in the Long EZ.

However, the photo chosen by the editor as ‘Photo of the Month’, at **Bottom Left**, was sent in by Steve Cohen. It was taken off the coast of Woonona about 12 nautical miles SSE of Wedderburn. The mist can be seen flowing eastwards over the escarpment down to the sea. Quite beautiful and unusual.

Our thanks go to Bill, Greg and Steve for the great shots.

Ed



Clive and Di's Nanchang Adventure

I was really looking forward to this trip, after 40 odd years flying I was finally going to take my own 40 year old Chinese mistress commonly known as a Nanchang CJ-6 and my bride (the back seater) on a trip, where I wanted to go and when I wanted to go, and if I felt like changing the itinerary I could. No boss to tell me what to do except for my back seater (Di). Planned the trip for three weeks to see some mates and family, so with a secret phone number and a month off work all was set.

We departed YWBN on Friday morning 16th October for a weekend with the Australian Warbird Association fly-in and AGM at Cowra.

Great weather for the flight out, even a tailwind to put a smile on my dial. Arriving at Cowra taxied straight up to the apron and parked next to Geoff Hoskins 17 year rebuild of his gull winged Corsair, what an amazing machine and a delight to watch in flight.

The local TV news crew were out to film the Corsair and I was really surprised when they asked me to talk about my little Chang they even talked me in to taking their camera man for a flight, so after attaching numerous Go Pros on his person we set off for a few aros. Even featured on the local TV news that night.

The Warbird Association are standardizing their formation training to the FAST system and this was one of the reasons for heading to Cowra for the weekend. I found a sucker (instructor Jeremy Miller from Lethbridge) to show me the finer art of formation flight and wasted no time becoming airborne with Troy Smith's in his T34 Mentor for some two ship work.

Saturday we were straight back in the sky for a three ship formation with Matt Henderson's CT-4 (The Parrot as camera ship) and the T34 Mentor for some formation aerobatics and photo shoot. Again great weather and some fantastic photos courtesy of Jorgo and Greg.

This is a great way to punch holes in the sky and thanks to Jeremy I'm still in one piece and absolutely hooked on formation flight.

Di had a great time at the Japanese gardens, all the flowers were doing their spring time thing and Cowra has some interesting history.

Other Wedderburn people in attendance were Clin Ashton Martin and Barbara Pearce, and Peter and Sharyl Scott.



A fantastic weekend met some great people and their aircraft, learnt heaps and had a great time. Thanks to Mark Award and the AWAL team. I'll be back.

Sunday we were off to catch up with friends in Victoria, fuel stop at Benalla. If you're stopping over at Benalla the museum there is worth a look and the guys are more than pleased to show you around, we even scored a free cuppa. Next stop our mate Ross Carrington's Seven Creeks Estate property near Euroa, 5000 odd pristine acres, grazing Black Angus and 1,000 or so sheep plus a 1500 metre grass strip, just perfect. Seven Creeks is the first property Ross worked on after leaving Dookie Agriculture College, Ross spent a few years on the land before catching the flying bug and creating General Flying Service the largest flying training organization in Australia when he sold it. Ross purchased Seven Creeks for his retirement (he's younger than me the bugger). We stayed for a few nights, Di enjoyed catching up with Rachael and the kids while Ross had me mustering sheep on the quad, fixing fences, moving hay bales from one spot to another (he likes moving them for some reason) feeding the poddies, a great way to pay our room and board.

Next stop Moorabbin, thanks to John Walsh managed to score some hangarage for a week and just as well with a few rather nasty plane eating, hail throwing type 2 CB's passing through, I was glad that my mistress was tucked into bed safe and sound.

Di's sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and heaps of ankle biters live in Melbourne (they have never seen the light at the end of the Hume Highway going North) so she was in her element with all this lot, so I did the correct thing as a good husband does and went off formation flying with my friend Nick Caudwell of Tyabb fame. Nick has spent the last ten years building a Sopwith Snipe from scratch, even the wicker pilot's seat, with just a set of plans and a pile of wood. Nick being

an airline pilot had never worked all that hard so when he retired soon discovered what real work was and set off to tech school to learn the art of machining, woodwork, painting etc and boy what a magnificent machine he has built. Nick's first flight was at Tyabb on the Saturday of the Warbirds meet and Judy Paye had a short video of this to show us at the Warbirds Dinner on Saturday night, there was standing ovation and lots of well-dones for Nick. A magnificent achievement, you will see Nick's Snipe in Aviation magazines for years to come as the craftsmanship and his piloting is first class. Nick is also an instructor at the Peninsular Aero Club and kindly offered to complete my formation rating so with the help of Jim and



Jenny Wickham in their beautiful Yak 52 we were zooming around playing follow the leader. The following day we positioned across to Tooradin to catch up with Laurie and Beck Jones of Adventure Wings and their Nanchang for some formation take-offs and landings. After lunch Jim and Jenny popped across along with Conrad Hummel and his son Nick in their Yak 52, "A Dam Fine Red" for some four ship workout, Two Changs and Two Yaks, really neat stuff. This is really great fun and tiring work all thrown into one; I can't get enough of it.

Anyway, remember Di, she is still on this trip with me. Still in Melbourne we celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary with Di's bridesmaid, my best man and their partners, it was a great night and won me a few brownie points. The waitress asked Di what our secret to our longevity was; Di said it was because I was never at home, not too sure about that comment.

Melbourne's weather did its usual thing and socked us in for a couple of days so when it lifted a bit we bottled down to Torquay for a couple of nights. We did a run down the coast to Warrnambool and back following the Great Ocean Road and checking out the Twelve Apostles, I think there are only eight now but a great sight to see especially from the air. Di loved it and it bought back good memories of trips we had done in other aircraft with friends.

Time to depart Torquay for Mansfield in the Victorian high country, a great grass strip about 1300

meters plus fuel and lovely owners Phyllis and Mike Walsh, give them a call before arrival, see the ERSA, watch out for sheep. Di's sister Helen picked us up and we drove across to her vineyard at Snobs Creek just below the Eildon Weir pondage for a nice break and a few glasses of that red heart tonic, but not before I had to help fix a few things on the property while Di did plenty of tasting. The Goulburn River is out the back door and if you're lucky you may have a nice brown trout and some Sav Blanc to wash it down with. Back to Mansfield for a night with Brad and Anna and more of Di's family all good country people and lots of fun.

The weather was perfect for our departure from Mansfield which let me do the run over the top of Mount Buller across the high country to Lakes Entrance and up the coast for a spin around Gabo

Island (years ago I used to do the supply run to Gabo for the light house keepers) and fuel the bird and us at Merimbula. It's a funny thing when you fly over tiger country or water in a single engine aircraft she always sounds like she's running rough.

Our last leg home from Merimbula to Wedderburn along the coast was real treat, Di loves her whales and they gave us a fantastic display as we made our way up to Nowra. This display was a great way of capping off a fantastic trip for us both.

My mistress did 18.1 hours on the trip and she never missed a beat.

Clive and Di.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - the story in pictures



The party in full swing

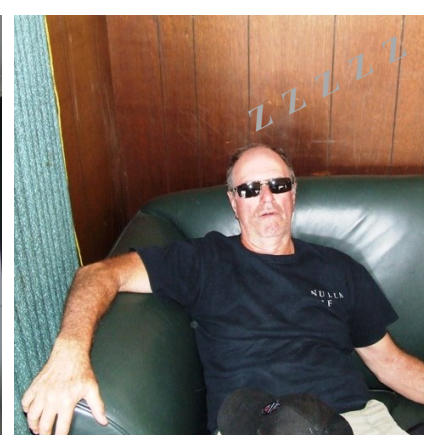


Glenda and Wendy watch the colouring-in



Santa arrives in the um sleigh?







Sleigh rides



Jumping castle



Russell Johnson and his 4-wheel sleigh

Our SAC Members at Rathmines. 25th October

Thanks for the photos, David

The Laybutt family's SMAN Petrel. Photo by David Eyre



Bill and Donna Handley's Lake LA4 Buccaneer. Photo by David Eyre

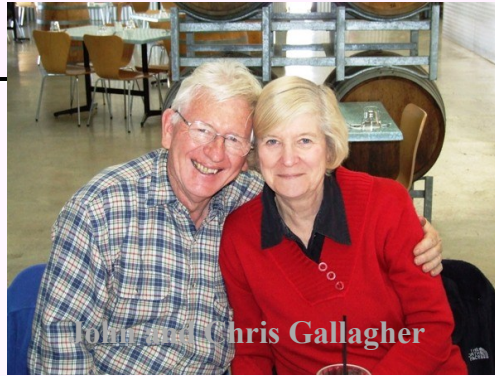


Chris Gallagher

Chris and I would like to thank our many friends at the SAC for their care and concern regarding Chris' illness. After three months of heavy chemo and radiotherapy Chris was operated on Tuesday 25/11 where her stomach and gall bladder were removed.

Dr Loi said there was no sign of any spread of the cancer beyond the stomach and removal of the gall bladder is to prevent further complications in patients expected to live longer than five years which in itself is great news.

Apart from now being very tired and in moderate pain



Get well soon

the nurses tell me she is going very well. We now hope to have her out of hospital before Christmas as part of a ten week break before resuming a nine week stint of the same Chemo she was on previously.

I did offer to sell the CT4 in order to pay for the medical bills but she said no way, she can't wait to get back in the air.

Thanks again everyone

John Gallagher

FLY-IN VISITORS

On Friday afternoon November 28th some visitors from Melbourne splashed in to Wedderburn in a US registered SEARAY. Michael Smith and his son Tim were flying to Tyagarah so Tim could attend 'schoolies' with his mates after finishing year 12.

Michael used the time for some father and son bonding during the 2 day trip via the coastal route. After landing they presented at hangar A1 asking for a lift to Appin as they couldn't get a taxi to pick them up !

Anyhow Greg Ackman invited them to stay for dinner and then overnight on site. Michael is a businessman based at Williamsdale and his aircraft SEARAY N473XP is currently located at POINT COOK in Melbourne.

N473XP is the 'Ex Factory' certification aircraft and is immaculately finished. Michael is an Aussi but ONLY holds a US licence and is currently embroiled in the usual hassle with CASA to get an Australian Licence.

As he and the aircraft are both US registered then legally he can fly here as a 'visitor' for up to 12 months. There is always some way around the entrenched beurocracy !

Also at dinner was ex member CARL HOLDEN and many tales both true and tall were exchanged over a plate of hot chicken soup.



Next morning N473XP and crew departed via Victor 1 and a tour of Sydney Harbour via R405 East ('cause theirs is a SEA Plane) before refuelling at Maitland. They finally arrived at Tyagarah at about 4pm.

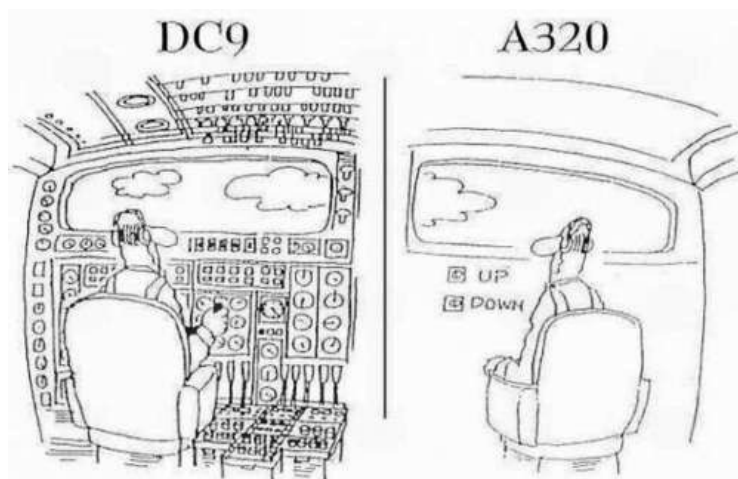
An interesting note is that Michael Smith is also the proud owner of the ex America's Cup 11 metre Yacht 'Kookaburra' which is based in Melbourne and regularly sails on Port Phillip bay.

As a trip to Sydney is planned for the New Year Greg has been invited to sail on one of the ocean legs. That should be an interesting 'coastal trip'!

Greg Ackman



Below: Two funny pictures sent in by Bret Cavanagh. Thanks Bret.



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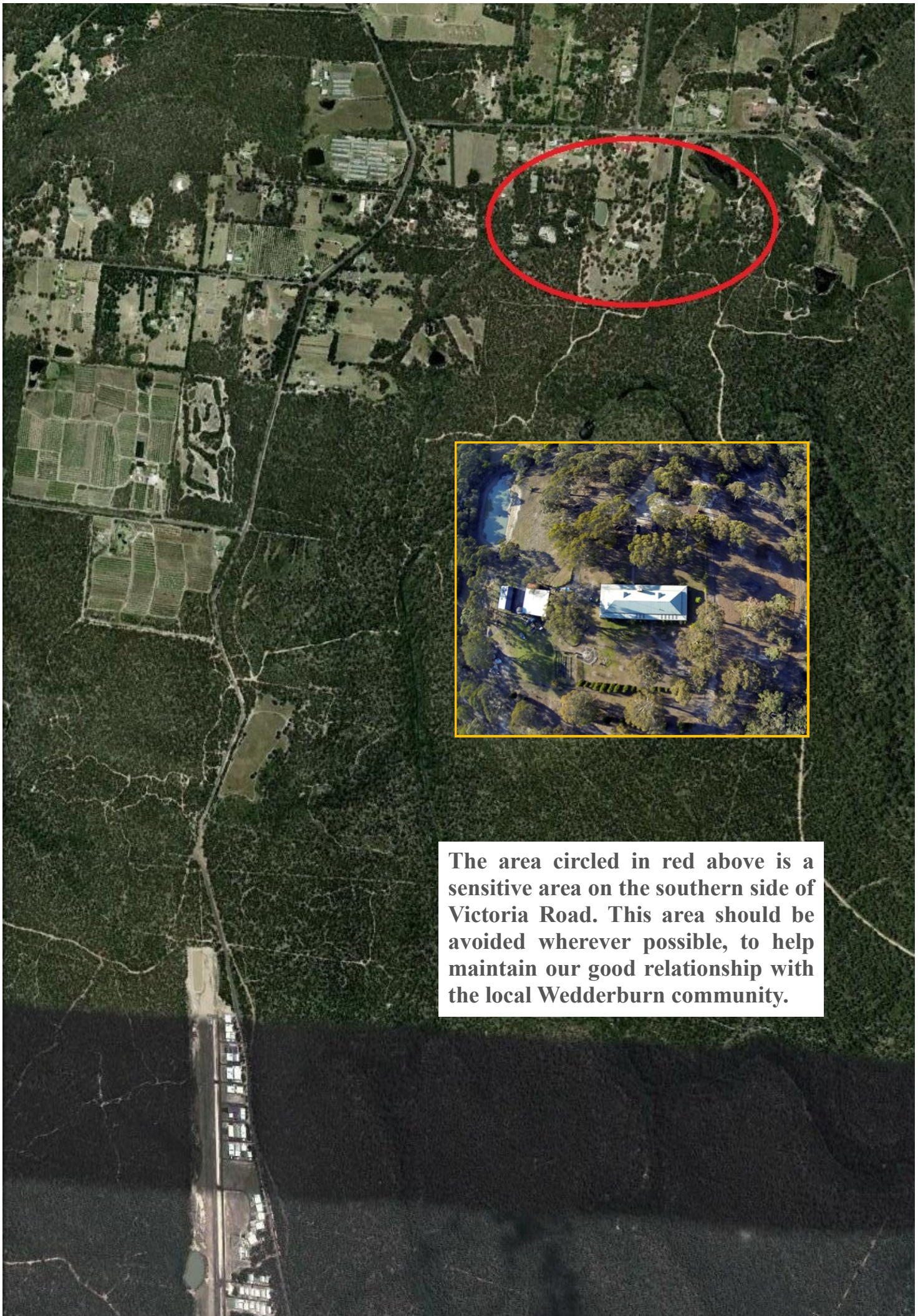
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