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Many of our members appear here, about to board a paddle steamer for a breakfast cruise on the Murray River, after the Echuca Antique Aircraft Association Fly-in

On the gangplank are Frank Luke, Maurie Evans, Ian Harvie, Don Harvie, Nash Pilling, Matthew Gray, Robert Greig, Kim Gatherer, Robert Seisun, Dave Thomas, Doug Montague (with two sons and grandson) and David Rittie.

Silver Cessna 140



Cessna 150



Robert Greig (left) and Matthew Gray (right) flying their Cessna aircraft to Echuca

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Lance Grant is seen here thanking Flight Lieutenant Rowe for bringing the RAAF Roulettes all the way from East Sale in Victoria to the Mudgee Air Show on 21st April



Above: Russell Dann and wife Mary, Greg Goulding, Rod Russell, Neville Harrang and Anne Goulding, all at the "Wings Wheels and Wine 2007" at Mudgee on 21st of April



Welcome to the **June/July 07** edition of your Newsletter.

There have been three events worthy of note since the last edition:

From your Editor

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Wings, Wheels and Wine 2007 held at Mudgee, the **Antique Aircraft Association** fly-in at Echuca, and the May **Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch** organised by the Ladies Auxiliary. You will find details and pictures of these events inside this issue.

Please be sure to attend the **General Meeting on June 17th** to hear what DOTARS has to say regarding our

flying restrictions in August and September during the APEC summit.

Thanks to those that have contributed pictures and articles for this edition of your Newsletter. We hope you all find it enjoyable.

David Rittie

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Words from the President

Hi there,

Your new Committee is settling down to business, and areas of responsibility have been allocated. The portfolios are as follows:

- Margaret N:** All secretarial responsibilities.
- Tara:** Treasury duties, Machinery, New members, Flying events and calendar.
- Nash:** Hangars: development, site allocation, compliance.
- Gordon:** Facilities.
- Matthew:** Workdays, External organisations.
- Margaret A:** Social events.
- David:** Newsletter, Public relations.
- Bret:** Website, Fire Officer, Calendar.
- John:** Publicity advice, Fund raising.

Other Club members who have volunteered to assist in some of these roles include **Bernie Stevermuier** (Machinery and New Members), **Don Harvie** (Webmaster), **Robert Greig** (Hangars), and **Peter Hodgens** (Bushfire Control). We are all very grateful for this assistance.

In conjunction with these responsibilities come certain projects that are a part of the Five Year Plan which your Committee is developing.

Five Year Plan

As indicated in the Annual General Meeting a Five Year Plan is currently being developed. It includes projects that the Committee believes are needed, and achievable within the five year horizon. It will be a live and fluid document, and available for all to see and to comment upon. The plan will be constantly updated, and some of the projects will be fine-tuned from time to time. How-

ever, it is agreed by all that there needs to be some goals to work towards, allowing us to be proactive, rather than just being reactive to changing whims and demands.

Once again, ordinary Club members have stepped forward to assist the Committee with some of the projects contained in the Five Year Plan. These include **Dave Ecclestone, Bob Sproule, Vic Laybutt, Peter Lean, Sam Randazzo** and possibly **Jason Weston** who will assist Gordon Steer with the facilities tasks of drainage, sealing of the runway, taxiways and the road, and **David Flatman** who will assist in the application for a new lease of the airfield.

The Five Year Plan will be available at the June General Meeting, and updates will be appear on the website.

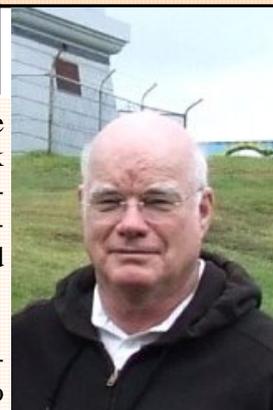
Caravans

One of our very senior members wrote a letter to the Department of Lands requesting permission to place a caravan on the airfield. The letter was very well written, contained good and constructive argument, and had an appealing element.

If ever a letter was to succeed this was it. The application, however, was refused purely on technical grounds, and the response simply applied the Wollondilly Shire Council's rules. This rejection of permission to place a caravan on the airfield has reinforced to your Committee that caravans are simply not allowed.

APEC Flying Restrictions

Due to the upcoming APEC Summit Conference in late August and early September there will be restrictions places on our flying activities. Representatives from the **DOTARS** will come to the **June 17th General Meet-**



ing to explain the details of these restrictions, to answer questions and to get our feedback. It is important that all members be present at this meeting.

Blackburn Road Extension.

Recently the SAC teamed up with the local Wedderburn Community

Association (WCA) to push for the Blackburn Road Extension, which will provide alternate access between Wedderburn and Appin Road.

Committee Member, John Duncan was instrumental in arranging a combined meeting of the WCA and the SAC with Campbelltown Council,

urging the progress of this extension. Letters from both organisations were positively received by the Mayor. Interestingly, an article later appeared in the local newspaper, highlighting community support for this extension.

Please fly safe

David Rittie

From the Secretary's Desk

Hi everyone

The last few months have been quite busy for your committee. There are a lot of things happening around the airfield and beyond. In the secretary's column I will attempt to summarise the workings of the committee and its sub-committees so that you can keep up with decisions made and issues addressed.

Nash has been busy reviewing all the Club's insurances. Some of the plant and equipment the club owns and insures were quite undervalued. This has been rectified. As you can imagine, the more members and hangars we have in our club the more insurance we need. This review has been timely.

Nash has also been formulating some slightly new policies regarding hangar site development and in partnership with Gordon (the facilities officer) will be developing and progressing plans for the northern development hangar sites and infrastructure.

The runway drainage and sealing is progressing. Those learned gurus that we have in the club are discussing and formulating action plans to make these things happen.

Meanwhile, Dave Rittie and John Duncan have been working positively with our neighbours in the local Wedderburn community and Campbelltown City Council to further progress the building of the Blackburn Road Bridge that will link Wedderburn with the Appin Road. If you have access to the local paper there was an article in the Macarthur and Campbelltown Advertiser last week about this matter. Again this issue is progressing, all be it slowly. Thanks to Dave and John for "building bridges"!!!

The Ladies Auxiliary has had a name change and its structure altered as a result of the review of our insurances. While maintaining a separate bank account to that of the Club's, a sub-committee, chaired by Margaret Adams will oversee any social and workday activities undertaken on the club's behalf. The sub-committee will be called the Social Committee and will be able to conscript

any club member willing to be involved. Dave Thomas, we are all looking forward to more of your delicious barbecued sausages! The Social committee's incomings and outgoings will be reported in the Treasurer's report at each General Meeting.

Open Day will be upon us before we know it in November and at the moment we do not have an organising coordinator. If you, or you and a group of your friends are interested and feel you have the skills necessary to organise our annual Open Day with the help of other Club members and the committee, please let David Rittie or myself know as soon as possible.

The committee is also investigating resurfacing the Clubhouse floor and replacing the PA system and some of the soft furnishings in the clubhouse.

Committee meetings will all be held at our airfield at Wedderburn this year. The even month's meetings will be held at 2.00pm after the workday activities in the morning and the odd month's will be on the last Thursday night of the month at 7.00pm. The last committee meeting was held in Hangar E5 which now belongs to Dave Rittie. He has graciously made comfortable space available for meetings. His hangar door is always open (well almost always).

If you have any questions, suggestions, problems or would like to volunteer your services for any of the sub-committees that we have going at the moment (these are outlined in the President's section of this Newsletter) please don't hesitate to call any one of the committee members involved. This is your Club, and your Committee is here to serve you, but you can help too.

Cheers

Margaret Nightingale



Hi everyone,

Not a lot to report on this month...

BUDGET UPDATE

The club's new financial year is starting well, apart from the expected club insurances (thank you Nash for reviewing and updating all the club's paperwork) the club has had no unforeseen expenses. Generally speaking the club is in a good financial position. During June the club will get new speakers to go along with the new PA system that was put in by Greg Ackman (many thanks Greg). This should make hearing clearly from the back of the room a reality!! A proposal has been put to the committee to purchase speakers for outside (primarily for open day usage), this will be discussed at the next general meeting. A copy of the budget presented at

the most recent committee meeting can be found on the club's website.

EMAILED INVOICES

Having upgraded the club's financial software earlier this year, the most recent invoices were all sent by email. The response to date has been very positive. If you have purchased fuel this year and have not yet received an invoice PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL! If you have changed your email address recently please let me know what the correct email address for you is.

If you were one of the very few who received an invoice in the post and you do have an email address please let me know what it is - I am keen to send all invoices by email as it will save a great deal of processing time as well as save club money on postage. I am best reached by email



(Stevermuer@uow.edu.au).

THANK YOU to those members who have already paid their emailed invoices. If you are not sure if you owe any money to the club please drop me an email or call me at home after work (usually between 6-8pm is a good time) and I will be able to check for you. My home number is 4285-2007.

Blue Skies

Tara Stevermuer

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DOTARS Visit to SAC 17th June 2007

Due to the APEC Conference being held in Sydney in 2007, a Temporary Restricted Airspace (TRA) will be in place from Friday 30th August 2007 to Monday 10th September 2007 around the Sydney Area. DOTARS from Canberra have offered to come and speak with us at the upcoming **General Meeting on the Sunday 17th June 2007** to explain the pending restrictions and to get feed back from our flying community (you and me) about this. The meeting will take place from 14.00 (prior to the start of the GM) and is expected to include a Q&A period. We are not expecting this seminar to take any longer than 45 minutes to 1 hour. This is something that affects all of us during this period, so I urge you all to take part in this seminar and offer feedback to them on the day.

At the time of writing this article, we are expecting that DOTARS will be able to have literature available to distribute to us at the **General Meeting**. We will also post an electronic version club website when it arrives.

It is essential that all flying members attend this general Meeting.

Matthew Gray

Hi Everyone,

Once again it is time for another Newsletter and I am running late and will hold up the production as I am battling with this new computer with Office Home - Word 2007. I want my old Windows '97 back p l e a s e.



We all are in a state of shock that the month of May is almost over and we are heading for Winter. We have been blessed with such perfect weather, during Autumn, for our Aviators to enjoy, and let us hope the next few months, weather wise, will treat us kindly.

Our wonderful team of Ladies with some help from the Gents were kept busy with the April Work Day Luncheon and the May Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch and it was pleasing to see some of our newer members attend on both occasions.

WORK DAY SATURDAY 28TH April – Yes! We held our Work Day on a Saturday again to help members who are unable to attend on a Sunday come along and join us. This was a FREE luncheon for our workers, provided by the Club, to show how much we appreciate all the hard work our members do in keeping our airfield neat and tidy. The day was successful with 49 members attending to enjoy a hearty luncheon prepared by the Ladies with assistance of our BBQ chef Dave Thomas and his team, Gary and John, plus others who I think are budding BBQ apprentices. We served BBQ sausages, rissoles and onions together with a selection of various salads including a delicious Oriental salad that Sue Flatman brought along to add to our menu. This was a lovely gesture and much appreciated. Thanks to my team of Ladies who are always on deck to assist, and a big welcome to Sue who also lent a helping hand.

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH SUNDAY 6TH MAY

Our always popular Brunch morning arrived with, we thought not many of our regulars attending, BUT we are pleased to report we had 33 members come along to enjoy the hearty brunch of orange juice ,cereals, sausages, bacon, egg and toast, and I must extend a big “Thank” you to Robyn Venn, who became our Chef of the morning and cooked the sausages to perfection. You did a fantastic job for us Robyn and Dave and your team – watch out for the competition. We appreciate so many of you coming along to support this day that we hold every 3 months. Thanks also to my great group of Ladies who worked so hard preparing the Brunch. We do hope to see more of our Ladies come along this year to join us.

WORK DAY SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2007

Yes! Our June Work Day is not far away and this is the month the Ladies prepare the ever popular and delicious vegetable soup to be served at the luncheon together with an exciting menu for the workers. We only charge \$5.00 per head for this wonderful spread and by your attendance you are supporting the Ladies so make sure you all come along and enjoy the day with us. Matthew will have a list of jobs to be carried out on the day, printed elsewhere in this Newsletter, (**Page 8** . Ed) and I’m sure you will find a job to suit you, so remember to place this date in your diary.

The Social Evening that was cancelled in March will be happening on **Saturday 21st July** when we will be holding a Movie night. Our friends from the WRFS have been invited to join us for a fun night and I can assure everyone we will be showing a terrific movie. Please remember the date

and we will place more details, closer to the time, on our Website.

**FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2007
10.00A.M. TO 2.00P.M.**

Here we are reminding everyone of the last Brunch of the year, hopefully we can make this get together a very interesting one with a special guest speaker and a flying competition (weather permitting) - details still to be finalised so keep watching the website.

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

I have mentioned to all before that we do have Club Polo Shirts (with Club logo on the pocket) Club Caps (with Club logo on front) Children's T Shirts, Club Metal Name Badges (must be ordered) Club logo cloth badges (sew on) embroidered pilots wings (sew on) available to purchase at very good prices.

All you need to do is to contact me (Margaret Adams) on 9567 6522 and I will assist you with your purchase.

Cheers

Margaret Adams

Upcoming flying and social events (June – August)

As the club is still without an event organiser in 2007, we are still calling on individual Club members to champion events you are going to and invite the rest of the club to join you, OR, to create your own event to invite the club along to.

A big thank you to the Montagues for a great short trip south – too bad if you missed that trip. If there is an event you are going to that is not listed, or you'd like to create an event please let the Committee know...

17 June	General Meeting	[contact: Margaret Nightingale, club secretary]
24 June	Social/work day	[contact: Matthew Gray, workday co-ordinator]
	+ new member interviews [am] + committee meeting [pm]	
3-6 July	Charleville and Longreach	[contact: David Rittie, President]
21 July	Social evening	[contact: Margaret Adams, social committee]
23-29 July	Oshkosk USA <i>[no contact – but tell us all about it when you get back!!]</i>	
26 July	Committee meeting	
29 July	BBQ brunch @ Hoxton Park	[contact: Rick Harper]
3-5 August	Wide Bay International Airshow, Bundaberg	[contact Lindsay Sinclair]
5 August	Fly-in/drive-in brunch	[contact: Margaret Adams, social committee]
18 August	Social evening	[contact: Margaret Adams, social committee]
25 August	Social/work day	[contact: Matthew Gray, workday co-ordinator]
	+ new member interviews [am] + committee meeting [pm]	

We hope to have the updated points table for 2007 available on the club website very soon.

Tara Stevermuer

Borrowing Club Equipment?

- Please get permission from the Caretaker, or a Committee member before borrowing any of the Club's equipment.
- Please return any borrowed equipment as soon as possible.

Thank you

BE AWARE You are required to attend three Workdays. From now on one missed Workday will cost you \$50, two Workdays missed will cost you \$125, all Workdays missed will cost you \$250

Hello everyone,

Well, what can I say about the last work day in April – apart from “everyone” had a great time. Ok,... so... we didn’t get much work done as it was basically a washout due to the weather, but it gave all who attended a chance to catch-up with friends and do some of “their own” housekeeping, cleaning up inside their hangars or tinkering with their aircraft and of course, just kicking back and relaxing with good company at the same time.

At 12:45 the lunch bell rang out across the field, and people come from everywhere to enjoy the BBQ and other culinary delights supplied and prepared by the Women’s Auxiliary Ladies – thanks Ladies!!! All those who attended did, of course, receive a workday credit for their participation regardless of the fact that very little actual “work or maintenance” was achieved on the day.

Note to Self: “even though the weather might be bad, it pays to come along anyway”.

Right then, time just seems to be flying past, heck, it’s the middle of the year already, and fast approaching is the next work/social day scheduled for Sunday 24th June. As with all of these days, any tools you can bring along from home are of course much appreciated, and, don’t forget to



wear the appropriate protective gear (Gloves, Hats etc. etc.) and being that it’s starting to get colder, perhaps a jumper or jacket also. The list for this one is quite long – making up for the last one I guess, so here it is:

1. Repair to Runway where sealed section meets the unsealed section – Dave Rittie to coordinate / head up this group again please.
2. Remove rubbish and undergrowth from the Main Entrance to the Southern Gate along the roadway and back in toward the hangars (the main nature strip between the hangars and the roadway - - many hands needed for this job, please bring rakes and gloves etc).
3. Remove weeds from the southern unimproved drainage ditch along the runway from the aircraft parking area to the southern end.
4. Pot Hole Patrol – Back fill any

holes along the roadways and taxiways around the airfield, including, the main access road from north to south gate, car park, taxiways and designated roadways.

5. Repair drainage ditch on the access road to the south of the fuel bowser – may require a storm water pipe and then recover with rocks / soil.

6. Check drains along the northern end of the runway and remove any silt or other debris

7. Remove all the rubbish and anything else located behind Hangar Site D4. Besser blocks to be relocated to the generator shed – any metal to be stockpiled off site ready for pick-up by recyclers.

Could I ask that if there is anyone who can’t make it on the day who would like to participate in some of the work at another time, (*thereby securing a workday credit for themselves for June*), can you please contact me so that between us, we can get something sorted for you and have you signed off

For everyone else.....I look forward to seeing you on Sunday June 24th at 9.00am, finishing up with lunch at around 1.00pm with the usual “bargain” \$5.00 price tag

Matthew Gray
Work/Social day Coordinator

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE THE COMMITTEE BEFORE ENTERING ANY SALE OR PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR HANGARS AT WEDDERBURN.

Beware of kangaroos

Our caretaker has advised that, despite the good rains and the lush growth in the surrounding forest, kangaroos are still coming onto the airfield to drink from our dams.

Not only do we need to keep an eye out when using the runway, but also when using our road, especially after dark.

Please don’t damage our kangaroos with your aircraft.

AIRBORNE AVIATION

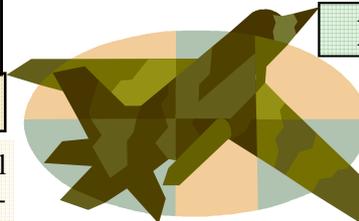
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Wings Wheels and Wine 2007—Mudgee



The morning weather was somewhat misty and made arrival interesting if not difficult for some. Bob Faber in his powered glider sadly reported his turnback to Wedderburn. Those to arrive included Lindsay and Maree Sinclair with the Russian Roulettes; Greg and Anne Goulding; Russ and Mary Dann; Nev. and Delcie Harrang; Garth and Ceri Bartlett and Rod Russell plus 2, all from Wedderburn. We hope they enjoyed themselves and thought the visit worthwhile.

The full complement of Roulettes opened the display at 10:00am and with broken cloud at 2000ft. their formation aerobatics up through then back down through the cloud layer was a real treat; a very professional 15 minutes of flying.

Other favourites of the flying display were the Russian Roulettes

with the synchronised beat of radial engines in formation; Richard Wiltshire the Aust. Aerobatic Champion in his Extra; Col Paye in AUB his Mustang from Scone; Paul Bennett in his Pitts Special with an aerobatics display plus racing the hot cars of the day from a standing start along the runway and back and also displaying his model jet. Capt. Jack Curtis and crew were there with the DC3 and provided joyflights for those in the crowd that wanted to get airborne.

A day well worth the effort put in by the Mudgee Aero Club and all the participants.

Lance Grant.

Congratulations, Lance, on your successful day, and thanks for the story

Ed

A.A.A .Echuca

Many of our members attended the Antique Aircraft Association fly-in at Echuca, which was held on the same day as the Mudgee show.

There were many antique aircraft on display with many Wedderburn aircraft in attendance, looking better than ever. The judges were obviously biased, as unfortunately, none of our members won any prizes this year as we usually do - Ah well!

On Sunday morning most of us had breakfast on board a paddle wheel boat (organised by Robert Greig), and then all flew home safe and sound.

David Rittie

Longreach/Charleville mid-week dash - July 3rd-6th

Bruce Nash and Phil Power had the brainwave to take a mid-week trip to Longreach, and they have invited anyone else that wants to come along. They will depart Wedderburn on Tuesday 3rd July and intend to return on the following Friday (7th).

The trip will include a visit to the ever-growing QANTAS Museum, which boasts a Qantas 747, the re-

cently publicised Boeing 707 and a newly restored DC3, along with many other interesting artefacts involved in Qantas' past history. This will be followed by a visit to the Stockman's Hall of Fame.

Other treats in store include a river-boat ride on the Thomson River with a traditional dinner on the river bank whilst being entertained by a guitar

strumming comedian to help the food go down.

There will be an overnight stop in Charleville where we will go star gazing at the small observatory, and will view the rain gun in the central park.

If you need to know more contact **David Rittie** on 0407 890 791.

TOP-END SAFARI

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Around mid October this year I will be conducting a leisurely safari to ADEL'S GROVE in the Lawn Hill National Park. This quite spectacular gorge country is located 80nm SW of Burketown, NT.

Although not yet set in concrete, I envisage this 10-14 day trip will depart WBN around 14th October, returning in time for the Club's Annual Open Day in early November. The schedule will not entail large periods of daily flying, the intent being to be on the ground each day by lunch

time or early afternoon. The proposed route will track WBN, Coonamble, Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Charleville, Blackall, Longreach, Winton, Cloncurry, Burke & Wills Roadhouse, and Adel's Grove. The return journey will track south via Mt Isa, Boulia, Birdsville, Nocundra Hotel, Bourke, - Tooraweena, WBN. Fuel availability along the route should not be a problem for those A/C with limited range. (Including at Adel's Grove).

The more A/C we get on this one

the better! I already have a few starters but would like to see many more. As accommodation needs to be booked, I need to know numbers as soon as possible. Those Members wishing to join in on this safari are most welcome and should contact me on 0414 734 540 or email vic.l@optusnet.com.au

Vic Laybutt

Thanks, Vic, for "championing" this event. It sounds really interesting.

Ed

New Members Section

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For those of you that are not aware, new member interviews are no longer held prior to committee meetings. Instead, they will occur during Social/Workdays. This way our new members will not only get to see the club in daylight, but will also get a chance to meet everyone, and participate in the social lunch.

The steady stream of new member applications and enquires continues. The following people have requested to become members of our club:

John Bennett
Wes Brown

John Bucknell
Milivoj Kresovic
Cara Nightingale
Richard Thompson

If anybody has any comments they would like to make about any of these future members, please direct them to either myself or any current committee member.

The concept of membership is currently under review. With aircraft accommodation in the Sydney Basin become less available and simultaneously more expensive, Wedderburn is becoming a very desirable place to be. Your committee would

like to have some feedback on where our club should be heading in terms of membership. Some members have suggested we limit intake, and/or temporarily stop all new membership. Others say we should increase the membership joining fee. What kind of members should we be welcoming to our club? Do we want new members that just want somewhere cheap to park their aeroplane(s) and perhaps pay a premium? Or do we only want members that will chip in around the club, and participate in flying and social events? There is already a large number of current mem-



bers who don't attend our flying and/or social events. What type of example are these people setting?. Please write (email or letter) and let your committee know your thoughts on this important issue for the club.

Always Airborne

Bernie Stevermuer

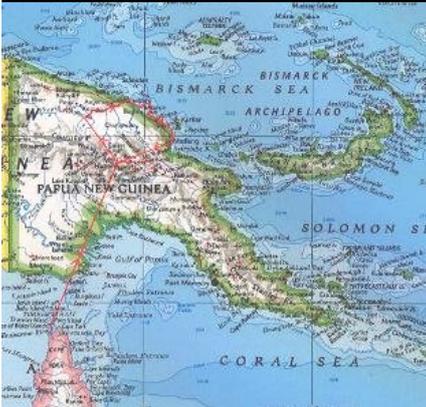
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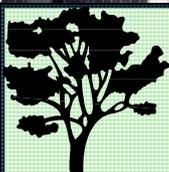
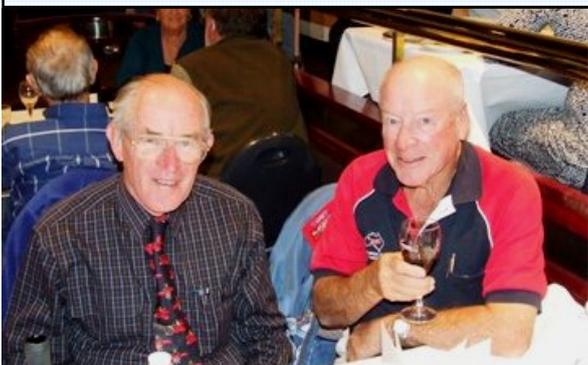




Above: a group of members and guests enjoying a meal at the Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch held on 6th of May. Included in this group are Margaret Adams, Pat Lalor, Dorothy McSparron, two guests, Ron Lalor Anne Goulding and Inez Luke. Details on Page 6



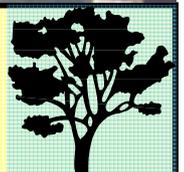
Above: Frank Luke's Auster, and Maurie Evans' Stinson on display at Echuca.
Below left: Mal McAulay and Dave Thomas share a celebratory drink at the AAA Dinner.
Below Right: Ian Harvie, Done Harvie, Frank Luke and Doug Montague do likewise.



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Ray Feneley admires son Matthew's paintwork on the Yak 18T wing stubs. With help from Lindsay Sinclair, everything is on track for a July test flight.



Cliff van Praag and Kevin Haydon contemplate the ignition timing on Cliff's Volksplane



Above: Robyn Venn, Sue and David Flatman, then John and Peter Lightbown with Peter Hodgens, Below: The new Ladies Auxiliary (Dave Thomas, Barry Davis, Nash Pilling, Steve Cohen, Grahame Gibson and Vic Laybutt), and at Right: the Gray Gang, all enjoying the April 14 unplanned BBQ



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