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Top inset left: Anne Goulding and Amy Taru at the Australia Day BBQ. **Top inset right:** John, Peter and Cecilia Lightbown at the SAC Christmas party. **Above:** Don Harvie taxi testing his newly restored Auster J/4 Archer. **Left:** Former SAC member, Kurt Schenk, and current members Lloyd Shepherd and Peter Hodgens with the Piel Emeraude, which was built jointly by Kurt and Peter many years ago, and now proudly owned by Lloyd. **Below:** The late Ron Lalor and his Minicab, VH-DCU.



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UPCOMING FLYING AND SOCIAL EVENTS Put 'em in your diary

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| LOBO Fly-in (Lancair Owners and Builders Organisation). Fri/Sun 19th to 21st February. Contact: Gary Weeks. 0416 055 011. | Mudgee |
| Social Workday Sunday, 28th February. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members. Contact: Richard Thompson. | Wedderburn |
| Colleen Pillemer's Art Exhibition Tuesday to Sunday 8th - 13th March. (Special day is 12th.) Full details appear below. | Hunters Hill |
| General Meeting Sunday, 20th March, 2pm. Contact: Jock Anderson. | Clubhouse |
| Annual General Meeting Sunday, 20th March, immediately following the General Meeting. Contact: Jock Anderson. | Clubhouse |
| Back to Holbrook Fly-in Saturday & Sunday, 26 & 27th March. | Holbrook |
| AAAA Annual Fly-in Friday to Sunday, 15th to 17th April. | Echuca |
| Social Workday Saturday, 30th April. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members. Contact: Richard Thompson. | Wedderburn |

We are invited to Colleen Pillemer's art exhibition

If you have ever visited Colleen and Errol Pillemer's hangar you will have seen dozens of pictures that Colleen has created, and seen what an accomplished artist she is. We are now aware that she will be showing her work at an exhibition next month, having received an invitation from her with the following message:

"Attached please find an Invitation to my Art Exhibition. I would like to invite SAC members, families and friends to join me with drinks and nibbles on 12th March, between 4-6pm if they are interested in seeing what "the wife" does with my time at the hangar while the old boy plays with his toys.

If they cannot make the Saturday afternoon the exhibition is also open Tuesday till Sunday without

the drinks and nibbles!"

Thanks for the invitation Colleen. The official invitation appears directly below.

Ed



Dazzle and other Wildlife

Exhibition

8th - 13th March 2016
Tuesday to Sunday
Hunters Hill Art Gallery, 3/37 Alexander Street, Hunters Hill

Celebration

Drinks & nibbles with the Artists Saturday 12th March between 4-6 pm
RVSP to Colleen at colleen@pillemer.net

HUNTERS HILL ART GALLERY

www.art.pillemer.net



Colleen Pillemer

Guest artist Michael Page

From your Editor (on late final)



Welcome to the February/March 2016 edition of your SAC Newsletter.

Inside this issue, along with all the usual contributors, you will find lots of pictures of the SAC Christmas party, some pictures of the Robert Greig Memorial Dinner at the Appin Pub and a story and pictures of the Australia Day BBQ. There is also a really nice picture sent in by Bill Leighton, which was captured on his recent flight down the NSW south coast.

I must apologise. In the last Newsletter, the wrong picture of the late Ron Lalor's Minicab was printed. Some correct pictures of VH-DCU appear on **Page 7** of this edition.

We are all invited to an art exhibition to view some paintings by Colleen Pillemer. The invitation is on **Page 2**.

Because of the upcoming Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers you will find a 'Committee Nomination Form' included with this Newsletter. If you

intend to run for a position on the committee you will need to get this completed form in to the Secretary by 13th March.

As we were preparing to go into print, we heard the news that Nash Pilling was not well, having suffered a mild stroke. The latest news is that he is quite OK, having recovered the use of his right arm, and is speaking clearly. Well done Nash!

My thanks go to all those who have sent in pictures, articles, letters and other good bits for this Newsletter. We all appreciate your contributions. Special thanks go to Margaret Adams, who has continually managed the mail-out of your Newsletter.

On a personal note, this will be my last effort as your Newsletter Editor (for quite a while at least). I will not be standing for election on to the committee this time around, and therefore, am also standing down from the duties of Newsflash and Newsletter Editor. Yes, I'm taking a break for 2016.

Thanks to everyone for all the support I have received as a committee member for more than 13 years, as your Newsletter Editor for most of that time, and as your Club President for a majority of that time. I must say it's been an absolute hoot!

I hope to see you all, and much more often, around the airfield.

Keep flying safely and have lots of fun!

David Rittie

Words from the President

It's that time of year when most of us are pretty well settled back into the rhythm of work (and more important things like flying!). That rhythm in the club means that the time has come around again to choose your new committee for the year.

Your committee is not a closed group, but an elected and accountable group working with authority under the constitution to exercise the responsibility to deliver good management of all aspects of the club. That means your selection of committee members must identify those you trust to take the club in the direction required. Those elected to previous positions have, universally in my experience, taken the responsibility seriously, and worked selflessly to fulfil their charge. In order to keep things progressing the committee needs the autonomy to act with the full trust and support of members, remembering they are always fully accountable to the club for their collective and individual actions. As I think I said last year, the

election is not a popularity contest. Don't choose someone because they are your mate, but because they are the best person for the task. And please remember, these people are volunteers, not full time employees, so give them some grace where necessary, especially when things are difficult!

The process for the upcoming election is detailed in Jock Anderson's Secretary's Report of this Newsletter. (Page 4.)

It's been a privilege to again serve the club as president, and my thanks to all the existing committee members for their service over the past year(s). To all members, please, put yourself up for election if you're willing and able to make a positive contribution to club life.

I'd like to thank many others for their ongoing assistance throughout the year in many tasks: Catering, returning officer, ground-keeping, engineering and maintenance, membership, work days, connections, influence, advocacy and



advice. I'll make no attempt to name names, lest I leave some out. Whoever has given any of their time and effort to the club is included.

Our fairly fresh (and immensely keen) member Mal Kains has re-

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HARLAND'S Nursery and Landscaping

Phone 4634 1234 or 0402 086 032, or drop by and see Charles or Clayton.

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



cently succumbed to my request for his help, agreeing to take on coordinating flying activities, starting with LOBO late Feb. Please support Mal (and anyone else who he gets to organise particular events) by lining up to join the activities he will organise in the future. The more aircraft that join in, the more fun there is likely to be. We exist to foster flying and the enjoyment of our magnificent aircraft, and Mal is keen to help us.

Regardless of the outcome of elections, there will forever remain more tasks to complete than there are available people to do them. Please continue to support the ethic of the club, that is, where

we are able, we pitch in and do the job ourselves. Where you see a need or are asked to assist, make sure that it is OK to proceed by contacting somebody on the committee (just in case there is already something underway or planned), and then get on with it.

As seems to be the normal way, there are a number of significant matters which are in train at the moment. The recent apparent increase in illegal access to fire trails around the field, and the associated matter of our relationship with councils and Lands for secure access remain priorities which are consuming our time and effort to improve or resolve. Such things always

seem to happen far less quickly than we'd like... Be assured they are in hand.

Finally, it feels to me that since I've been the president, we have lost more than our fair share of members, through accident, illness and age. Please join me in continuing to offer our support to the families of those we have lost over time. We can't replace them but we can help where needed, and each of us can do our bit to make sure that everything we do is done safely, with no more accidents.

Fly safe and fly often.

Bret Cavanagh

From the Secretary's Desk

Goings on at Wedderburn

Matters on hand

Next General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be on Sunday March 20th 2016 at 2.00 pm.

Any member wishing to add something to the Agenda should advise me in writing before March 13th 2016. The Annual General Meeting will also be on the 20th March, following the GM. At that meeting the committee will stand down and an election will be held to fill those positions. Any Full or Associate Member is entitled to stand for election provided that they are in good financial standing. Nomination Forms for election must be signed by two financial members (Full or Associate) and they have to be in my possession by 2pm on the 13th March. You can send them to me c/o the NSW SAC or (quicker) at home on 34 Shiprock Road, Port Hacking, NSW 2229. I will also accept scanned forms sent to my email address jock-anderson@bigpond.com. Check with me that I got your nomination in the week before 13th March 2016. Any Full or Associate Member is entitled to vote provided that they are in good financial standing but **THEY MUST BE THERE AT THE AGM**. The club does have postal voting, but **NOT** for election of Office Bearers. For example, if we wanted to change our name (under the Constitution) from NSW Sport Aircraft Club to The Wedderburn Deep Sea Scuba Diving Club we could use postal votes. Proxy voting is not permitted in any circumstances. These are not my rules; they are the Department of Fair Trading's rules.

Safety at the Field

A recent accident at the field brought to the attention of Rou that a member, if alone, could be injured and isolated. It is suggested that in addition to all other safety matters, members would be advised to keep a mobile phone within reach when working alone. Some phones have a single "Ring Rou" button on them. That would be a good idea. I used to take a mobile with me when I worked under the cockpit panel near the pedals in case I could not reverse out!

Children on a leash

There was a discussion about children on a leash. This is

another safety matter. It was proposed at committee that all children should be on a leash. It was decided not to enforce this provided that the children are closely supervised at all times by a parent, particularly when on the taxiways. They are not to be on the runway at any time.

Instead, it was decided that Errol Pillemer should be on a leash and closely supervised at all times. Members are urged to report to a committee member if Errol is spotted off the leash.

Keys

Access via the South (Mine) Gate is now unavailable despite best attempts by the committee. Attempts at a political level are still continuing however. Members will be updated of any progress.

Hangar Licence Agreements

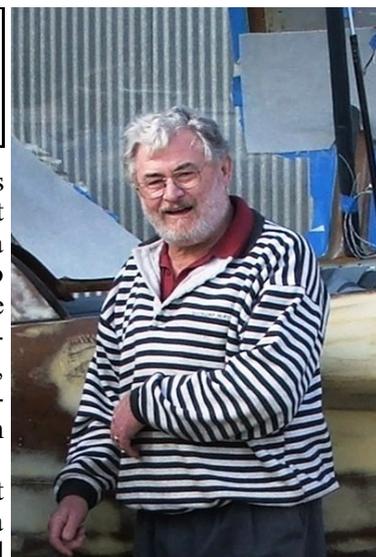
These will be available soon. Some members who store material that contravenes our Head Lease should consider bringing their hangar into compliance now, as the new HLA may not be available in those circumstances. The issue of new keys may be linked to HLA's.

Membership database.

It is envisaged that this will be co-ordinated with the issue of new keys to the North Gate. Furthermore they will be indelibly marked with a laser code that will identify the owner, and this will be collated with the members details on the data sheets kept for our records by the Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Secretary. Don Harvie is looking after this important matter.

Fire Trail Management Committee

I understand that the club has been granted a seat on the FTMC. Unfortunately it was not in time to influence the access via the South (Mine) Gate but there are other issues to be dealt with, like security, especially to the North where the



cable fence is mostly lying on the ground on the west side. Nobody seems to want to take charge of this problem, especially if it costs.

Security at the Field

Members arriving at night via the North Gate may have noticed a light sensor protecting the gate. Several light sensitive and infrared sensitive cameras have been installed to record any illegal activities in the area. You will probably not be able to find the cameras but neither should you have to....they are there for your protection. Rou records a marked drop in these illegal episodes since installation. The committee is constantly reviewing security at the field.

Membership Categories

The committee is presently reviewing Membership Categories as

some feel that there are too many and that it has become cumbersome. This will be a slow process but members can be reassured that any changes will only apply to future applicants, not to present members.

New Members

I do not have a record of any new Members since the last newsletter but if you do find any please make them welcome.



More funny aviation clips at www.najaco.com

Finally, as there will be an election of committee before any future Newsletter, this may be my last communication with you all by this means. If so:-

Please,

Still Fly Safe!

Jan Queen
Jock Anderson

Some advice on 'NO GO' AREAS from Errol Pillemer

Hi everyone

To those new members (and some older ones who may have forgotten) there are certain areas on the airfield that we should not drive on with a vehicle.

- The most obvious one is the Runway.
- The Grass strip adjoining the runway is also out of bounds.

Less obvious are our water absorption fields: These are:

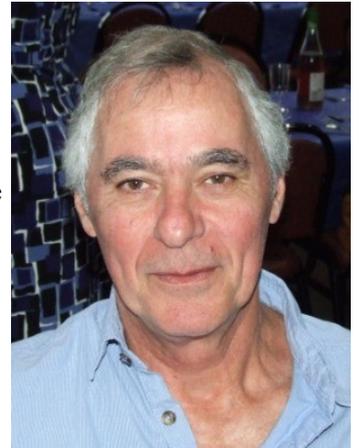
- in front of the clubhouse,
- at the Northern end below the last hangar Z4, and
- at the Southern end below hangar M1.

These areas have been marked out on the map below.

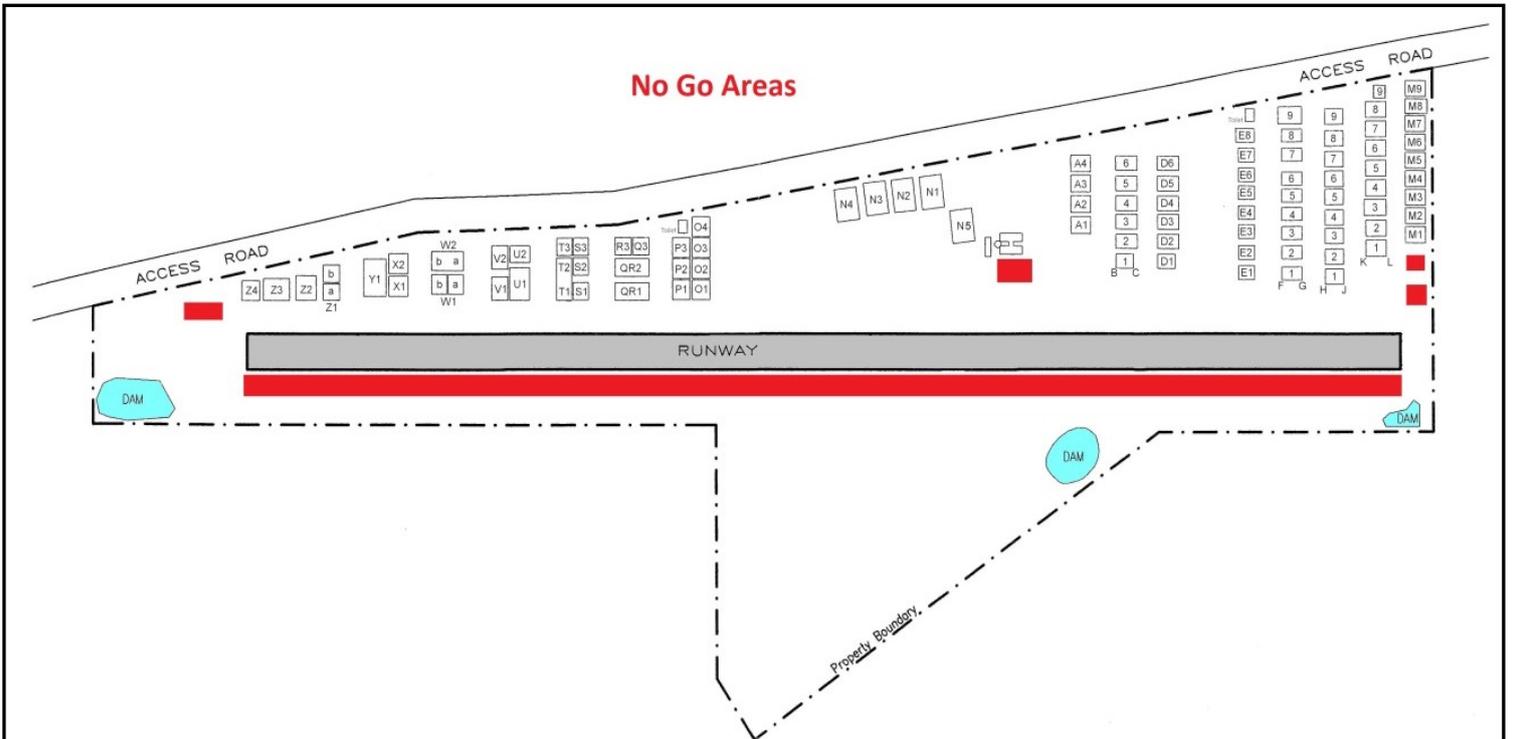
Visually, they can be easily identified as the grass is greener than the surrounding area. The ground above them can be soft and easily broken with possible damage to the system.

So, please keep off these areas, and if you see any vehicle encroaching please inform the driver to stay clear or else be held liable for any damage.

Thanks.



Errol Pillemer



NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion was received on 5th February, and will be addressed at the General Meeting on 20th March

5th February, 2016

NSW Sport Aircraft Club

I hereby notify The New South Wales Sport Aircraft Club I intend to place the following motions before the meeting held on the 20th March, 2016.

I move that Full Members of the New South Wales Sport Aircraft Club may attend any Committee Meeting as observers only, and can have no input to the proceeds unless invited by the Chairman.

I move that the committee are instructed to remove the By-Law closing the runway on Work Days and replace with the following By-Law.

The runway can only be closed to flying operations when major work is being carried out, or when an emergency of some sort requires closure of the runway.

In the case of major work being required, at least 21 days notice of the closure must be given to members.

On all occasions when the runway is closed due to major work being carried out all markings and other requirements of CASA Regulations are to be strictly adhered too.

Sincerely

Peter Hodgens

SAC membership no. 9



A Letter to the Editor

This is a letter in reaction to a previous 'Letter to the Editor' from Patricia Crampton, regarding the competition for a new NSW SAC club crest/badge/logo.



Dear Editor,

As the member of the club who started the competition thank you Patricia for your letter. Please let me raise a few points.

David as editor has not come out in favour of the change but has been correct in allowing people to exercise their opinions and allowing the competition. Demanding that the competition gets cancelled is not at all democratic and must be rejected as such. Every member has the right to propose an idea and have fellow members vote on it.

There was no intention to ignore the previous design nor throw it away, this club has grown from the work done over the years by its members, building and improving on what we have. Many major brands like Qantas and Coca Cola modify and update their logos every few years and the intent

was to modernise and harmonise our logo.

Your husband's design has set the standard and has stood unchanged for over 30 years, but nothing stands still in aviation.

The only entry submitted to date is a conceptual one, where, in the words of the designer, the intention is to introduce some modern techniques, standardise the colour as used on the embroidered shirts and to vectorise the design so that scaling the image will not lose detail when enlarged.

This is what I am looking for, but due to the lack of suitable entries the competition will be shelved.

Regards

Errol Pillemer

FUN IN THE SUN FOR EVERYONE

Some more good advice from Phil Ayrton

School holidays and holiday long weekends can be a particularly busy time at Wedderburn, both for members, their guests and their children. There is likely to be an increase in the numbers of pets and of kids on the airfield, so being aware of this and being diligent when operating our aircraft is of paramount importance. The children are likely to want to have some fun, to run around and maybe ride their pushbikes, they can get caught up in the excitement of being at our wonderful facility, out of their usual environment and this is to be encouraged, but parental supervision of kids is also vital to keeping everyone safe. While you're working in your hangar or having coffee with your guests your dog can be tethered but that's not really practical for the children but it is your responsibility to make sure that children associated with you or your group are supervised, that they understand some basic rules and that you know where they are and what they are doing at all times.

Over the Christmas/New Year period there was an incident where a young child was discovered playing on the main runway. When returned to their hangar the father said he had told his child not to go down there, but no further supervision was provided so it was another quick acting member who averted what could have been a very tragic outcome.

Children need to know and understand that despite the lovely rural surroundings what we have is an airport, and that aircraft with engines running can be very dangerous vehicles, that sometimes the pilot may not be able to see them, especially in a tail dragger. Aircraft on taxiways have complete right of way, so if they encounter an approaching aircraft on the hangar taxiways they should move back to the line of the hangar doors taking any items with them to let it pass.

At the northern end of the airfield there is well-established grass between the parallel taxiway and the hangars, so

walking along the grass should be encouraged instead of walking down the taxiway, and at the southern end there is the dirt track along the eastern end of hangars that can also be used to get from row to row without having to walk along the parallel taxiway.

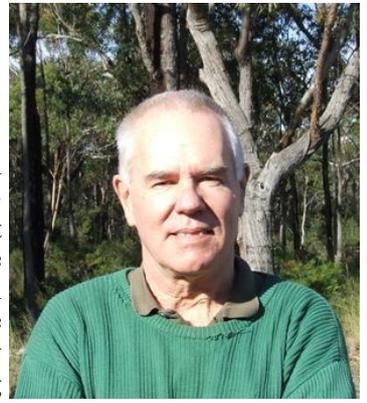
Common sense is generally acquired slowly over many years, and the things we may take for granted should be instilled as early as possible in the minds of our children. It might seem like stating the bleeding obvious but it's only obvious to many of us since we've been around facilities like ours for years, so take the time to explain it all and make sure they understand. Peace of mind is cheap and much more satisfying than what could be the unfortunate alternative.

We do want to encourage families to our lovely bush setting, to allow them to enjoy the facility, the trees and the bush we all enjoy but safety should also be in the forefront of everyone's mind all the time. The club tries to remind people of this at every opportunity but visitors in your group are your responsibility and it is your responsibility to ensure they are kept safe, and that reduces the risks for everyone else, meaning that other club members are also kept safer as well. It's vital to making sure that everyone who visits our facility enjoys themselves and can leave with all limbs intact taking just happy memories with them.

Phil Ayrton

Thanks for that good advice, Phil.
As Errol Pillemer once wrote so eloquently: "*Children should be seen and not hurt!*"

Ed

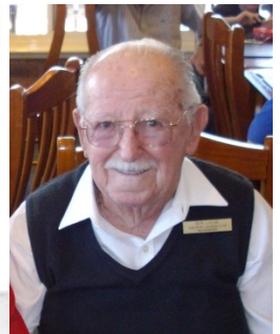


(The late) Ron Lalor's Minicab - a Correction

In the last issue of the Newsletter the wrong picture was printed to display Ron's Minicab. I offer my sincere apologies for any concern caused.

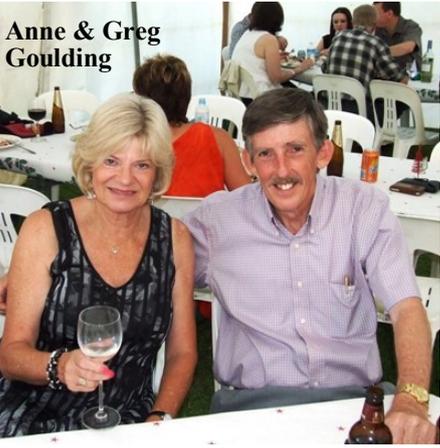
Photos of Ron and his Minicab, VH-DCU, appear below. A very young Ron, standing on the right, is holding a trophy after winning the first ever closed circuit air race for home-built aircraft at Bathurst.

David Rittie

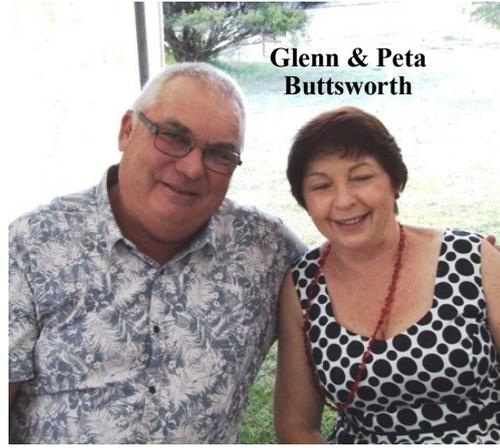


SAC Annual Christmas Party

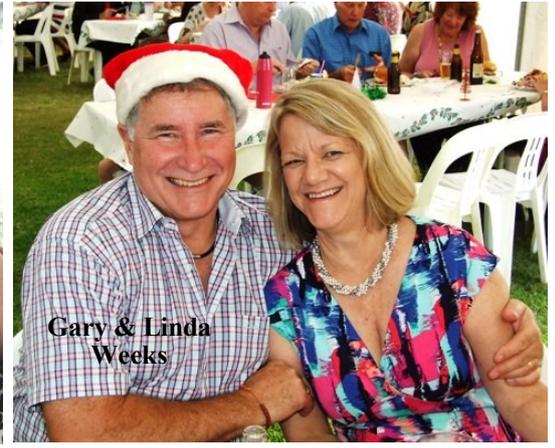
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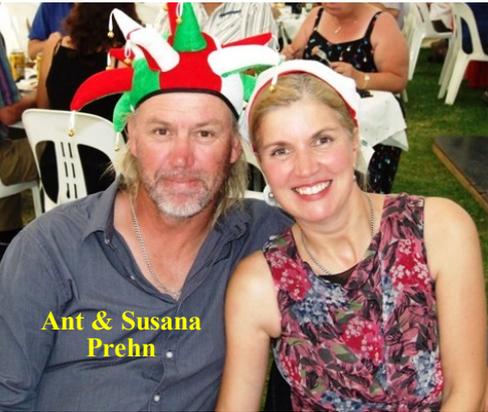
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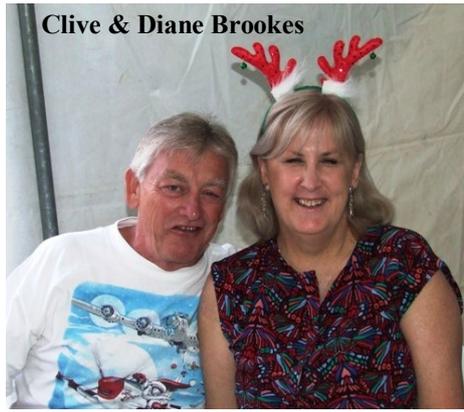
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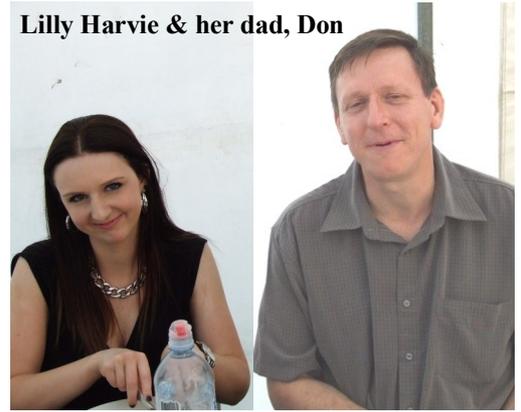
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Weeks**



**Ant & Susana
Prehn**



Clive & Diane Brookes



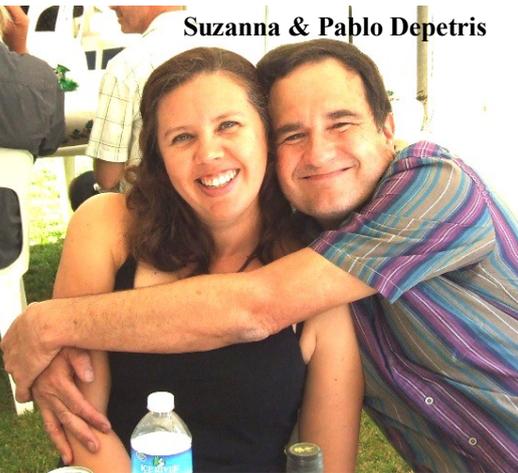
Lilly Harvie & her dad, Don

The SAC Christmas party was held in the Clubhouse forecourt, inside a large marquee, which has now become the traditional home for this annual event.

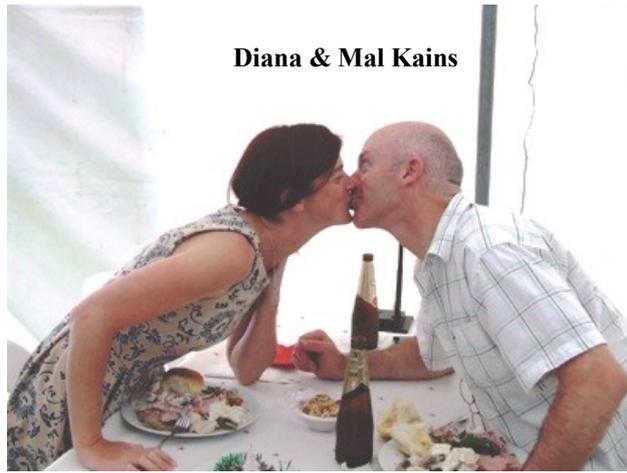
The catering was arranged, once again, by Karen and Steve Lalor. The food was amazing, better than last year's food. It was delicious and plentiful.

There was nice quiet music playing whilst we ate.

We were entertained by a coloured English singer, exotically named "Pearl Noire", along with her assisting musician. She was a true professional, creating songs on the run about us. She was quite fabulous. Thanks to Col Sundstrom for recommending her to us.



Suzanna & Pablo Depetris



Diana & Mal Kains



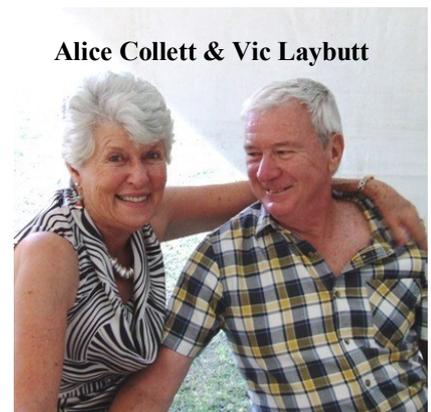
Pearl Noire



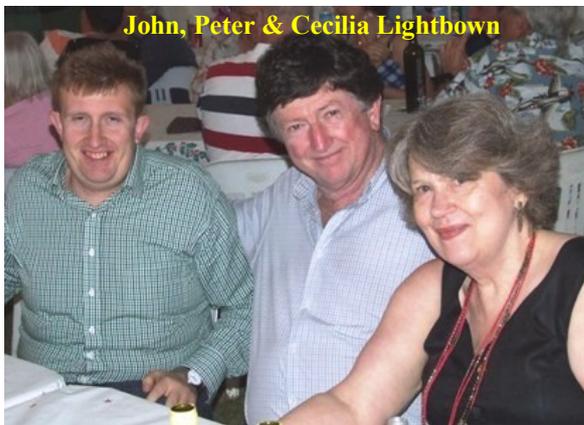
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Duncan**



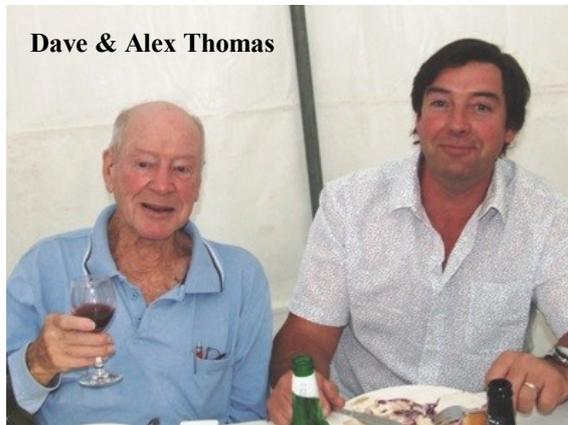
**Greg & Tracey
Ackman**



Alice Collett & Vic Laybutt



John, Peter & Cecilia Lightbown



Dave & Alex Thomas



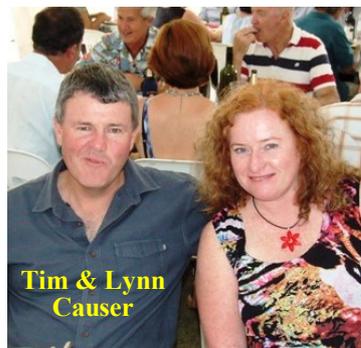
Margaret Nightingale



Geoff May



Richard & Jacquie Thompson



Tim & Lynn Causer



Walter & Erica Schranz

Annual Christmas Party Awards

After dinner our SAC President, Bret Cavanagh, with the assistance of the lovely Lilly Harvie, presented some awards to some of our worthy members. Prizes were awarded to our caretakers, Dawn and Rouen, for being so hardworking and diligent; to Karen and Steve Lalor for catering for all of the workdays and arranging this Christmas party; to David Rittie for being the Newsletter Editor for another year; to Glenn Buttsworth for being our Green-keeper and taking care of the grass safety strip; to Richard Thompson for being our hard-working Facilities Manager; to Diane Brookes for being our esteemed SAC Club Treasurer; to Phil Laycock for playing Santa at the Children's Christmas Party; and finally, to Jock Anderson for his work as SAC Club Secretary.



Bret Cavanagh

The usual raffle followed, allowing many prizes of wine and chocolates to be won, but this year there were two special prizes of paintings, donated by Colleen Pillemer of her own work.

The night then turned to dancing on the makeshift dance floor, to the singing of Pearl Noire. What a party!

Thanks to those who worked so hard to make this party such a success.

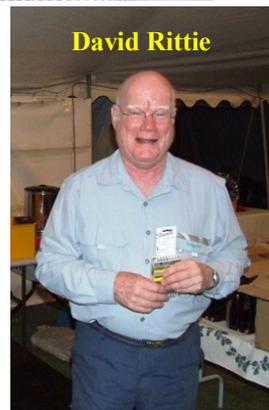
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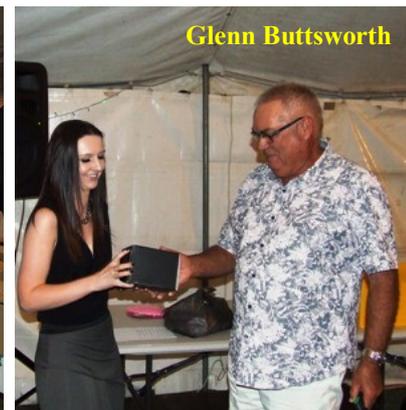
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Steve & Karen Lalor



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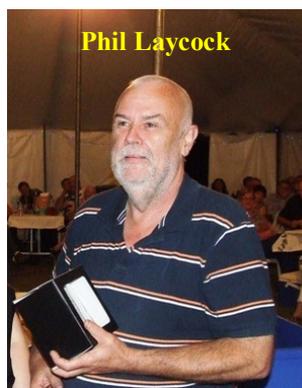


Richard Thompson



Lilly Harvie

Diane Brookes



Phil Laycock



Jock Anderson

Bret Cavanagh

A message from our caretakers, Dawn and Rouen Andrews

NEWSLETTER EDITOR -- END OF AN ERA!!

This will be David Rittie's last edition as Editor. To Dawn and me it will be a sad occasion. David's attention to detail and his knowledge and expertise of all things Wedderburn made for a Club Newsletter that was both interesting and informative, for all members. Thank you Dave for all your help, and for including us in so much here at the airstrip.

ROBERT GREIG'S REMEMBRANCE DINNER

On Tuesday 19th January 32 members and friends attended this get-together at the Appin Pub and many stories of past times were aired. A toast to Robert was proposed by Peter Lightbown and Nash Pilling also added remembrances of other members who have passed away in 2015. Glasses were raised and Peter's toast was enthusiastically responded to.

AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ.

This annual event was attended by approximately 40 club members and friends. The usual BBQ produced good food and of course with a few bottles made it a very convivial gathering. While some of our long standing members were not present, it was really pleasing to see many of our newer and younger members and their families attending and entering into the spirit of this Club function.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 5/12/2015

Once again Karen and Steve Lalor with Diane Brookes organised a terrific evening. Gary and Wayne our chefs, produced a fantastic meal which I am sure everybody enjoyed. On the recommendation of Col Sundstrom the organisers obtained the services of "Pearl Noir" to provide the entertainment and this was no doubt an outstanding success!!! Ask Nash Pilling and others - I don't think Nash has recovered yet! We were the recipients of some lovely gifts from the Club, gratefully received and a special mention to Bret and Catherine Cavanagh for their input for the evening.

A A A A TOY RUN Sunday 6/12/15

This Annual Event, organised by John Gallagher and delegated to Don Harvie, was this time held at Wedderburn. A large number of members donated substantial numbers of quality toys to be distributed by the Salvos. In addition, a sum of approx. \$400, raised at a raffle at the Christmas Party, was also handed over to representatives of the Salvation Army and gratefully received. Lunch was supplied to all attending using the "leftovers" from the previous night's party.

SOFT TOYS

Our grateful thanks once again to Junie Nicholson and Jan Faulkner for their efforts in providing some lovely knitted soft toys and distribution to needy children in Rosemeadow.

THE SY ALLSEP MEMORIAL HANGAR

Saturday 23 January 2015 marked the unveiling of the bronze plaque in memory of Sy at the hangar near the Clubhouse (Hangar N5). This memorial was provided by the members of Team Wedderburn, who have been with Sy for many years and have been his Team in maintain-



ing firstly, the Beaver, and then the Twin Pioneer. Dawn and I have been honoured to be considered part of the Team and were invited to the unveiling carried out by our President Bret Cavanagh. This plaque is a wonderful example of workmanship which was organised by Peter Reardon and is well worth a visit.

CHRIS GALLAGHER

Chris has returned home after a lengthy stint in hospital and John advises gradual improvement, which is really great news. The orchid which Peter Lightbown delivered to Chris in hospital on the Club's behalf, is a source of great joy. I am advised that it now lives in the bathroom and has been flowering for three months. Chris even gave it a tidy up yesterday! We pray that Chris will continue her improvement.

There are numbers of our members and families who are experiencing health issues at present - to all we send our prayers and wishes for their return to good health.

To all those members who help out with various chores and repairs on the strip, my grateful thanks.

RIDE-ON MOWER REPAIRS

Thanks to Greg Goulding for replacing blades, bushes and bearings in the small Husky.

THANKS

Our thanks go also to Lilly Harvie for her assistance after the Christmas Party in re-stocking the fridges and general tidying up.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please note!! One of the gas fridges in the clubhouse is no longer in working order and at the moment. We have one gas and the electric fridge in operation for drinks. The Committee has been informed and will no doubt decide on a replacement in due course.

RAINFALL

January 2016- Our rainfall was 205mm, which means we have a verdant Airstrip, and members remark on the oasis our facility is when viewed from the air!!

RESPECT THE SODDEN GRASS

I wish to appeal to Members and their Visitors, to respect the

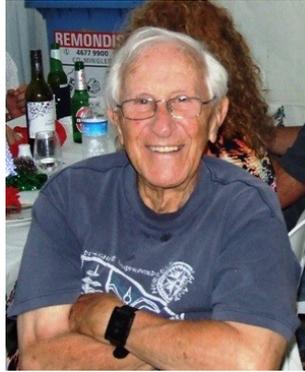
grass areas in front of and around the hangars. Driving vehicles across these areas can cause damage to the turf, especially after the heavy rain we have had recently. In mowing these areas and trying to keep the airstrip looking good, it can be very frustrating to find deep ruts across hangar frontages. I appeal to members to avoid driving on these areas when we have had rain as they are very soft. I am aware that sometimes contractors and delivery trucks are to blame, so please endeavour to prevent this from happening. My other plea is in regard to the Clubhouse Lawn. Please refrain from driving on or across this area, as Our Clubhouse sewerage Transpiration Bed crosses this lawn. Any damage caused to this outlet would create a real problem for our sewerage system and would be very costly to repair.

setback. Dawn and I send a really special HELLO to Nash, and our Very Best Wishes for a speedy and full recovery. Boy am I pleased that I was present to open the northern gate when Nash departed YWBN on Monday morning!!!

Dawn and Rouen Andrews
0425 380 964

NASH PILLING

I have this morning (Wed, 10th Feb) been advised that our highly esteemed member, and Former Club President, Mr Nash Pilling, has been admitted to Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, as the result of suffering a Mild Stroke whilst in Gundagai, and will be in hospital for a short period. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nash as he recovers from this health



Robert Greig's Memorial Pub Dinner

You will recall that our departed member, Robert Greig, died in an unfortunate accident after flying into cloud. The accident occurred after he attended a regular pub dinner on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

On that terrible day a small group of our members went to the Appin Pub, as they usually do on Tuesdays, to take advantage of the cheap meals available on "Tight Arse Tuesdays" (as the pub so politely calls them). On returning to the airfield after dinner Robert went flying and met with his accident.

To commemorate the sad occasion and to retain the fond memories of Robert it was decided that a memorial pub dinner will be held henceforth on the last Tuesday of every January, and the table will be reserved in the name "Robert". The dinner was duly

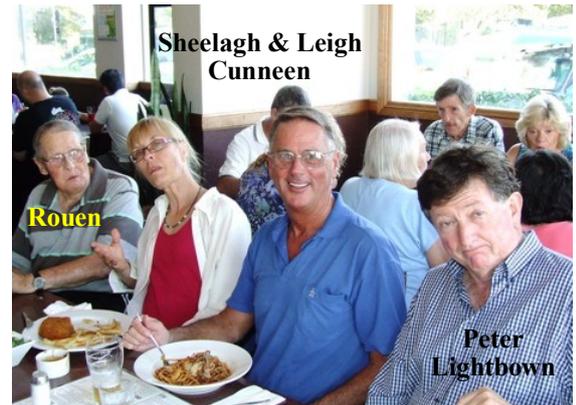
arranged for this year.

As it turned out, the dinner had to be re-scheduled for 19th January, as the original date clashed with the club's Australia Day BBQ, and so it was decided to hold the Pub Dinner a week earlier.

38 SAC members and friends came to the dinner, filling three reserved tables. It is easily the largest roll-up of our members at the pub. Peter Lightbown proposed a toast to Robert's memory, and Nash Pilling proposed a toast to all other recently departed members.

It is expected that this ceremony will be repeated annually for a long time into the future to keep the memories of our Robert Greig alive.

David Rittie





Australia Day BBQ



The traditional Australia Day BBQ was, as expected, held on Tuesday 26th January at the clubhouse. The event was well attended again this year with nearly 40 SAC members and guests.

We were graced with the presence of some representatives of the Wedderburn Rural Fire Service, in the form of Glenda and Rodney George along with a couple of others. Everyone dressed with an Ozzie theme, including Australian flag transfers, hats, "T" shirts along with some fancy jewellery. The Australian flag hung lazily from the clubhouse flagpole.

sausages and other food, and some people brought along much more than they needed for themselves so they could share with others.

Due to a number of possible factors the backyard cricket match didn't happen. Maybe it was due to the bad light (?), the lack of an unbiased umpire, heat and extreme humidity, the sticky wicket, everyone being slightly over-fed or just plain lethargy. Anyway, everyone just lazed around, told tall stories, admired the view, and most importantly, enjoyed the company of the other participants.

Ozzie Ozzie Ozzie. Oi Oi Oi !

David Rittie

The club's BBQ was soon sizzling with an assortment of steaks,



Phil Laycock

Errol Pillemer

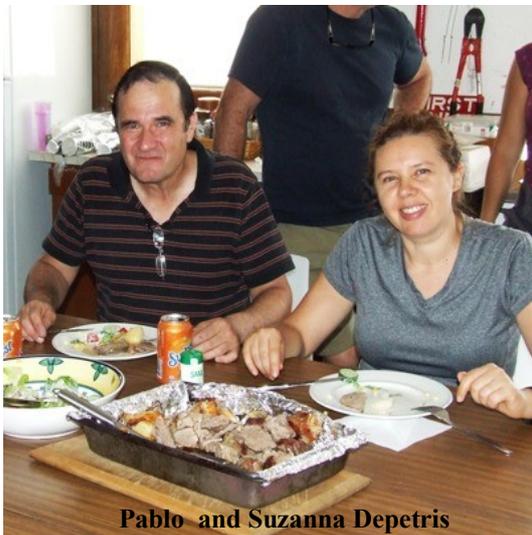


Anne Goulding

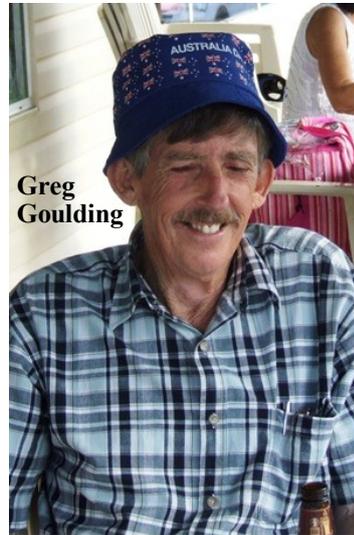
Glenda George

Alice Collett

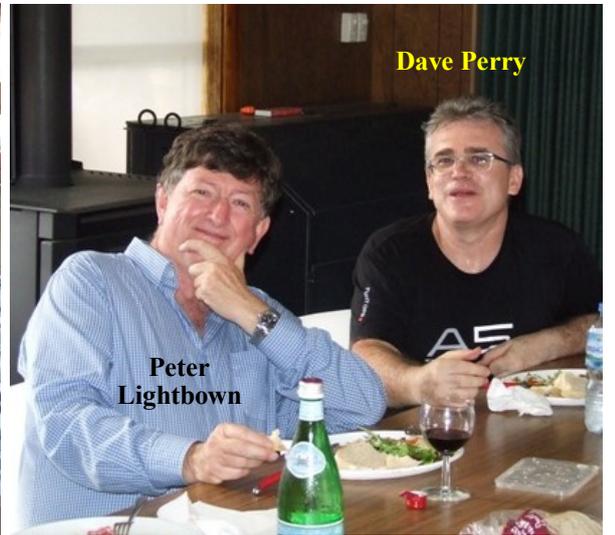
Amy Taru



Pablo and Suzanna Depetris



Greg Goulding



Peter Lightbown

Dave Perry



Errol and Colleen Pillemer



Dewi, Amy and John Taru

Sy Allsep Memorial Plaque Unveiled

On 21st January, a bronze memorial plaque, dedicated to the memory of Sy Allsep, was unveiled on the western side of Hangar N5.

The dedication ceremony (and the unveiling by President, Bret Cavanagh) was attended by some of Sy's relatives and aviation friends, but mainly by "Team Wedderburn" which is the group of Sy's dedicated friends who helped to maintain the Beaver and also to restore the Twin Pioneer.

David Rittie

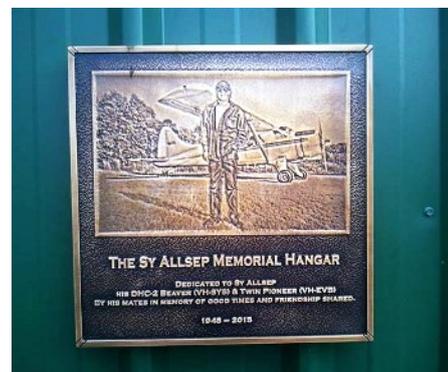


PHOTO OF THE MONTH

The picture below of Narooma, on the NSW South Coast, was sent in by Bill Leighton. Thanks Bill.



* * Aircraft and Hangars For Sale * *

Greg Ackman has two Grumman Tigers for sale



Reg #: VH-AVD
Total Time Airframe: 5,050
Hours
Serial #: AA5B1213
Reg Expiry:
Lycoming O360 A4K 180HP
Flat 4 Cylinder
REQUIRES OVERHAUL

Reg #: VH-IFT
Total Time Airframe: 5,150 Hours
Serial #: AA5B0621
Reg Expiry: 04 / 2016
Lycoming O360 A4K 180HP
Flat 4 Cylinder
50 Hrs Since BULK STRIP and REBUILD with
NEW CYLINDERS Approx. 900 Hrs TO RUN

For further information contact **Greg Ackman** on **0425 355 500**

Aircraft and Hangars For Sale (cont)

Cliff van Praag's Aircraft and other "treasure trove" items are up for sale



Pazmany PL2

Aircraft for sale include:

1. A Pazmany PL2, a 2 place side by side, joy stick, fixed tricycle gear aerobatic sport aircraft. Engine is a Lycoming O320 150hp with fixed pitch aluminium prop. The engine has been repainted with new oil hoses installed and has about 150 hours remaining. The airframe needs some minor work done on one main gear leg and some final assembly before flying. Considering all reasonable offers.
2. Volksplane with VW engine, "Herbi" in flying condition. Considering all reasonable offers.
3. A tube and wire ultralight less engine and sailcloth envelopes. Considering all reasonable offers.
4. A fibreglass ultralight less engine. Considering all reasonable offers.
5. A treasure trove of parts and accessories collected over thirty years including complete VW engines, motor bikes and scooters and various other engines, generators and lots and lots of spare parts. Considering all reasonable offers.

Contact Kevin Haydon on 0408 694 713.

Goods can generally be inspected each weekend or by arrangement.



Volksplane "Herbi"



PA-22

PIPER TRI-PACER 160

s.n. 22.6710

Engine: LYCOMING 0.320.B2A 160hp. TTAF: 2080hrs. Engine: 750hrs to run. Prop: 400 hours since overhaul per Sensenich SPRM 546. Cover: 100% Dacron – Excellent condition. Instruments: VFR only, transponder overhauled, new decoder fitted in 2014 and new battery in 2015. Always hangared - 4 place intercom. Garmin GPSMAP 296.

All AD's are up-to-date including crankshaft corrosion inspection and remediation. New wing struts, of the sealed type, have been installed as well as new sparkplugs. Disc brakes have been installed. The rego has been changed to VH-FTL, brand new Airworthiness Certificate now complete. This aircraft is "as good as new".

PRICE: \$70,000

Contact Hank on 0418 230 102 or at vangasselt@wgib.com.au



YAK-18T - The best one in the country

Aerobatic, 4 seats,

2400 hrs TT. 2 hrs since ground up rebuild.

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New 400hp M-14PF. New MTV9-29 3 blade prop.

Long Range tanks 4.5 hrs total.

Digital Gmeter, Digital Tacho, Colour Garmin GPS.

All new fabric, paint, interior, windows, batteries, brakes, wheels & tyres. VHF, AM/FM/CD, DVD player, infrared headsets in rear. Experimental category.

Reduced to AU\$150,000. No GST.

Genuine enquiries only - NO TYRE KICKERS.

Contact via email: aussiehouseboats@gmail.com



Aircraft and Hangars For Sale (cont)

Jock Anderson's magnificent Rutan Defiant



Best Composite, SAAA Annual Fly-in 2006

Concourse d 'Elegance, SAAA Annual Fly-in 2006

Total time 170 hours

Offers over \$170,000 might be considered.



Contact Jock on **0414366222**

Martin Ongley's Jabiru J400

Jabiru J400 VH-OSM
 Engine 3300 Jabiru 6 cyl solid lifter 120hp
 TTIS 366Hrs
 Empty weight 346.5Kg
 MTOW 700Kg
 Payload 353.5Kg
 Seats 4
 Fuel capacity 115litres total
 103litres useable
 Cruise speed 115KIAS @ 23l/hr
 Range Approx 500NM
 Rotec throttle body injector fitted

Microair M760 Comm
 Microair T2000 Mode C Xponder
 Garmin 495 GPS
 4 place intercom
 Upgraded brakes and 10ply tyres fitted

\$65,000 ono

Contact Martin on
0429 906 865 or at
martinongley@bigpond.com



Kevin Brodie's Jabiru J230

Jabiru J230-D 24-5490

Factory built 2008, Airframe & engine 94 hours, Maintained every 25hrs, Nil accidents.

Analogue instruments, Icom IC-200 radio, Garmin GTX-320a transponder, Booster seats, Sensenich prop, Garmin 295 GPS.

Always hangared and runs great.

\$85,000

Contact Kevin: 02 4283 2671 or 0408 427 458



Roy Docherty's TIPSYP NIPPER

Slingsby T66 Single Seater.



Reluctantly selling my Jabiru 2200 powered Topsy Nipper. This fully aerobatic airframe has flown 729 Hrs since rebuild, Engine 53 hours since new. Hangared at Wedderburn.

This aircraft is for sale at the newly reduced price of

\$15,500

Call Roy on
 0404 756 407 or 02 4294 3900



Picture is courtesy of Doug Stickland

The area circled in red above is a sensitive area on the southern side of Victoria Road. This area should be avoided wherever possible, to help maintain our good relationship with the local Wedderburn community.