

THE NSW SPORT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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Editor's letter

Hi everyone, how are we?

In this issue, Secretary **Jock Anderson** reports on the goings on at Wedderburn, we cover Club news and the Annual General Meeting, Workday Coordinator **Jason Camilleri** tells us about the February Social Workday, we attend the **Avalon International Airshow**, freelance Newsletter contributor extraordinaire **Phil Ayrton** shares the story of his F1 Rocket build, plus we cover some upcoming flying and Club events.

Cold weather is slowly but surely coming back, and the little electric heater under the Editor's desk almost got turned on today. Hopefully we will get some benign weather for the upcoming fly-in at the end of this month, well, it couldn't possibly be worse than last year's...

It has been very encouraging to see so many of our senior members showing a keen interest in our Club by turning up, contributing, and participating in our Club events this past year. Brings to mind something I heard recently: *"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in"*

Cheers and respect to all of our wise old men!

Pablo Depetris

Calendar of Club events:

Wedderburn Fly-In: Saturday April 27, 2019

Note: A full Club calendar for this year will be finalised by the end of this month. Stay tuned!

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Cover photo
Avalon International Airshow 2019
Photo Pablo Depetris

From the Secretary's Desk

Trees

Members are thanked yet again for not cutting down trees. There are circumstances when trees can be cut down but permission is always needed from Wollondilly Shire Council, Department of Lands **and the committee**. If you think a tree needs to be cut down please ask the committee **first**. We do not want this airfield to look like YSBK.

Use of radio.

Whilst the carriage of a radio is not mandatory at YWBN, its use is preferable. If you have a radio, please listen and broadcast. Aircraft arriving have right of way over aircraft departing. And the rule is **See and be Seen (and Listen and be Heard)**.

Purchase of YWBN

The Department of Lands have notified us that we will not be invited to purchase of the lease unless the Minister for Lands thinks otherwise. This was somewhat disappointing so we wrote to the Minister for Lands Mr Niall Blair asking him to reconsider our request to buy the lease. Unfortunately, the minister retired from politics at the recent election and we do not know who the next minister will be. Watch this space.

Construction of the Eastern/Western Ramp

This remains a work in progress.

Clubhouse improvements

This remains a work in progress.

Site Waiting List

The hangar site waiting list now reads: -

1. Dieter Wilhelmi
2. Mal Kains
3. Kevin White
4. Michael Petersen
5. Martin Russell
6. Jeff Parsons
7. Malcom Smith
8. Chris Clark
9. Dobre Stevanovski
10. Matt Segafredo
11. Errol Pillemer Has a hangar
12. John Taru Has a hangar
13. Voytek Romanovski Has a hangar

Any member who feels that there is an error on this list should feel free to contact me to correct it.

Can I say again for the newer members that this is not a waiting list for a hangar it is a waiting list for **Hangar SITES only** and there are none proposed on the committee's horizon at the moment.

Sex and Masochism at Wedderburn

Thanks to all those members of the Sex and Masochism Club who rang me and emailed me that I had the date wrong. Members should contact Club President, Allan Aaron, to confirm the rescheduled dates for the meeting. Members are advised to bring warm clothing in the winter months.

Annual General Meeting

There have been no Special General Meetings since the AGM of 2018. This is because information is now being passed on to club members by Newsletter, Newsflash and the Minutes of all Committee Meetings, which are published on the website as soon as they are ratified. Additionally, members are invited to ask questions about the running of the club after lunch on work days. The AGM, which is an obligatory meeting, was held on Sunday 24th March at 12 noon and the President, Treasurer and Secretary provided an update of what the club has done in the previous 12 months, where the club is and where it expects to be in 12 months. The meeting was well attended and questions were taken from the floor. David Rittie moved a motion of thanks to the Committee for a job well done in the last year, noting considerable progress in the assets of the club. An election for committee was then held.

Election:

This resulted in the election of the same nine committee members.

1	President	Pablo Depetris
2	Secretary	Jock Anderson
3	Treasurer	Phillip Lee
4	Member	Allan Aaron
5	Member	Glenn Buttsworth
6	Member	Jason Camilleri
7	Member	Michael Kennard
8	Member	Peter Lightbown
9	Member	Martin Russell

The Minutes of the AGM will be posted on the Club's website as soon as available.



Finally, (with apologies to Pablo)

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. Now I'm beginning to believe it.

—Clarence Darrow

Until next time:-

Fly Safe!

Jock Anderson



It is with great sadness that the club notes the passing of George Hennessy, a Founding Member, on 16th of September 2018



They said it is a mandatory mod. Why not pull it and see what happens?

Club News



An improbable aquatic bird is slowly taking shape in hangar E4. Strange things do happen at Wedderburn...



Gary Burns' newly restored Lancair IV undergoing final touches under the watchful eye of Kevin Haydon.



Our engine-less friends from Camden continue “dropping-by” regularly. They are most welcome.

2019 Annual General Meeting

Our 2019 Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 24 March at the Clubhouse, where members enjoyed some light refreshments before the start. As there were no further nominations, committee members remained as follows: President- Pablo Depetris, Secretary- Jock Anderson, Treasurer- Phillip Lee. Committee Members- Allan Aaron, Glenn Buttsworth, Jason Camilleri, Michael Kennard, Peter Lightbown, and Martin Russell. After the agenda items were dealt with, a Q&A session was held by the President. Probably the only remarkable thing about this otherwise unremarkable meeting was its short duration. At around 60 minutes, it has to be some kind of Club record.



Club President and Secretary, recently captured whilst plotting to take over the world...

February Social Workday

Sunday the 24th February... where else would one want to be... how about in the Sydney basin (or close enough anyway) in a beautiful, quiet, secluded airstrip amongst family, friends, fellow aviators and nature (maybe a bit too much nature at times!)... making this already beautiful airfield even better! Well that's exactly where a large number of this club's fantastic dedicated members were on this very day. Giving their very best on this wonderful Sunday! Now, a picture tells a thousand words, I don't know if the Newsletter Editor will publish all these photos, but hopefully he does as there are many, and given that there are so many, I can let you in on a little secret... Yes, the Newsletter Editor took these photos, which tells me one thing, that he wasn't doing any work at all as he was so busy taking photos! There is one picture of him swinging a mattock, but the wonders of Photoshop eh!



This Workday, the Caretaker and I tackled some overgrown trees around the BBQ area and the Eastern road, so I was busy holding his hand, just can't take Steve anywhere, so if I missed any jobs below, a big thank you and well done to everyone!



Jokes aside, let me tell you a little about what we achieved on the day. As usual, there are so many people that do the little jobs that



are not listed on the sign on sheet, but take it on themselves to tackle the smaller unnoticed jobs, so to the members who did these jobs a big thank you and well done!

We had a team cleaning and removing the small weed shrubs from the Western side of the grass runway. This area is looking pretty top notch now, and this was a tedious job for the team, but in true Wedderburn spirit, they got the job done, well done team!

The runway received some extra TLC this time around. The team patched up some areas on the runway that were damaged. I inspected the patch job after the work was completed, and the team nailed it! Well done team!

Of course to the team who were on the Mowers / Tractor and the whipper snippers, well, what can I say, I'd hate to be a blade of grass that day! Well done!

A big mention to the Kitchen hands who helped out with Lunch and setting the tables etc. Well done team!

We had a wonderful turnout for the Workday, and a big thank you to all that attended and pitched in, and of course, my little segment wouldn't be complete without a massive thank you to the Lalors for the delicious lunch and dessert.

We had the Member Forum after lunch, and there was a lively discussion between members and the Committee on current Club affairs including the latest on our tenure situation. Afterwards, Eddie Seve spoke about an upcoming Stooze Formation training exercise, explaining the ins and outs of their procedures.

Jason Camilleri





***Volunteers present at the
24 February Social Work-
day:***

Brian Kearney
Ian Kearney
Ian Woodhead
Karen Lalor
Steve Lalor
Steve Pate
John Bennett
Michael Kennard
Greg Goulding
Fred Skinner
Nick Vass
David Rittie
Stephen Bennett
Dave Thomas
Alex Thomas
Chris Willis
Malcolm Smith
Phillip Smith
Grahame Gibson
Gary Burns
Scott Burns
Michael Sladek
Don Harvie
Adam Cramb
Clive Brookes
Pablo Depetris
Pablo Modinger
John Onrust
Valentine Camilleri
Jason Camilleri
Geoff May
Dobre Stevanovski
Maksim Stevanovski
Chris Clark
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Rodney George

Thank you all

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On the morning of Friday 1st of March, my friend Pablo Modinger and myself departed YWBN on an OC-TA plan for Avalon East, the dust paddock just east of Avalon where “weekend flyers” land when attending the iconic biennial airshow. After a most enjoyable 4 hour cruise at a stratospheric 8,500 feet, and an OAT of 3 degrees, we commenced our descent into our destination, and a scorching 38 degrees in the shade!

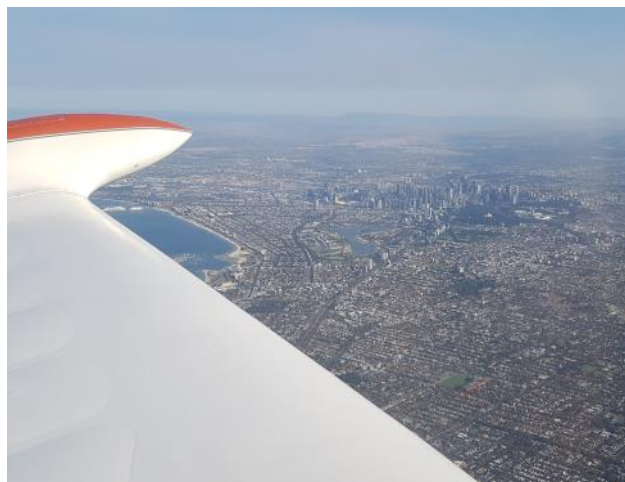
After landing we looked for accommodation online, the only reasonably priced ones being in the Melbourne CBD. We then proceeded into the show, which was very enjoyable in spite of the intense heat (isn’t Melbourne supposed to be cold?) The air-conditioned exhibitor tents were a welcome temporary relief. The Friday night show was quite amazing, and had nothing to envy other international airshows.

On Saturday morning we came back to Avalon from the city for another sauna session and aviation over-dose. It was good to see that many members of our Club had made it to the show, and although we only met a few, we certainly spotted their airplanes!

Sunday morning we returned to Avalon for our departure back to “The Burn”, this time in controlled airspace most of the way, at a cruising altitude of 9,500 feet. (oxygen anyone?) The headwinds on the way back meant flight time was 4.4 hours. A bit of a stretch, especially for my bladder, but there you go.

I had never been to the Avalon Airshow before, and I’m glad we decided to go as it was not only a great show, but also an enjoyable trip there and back.

Pablo Depetris







ANOTHER ONE EMERGES FROM THE HANGAR HATCHERY

After an enjoyable build my F1 Rocket has a C of A and has now flown. It's something of a hybrid, combining an F1 Rocket Quickbuild fuselage and empennage with a Harmon Rocket tipover canopy, an arrangement I find so much better than the slider arrangement found on most F1's. The cockpit access is so much better and the boot cowl can also be retained, so back of panel access is also greatly enhanced. It's a lovely looking machine, I have long been taken by the design and I must say I'm thoroughly enjoying flying it and getting to know it more intimately.

I took the project over from a friend in 2010, spent the first couple of years chasing around for an engine and found a neglected first life example to rebuild, and then the project started in earnest when John Cleary invited me to his new hangar at Wollongong, it has power, lights, electric roller door, running water and flush toilets aplenty. John has also equipped his workshop with a great set of tools and equipment and he gave me free reign of his setup, not only that but with a real coffee machine installed and refreshments in the fridge that invitation would have been very hard to resist.

Plenty of people to thank, can I start with Ken Hearne from Tamworth who built the engine for me (and he built my RV-4 engine too), in addition to that he drove down from Tamworth twice, first to check our engine installation and firewall forward layout before conducting the first engine start, and then drove back down again later to do the initial ground run-in for me since the engine wasn't started after the build.

Peter Bowman, who was previously a long time SAC member and is an SAAA Technical Counsellor and friend of many years worked with me 2 days a week for the 6 years it took to finish, and his experience and attention to detail has meant a higher quality outcome than if I had been working on my own.

As mentioned previously John Cleary offered me a spot in his well appointed hangar, and that gave the project some



initial momentum, and he also provided lots of help, encouragement and advice as we went along, usually dropping what he was doing to come and help when a query came up.

One of my draftsmen, Issa Sousou helped with some of the painting, the yellow rudder stripes hail back to the US military from the WW2 era, and the spinner spiral was a design idea nicked from the Focke Wulf 190 at Wings Over Illawarra last year, another awesome machine, so it has bits from both sides... nice to see no prejudice here... Another hangar mate from Wollongong, Mike Horsley also helped get me sorted out when I got stuck getting the project to the paint booth.

I must also admit though, that plenty of time seemed to slip quietly past as we sat around the hangar table over coffee and Tim Tams, regaling ourselves and anyone else who happened to wander in, with tall tales and true, as you often do even though we like to describe that enjoyable pastime as "project research" to anyone not there at the time.

Eventually the day arrived when the paperwork pile was deemed substantial enough to call in Armando Papallo, who had agreed to do the Certificate of Airworthiness for me, and he made the pro-

cess an easy and enjoyable one.

As I write this I have flown about 5 of the 25 required test hours, and I'm pleased to report they have been trouble free. Wedderburn is within the defined test area so I hope to bring it into the facility very soon. It's a lovely aircraft, combining what I consider to be beautiful lines, the power of a Lycoming IO-540 and Hartzell C/S prop with the lovely handling characteristics of the RV family from which it is derived. I feel very lucky to find myself with such an awesome machine.

Phil Ayrton



Jetstar

Like a bullet I am fired on the seat that I have hired in a pressure vessel traveling through the sky.

On things like planks called wings doing funny lifting things as I'm whisked about like clouds and dancing high.

There's a rushing of the air as I fight back my despair trapped and belted as I am upon my seat.

Soon the nose is tilted down and we're heading for the ground were once again I'll travel just by feet!

Greg Ackman

Upcoming Flying Events

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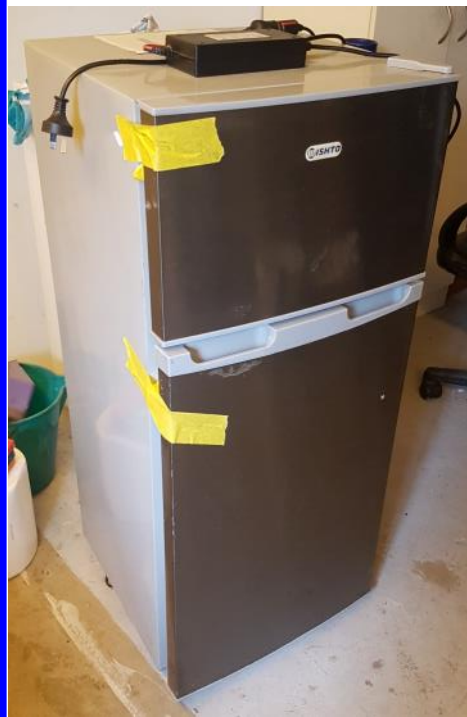
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