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Above: Some of the aircraft that were present for February's Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch: Greg Goulding's Cessna 150, David Rittie's Jabiru, Tim Causer's Minicab and Sy Allsep's Twin Pioneer.

Below: Our caretaker's final farewell at the Appin Pub on Tuesday 16th February. Present were: (background) Jacquie and John Duncan, Steve Cohen, Mike McCormick, Vic Laybutt and Alice. In the foreground are: Geoff May, Robert Greig and John Lightbown. (David Rittie also present)



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From your Editor

Welcome to the February/March 2010 issue of your Newsletter.

Amongst all the usual articles this edition contains accounts of the Annual Christmas Party and Awards Presentation, and also the Australia Day BBQ.

Please find enclosed with this Newsletter a Committee Nomina-

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Because this is the last Newsletter before the Club's election, it may be my last as Editor. So, I would just like to thank all those who have contributed so much and so often to this publication and its distribution over the last seven years (being my time as editor).

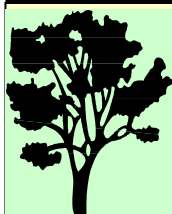
tion form and a Proxy Voting form. for use at the Annual General Meeting in March. These will be needed if you intend to nominate for a committee position, or if you wish to give your proxy vote to another member.

Being your Newsletter editor has been a bit of fun, and we hope you have always found the contents to be informative and entertaining.

Enjoy.

David Rittie

Below left: Khalid Shuwayhat preparing his very unique Cozy Mk IV for its next flight.
Below right: The Club Champions for 2009: David Rittie, Dave Thomas, Greg Goulding and Vic Laybutt. (Vic is represented here by his son, Jay Laybutt and grand-daughter, Siahn

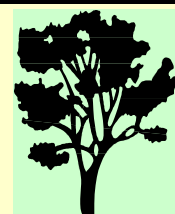


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Hi there.

Elections

The annual elections are on again on 21st March, where you all get the chance to vote for a new Committee.

There is a Committee Nomination Form enclosed with this Newsletter, which must be submitted by 2pm on Sunday 14th March. You can either mail it to our P.O.Box, or you can leave it in the Clubhouse mailbox.

Margaret Nightingale (or a nominated deputy) will be in the Clubhouse from midday to 2pm on Sunday 14th March to collect any last-minute nominations.

Our Caretaker Departs

As you read this Newsletter our caretaker, Mike, is packing up and moving on.



Mike and Sue McCormick started with us five years ago and have done a great job looking after the airfield since that time. They have both always done more than the job description called for, and Mike leaves us with the airfield looking much better than it did when he arrived.

Mike and Sue have now gone their separate ways and Mike is going out west, away from the big smoke, to start a new life back in the country.

We wish both Mike and Sue all the best in their new lives.

Mike's final farewell dinner took place at the Appin Pub on Tuesday 16th February. (See photo on the front page). Mike intends to visit us occasionally in the future, especially on Open Days.

Thanks for everything, Mike.

Replacement Caretaker

The search is now on for a replacement caretaker. Advertisements have been placed in a variety of newspapers, and interviews for a replacement caretaker will commence shortly.

New Mower

After some concerted lobbying by our caretaker, we have bought a new mower. It is a Husquvana, and Mike is just delighted with this new piece of equipment.

Hangar space for other members.

There is a growing need for hangar space to park all club members' aircraft. If you have space available, or are looking for hangar space please let Margret Nightingale know by calling her on 0425 380 966.

Thanks everyone

As mentioned earlier, the elections for Committee members and the executive are just around the corner. The current Committee members have been just great and I hope they will all stand again for election. Whether they stand again or not, I would really like to thank them for the incredible job they have all done. They are all dedicated to the task, and achieve more than should be expected from a volunteer group. Let's all thank them for taking on what can be a thankless task with the occasional exposure to some aggravation. Thanks guys.

As this may be the last chance I get to say it (due to the upcoming elections) let me say that, despite the occasional sticky situation that we have encountered, I personally have found the job of President to be challenging, and at the same time rewarding, and I am most certainly thankful to all those who have contributed to the running of the Club and for the friendship of all members. This is a great club.

Please fly safely.

David Rittie



**Farewell, Mike, and
thanks for everything.**

Hi there everyone.

Annual General Meeting and March General Meeting

Well, it's that time of the Club year again. Yes you guessed it! It's election time. The March General Meeting will be held at 10.00am on Sunday 21st March, 2010 followed by a BBQ lunch that will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 2.00pm. Hopefully this will make the AGM organization a little easier and we may all get home before midnight. The BBQ lunch will be provided by the Club. We will be providing scotch fillets, sausages and salads. Soft drinks are available from the fridge in the clubhouse as usual. During lunch members can get their ballot papers for the AGM and sort out their proxies. A proxy form accompanies this newsletter. If you cannot attend the meeting in person please give your **original** proxy to someone you trust to vote for committee members for you. A list of nominees will be on the website and in the Newsflash in the week leading up to the 21st March. All members who wish to vote must be financial for 2010.



Nominations for the Committee

Full members can nominate for the nine committee positions. They are President, Secretary, Treasurer and six committee members. Nominations will close at 2.00pm on Sunday, 14th March, 2010. Nominations should be sent to The Secretary, PO Box 450, Campbelltown, 2560. I will also be in the Clubhouse on Sunday 14th March between 12 noon and 2.00pm. Nomination forms will then be sent to the returning officer so that ballot papers can be printed for the election. A nomination form also accompanies this newsletter.

Club members are always appreciative of members who volunteer to give their time to serve their club on the committee. It is a time consuming and sometimes difficult job but at the same time rewarding and lots of fun. I would urge any member who feels that they have skills and knowledge to contribute to the club to nominate for the Committee.

Committee Meetings

In response to a motion from the last General Meeting about Committee Agenda Items the Committee has decided to address members concern in the following ways:

- The Committee Meeting agenda will be published in the member's section of the website 48 hours before the Committee Meeting along with notice of the venue, date and time.
- Members who wish to speak to the Committee about any of the agenda items should call or email the Secretary, and ask to be invited to the Committee Meeting.
- When attending the meeting the member can address the Committee and then withdraw from the meeting. Members will take no part in any debate regarding any agenda item.
- Members may wish to write submissions to the Committee for consideration regarding agenda items. These can be emailed to the Secretary or mailed to PO Box 450, Campbelltown, 2560.

Soil Stabilisation

Soil stabilisation is a problem in both the northern and southern areas.

In the southern area there are areas that have mainly paspalum growing at the backs and fronts of hangars. Hangar owners are asked that those areas are made "mowable". By that I mean that the rocks are removed, and/or top soil is added so that the grass and weeds can be mown without damaging the mower. If this is done then the mowing may be done more often.

Please also clean up down the sides of hangars regularly to reduce fire hazards and the build up of rubbish. Items that are not gas bottles or BBQs must be placed inside hangars.

Happy buzzing around the skies

Margaret Nightingale

Hello Everyone, and welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter for 2010.

I truly hope 2010 will be a great year for everyone, both personally and, professionally speaking.

The first Social/Workday has been brought forward to Sunday 21st Feb, to accommodate the Wings over Illawarra fly-in the following weekend. This particular Social /Workday will concentrate on a few specific activities, which will include:

1. Cleaning up the Caretakers Residence for a new caretaker for 2010
2. Sort out the Clubs Magazine Collection – John Duncan to Coordinate
3. Move Southern Windsock – to the west of current location
4. Sweep taxiways
5. Clean Clubhouse
6. Weed Control – please bring spray machines if you have them.
7. Clean Bush Toilets
8. Clean Graffiti off club property.

As you can see there are a variety of things there that need attention, and of course some extras will be added between now and then.

Just on the last item 8. (Clean Graffiti) I have to say that I, and I know a number of other members who have been in contact with me over the last few weeks, are very disappointed and disgusted that anyone in this club would do something like this to our airfield – What the heck does “FREE YWBN” mean anyway. Having said that, I found it very heart warming that all those who did contact me were all about cleaning up the mess of this person(s) and have volunteered to lead the charge on the workday – so thank you to those people, in fact some of you might have noticed that the clean-up job has already started with some of it removed from the Northern Gate and various signage.



One other thing of concern, in relation to the above issue....When I was last down at the airfield I was alerted to a “Rumour” that was going around insinuating that Robert Greig was responsible for the graffiti attack on the club. I truly hope this to not be the case, but more importantly, “**Rumours**” especially unsubstantiated ones, are incredibly destructive and can cause unwarranted and unnecessary pain to the member it is directed at, not to mention generally speaking, when the inevitable and, resultant mudslinging starts to happen. If someone has actual evidence on this, or any other issue, they should bring it forward to be dealt with in accordance with the club rules, otherwise they should keep their opinions and/or vexatious comments to themselves. This club is supposed to be a place of enjoyment where like-minded people can indulge in the fun sport of aviation – I think it’s time for everyone to take a moment and remind themselves of what we have got, and why we are all here.

Ok, all that said, I personally look forward to an enjoyable 2010 and hope you do also.

See you on the 21st

Matthew Gray
Social/Workday Coordinator

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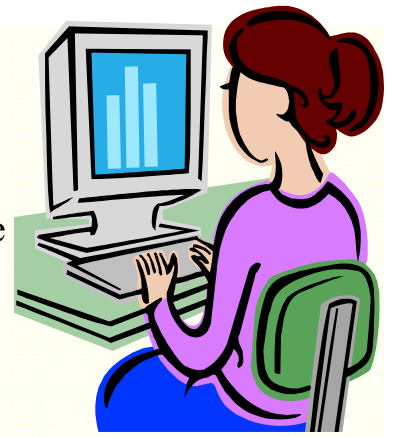
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Hi Everyone

Well, here we are already into February. What ever happened to January? I trust everyone had a great break over the Christmas and New Year Holidays and we have our batteries recharged and we are ready to enjoy ourselves at the various functions and Fly-aways that will be arranged this year.



Our first function of 2010 was the always popular FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH, which was held on Sunday, 7th February.

My chefs, Dave and Rodney were ready to cook up a storm, of BBQ Sausages, Bacon and Eggs whilst the ladies of the Social Committee added some delicious cooked Tomatoes to the menu for the Brunch. The usual OJ, Cereals, Toast, Tea or Coffee were there to accompany the cooked food, all for the reasonable price of \$8.00 per head.

Margaret N. had been good enough to send out invitations to our friends at nearby Aero Clubs and I had hoped that we would have many of them come along to join in with our members to have a good day. Unfortunately, the weather dictated otherwise.

FIRST WORK DAY OF 2010 - SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY – FREE LUNCH (BROUGHT FORWARD BY 1 WEEK DUE TO WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA)

Yes, this will be our first workday of the New Year, so please make sure you all place this date in your diary and come out to do a few hours of important work around the Airfield, then all of the workers can enjoy a FREE lunch prepared by the Ladies and Gents of the Social Committee. If this very hot weather keeps up we will be serving cold Meat and Salads with a very light dessert. Whatever Menu we decide on I know we will have no complaints, as you are always appreciative of our efforts.

We will be holding a Raffle on the day and the 2 prizes will be:

- 1st Prize – Bunnings Gift Card, worth \$50.00
- 2nd Prize - Coles Myer Group Gift Card , worth \$25.00

Please remember to bring along your money to buy perhaps the winning tickets, just \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Further on in this Newsletter, Matthew will have set out a list of jobs to be done and I'm sure there will be one just to suit YOU. See you all on the 21st.

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

Cheers,

Margaret Adams

“Our chefs, Rodney and Dave, were ready to cook up a storm, of BBQ Sausages, Bacon and Eggs”



* * UPCOMING FLYING AND SOCIAL EVENTS * *

If you want to stage an event, or invite the Club to join you on a flying jaunt please talk to me. You will earn additional Championship points.

Bret Cavanagh

UPCOMING EVENTS. Put ‘em in your diary

Sunday, 21st February	Social Workday.	Sign on at 0900. Free lunch. Please note that this is a week earlier than usual due to the “Wings over Illawarra” event..
Sunday 28th February	Wings over Illawarra.	9:30am to 3:30pm, Wollongong Airport at Albion Park.
Sunday, 21st March	General Meeting.	10am, <u>YES 10am</u> , in the Clubhouse. This will be followed by a free BBQ at around 12:30pm.
Sunday, 21st March	Annual General Meeting.	2pm, in the Clubhouse, immediately after the free BBQ.
Friday, 2nd April	Natfly 2010	Easter Friday to Sunday, Temora (not Narromine).

Annual Christmas Party and Awards Presentation

Last year's Christmas party, held on Sunday 13th December, had the largest attendance yet recorded for our club. It was, once again held at the Aviators Lounge in the terminal building at Wollongong Airport, Albion Park. Many SAC aircraft were in attendance.

We had visitors from Holbrook (Dave King and Lynette Madge) and from Taiwan (Clara). Cliff van Praag came from Werris Creek, Delcie and Neville Harrang came in from Queensland. Young Jackson Thomas was the youngest to 'fly in' on board the Aeronca Champ with Dave Thomas.

Birthday wishes were in order for Lilli Harvie's 13th, and Chris Gallagher's 22nd. (She turned 21 last year!) Tara and Sebastian Stevermuer also received birthday wishes.

After the nice meal was served up by the Aviators Lounge staff it was time for some prizes to be given out.

Our caretaker, Mike, won the award for the best caretaker of the year (it was a difficult decision!!), and Lilli Harvie and Abbey Gray both received Junior Participation awards in the form of an iTunes card each, for providing such good assistance around the airfield.

Novelty Awards this year consisted of the

Right: Veronica Theodore presented Peter Lightbown with his "Oops" award for using slightly more than the available 978 metres of runway at Wedderburn



Above (left). Delcie Harrang presents the "Caretakers Award" to Mike McCormick. Right Maryanne Krassoi presented the very cute Abbey Gray and the very lovely Lilli Harvie with iTunes cards for their "Junior Participation" awards.



'Silent Landing' Award, presented to Milivoj Kresovic for continually landing with his engine turned off! This was followed by three "Oops" Awards: to Peter Lightbown for needing more than 978 metres of runway; to Faye Abbas for turning off his engine by accident whilst on final approach; and to Richard Wiltshire for using the southern clearing as a landing strip.

The Treasurer's 'Big Thank You' Awards went to Bruce Nash for being the fastest to pay his fuel bill, to Sy Allsep for the largest fuel bill (Thirsty Aeroplane Award) and to Richard Wiltshire for the most number of fuel purchases for the year.

There were 'Special Recognition' awards presented to June Nicholson for assisting with a sticky situation with the National Parks and Wildlife, to Greg Ackman for huge assistance on the Open Day, to Tim Causer for assistance with facilities and to Anne and Greg Goulding for raising lots of money for Angel Flight.

There were two 'Very Special Recognition' Awards given to Vic Laybutt as Clubman of the Year, and to Tara Stevermuer for her four really busy years as Treasurer.

Left: Tara Stevermuer receives her "Very Special Recognition Award" from Anne Goulding for her strenuous work as Club Treasurer for four very busy years.

Annual Christmas Party and Awards Presentation (continued)



Club Championship Awards went to Vic Laybutt, Greg Goulding, Dave Thomas and David Rittie, who also received the perpetual Gordon Crampton Trophy.

This was followed by the raffle draw, conducted by John Duncan, and where just about everyone won prizes including Bunnings gift cards, bottles of beer, some wine and some chocolates.

The Club President then gave a short speech where he congratulated all the award winners, thanked the Committee for their work, thanked the organisers of the event (Bret Cavanagh and Robert Greig), thanked the staff of the Aviators Lounge, and then wished everyone all the best for Christmas.



Above left: Pat and Ron Lalor seemed to enjoy themselves.
Right: Rachel Lumb won one of the many raffle prizes.

The photo above of all those who attended the Christmas Party was taken by our webmaster, Don Harvie. What a ripper! It may just qualify as the photo of the year

Good work Don

All those who flew down to Wollongong for the event all arrived back at Wedderburn at about the same time, making the airfield almost as busy as it had been on the Open Day.

Being one of the biggest gatherings of members for the year it seems certain that we will do it all again next Christmas.

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Ed.



The Australia Day BBQ has become a regular event on our calendar in recent years, and so it was important that we should not break with tradition, and gather some members and friends around to celebrate the day under the Australian flag.

Our official Flag Man, Dave Thomas, with all due reverence, hoisted the Australian flag up on the Clubhouse's courtyard flagpole for the occasion.

Nearly thirty people attended, and all seemed to arrive at the same time. Everyone who attended wore something Australian. Dave Tomas wore a digger's hat which was held together with fencing wire, there were many appropriate "T" shirts, and Anne Goulding had Australian flag transfers (or were they tattoos?) just above her - um - her left - um - just over her heart.



Tables and chairs were taken out of the Clubhouse and placed on the grass beside the BBQ area. It was in the shade, and always seems to be so much cooler there.

It was mandatory to do the 'Ozzie' thing and drink a little. Some drank wine, most drank beer but Rick Harper drank BBQ sauce instead!



After a few drinks and some chatter the BBQ was fired up in true "Ozzie" fashion, and soon the smell

of good steaks and sausages being cooked filled the air.



The chatter and eating continued for quite a while. The atmosphere was very relaxed and the social side of being in our club was at its strongest..

Soon after dark the tables and chairs were returned into the Clubhouse, some did the washing up and everyone eventually faded away.

Those attending the Australia Day BBQ included Dave Berry and Wendi Leigh, Tim and Lynne Causer, Steve Cohen, John Duncan, Ray Feneley, Ami Gale, Greg and

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Left: Anne Goulding with the Australian flag transfer over her heart. Below left: Lynne and Tim Causer. Below right: Peter Lightbown chats with Margaret Nightingale. Above: Rick Harper sampling the BBQ Sauce and at Top: David Thomas with his wired up digger's hat



Anne Goulding, Robert Greig, Rick Harper, Ian Harvie, Don and Lilli Harvie, Emile Khoury, John and Peter Lightbown, Rachel and Jim Lumb, Geoff May, Margaret Nightingale, Sam Randazzo, David Rittie, Dave Thomas, Peter Wordsworth.

themselves and so we will ensure that the event is repeated again, next year.

David Rittie

It seemed that everyone enjoyed

Don and Lilli Harvie enjoy a joke with Peter Wordsworth



Below is a letter from a Mr. Jim Mitchell to John Duncan requesting input on the use of glass cockpits from GA and RAAus pilots. Inputs to Jim will be used in a study/survey, and would be appreciated. **Ed**

Hi John,

Currently I am conducting research into the introduction and use of so called glass cockpits in general aviation. The survey is based on a survey conducted in the USA by a NASA researcher. The results were published in the International Journal of Aviation Studies and I hope to be able to follow up with a similar article based on the Australian experience. Colleagues are running the same survey in South Africa and we want to be able to do an international comparison.

The electronic survey is located on a number of websites. Two of these are:

www.aopa.com.au (The survey can be found in the Information Centre)

www.auf.asn.au (The survey can be found on the Notice Board dated 30th October 2009)

Thank you for your offer to notify your members in the next newsletter. The more respondents the better the results.

Thanks

Jim

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Above left: Rachel Lumb straps her young passenger into the Glasair, and at **Right:** ready to go flying

Clockwise from the right:
 Ian Harvie; Dave Berry,
 Anne Goulding and Wendi
 Leigh; Robert Greig and
 Greg Goulding all at the
 Australia Day BBQ in
 January.

Tim Causer taxis his Mini-
 cab in the Aircraft Parking
 Area at the Fly-in/Drive-in
 Brunch in early February.



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