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Above: This is a very recent photo of our airfield, taken at the June Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch.
Below: Some of the SAC and visiting aircraft that flew in to the August Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch.



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* * **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.

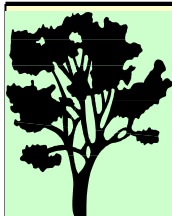
Dave Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS. Put 'em in your diary

Social Workday.	Saturday, 28 th August. Sign in at 0900. Free lunch. Contact: Peter Lightbown	Wedderburn
Birdsville Races.	Friday & Saturday, 3rd & 4 th September	Birdsville QLD
General Meeting.	Sunday, 12th September, 2pm, Contact: Margaret Nightingale	Clubhouse.
Defence Force Air Show.	Sat & Sun, 18th & 19th September Contact: David Rittie. (Note: This is not a Club Championship event.)	RAAF Base Williamtown
Gloucester Annual Fly-in.	Saturday, 30 th October Contact: David Rittie	Gloucester
Social Workday.	Sunday, 31st October. Sign in at 0900. Free lunch. Contact: Peter Lightbown	Wedderburn
Fisher's Ghost Fly-past.	Saturday, 6th November, around midday.	More details later.
Open Day Weekend.	Saturday 13 th November is Open Hangar Day for family and invited guests. Sunday 14 th is open to the public.	

Annual Christmas Party and Awards Presentation.

Saturday evening, 4th December in the Clubhouse. More details later.
Contact: Robert Greig 0418 271 188, Kim Gatherer 0408 423 022

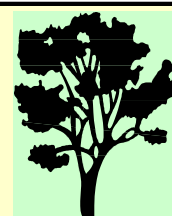


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From your Editor

Welcome to the August/September 2010 issue of your Newsletter.

This issue contains details of the 'Christmas in July' function, the recent Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch, articles by the usual contributors, and a very large social/flying calendar of upcoming events.



Please note that there is a "Notice of Motion" in the Treasurer's section

on **Page 5** addressing the new constitution. Please be ready to vote on it at the General Meeting on 12th Sept.

Thanks to all those who contributed pictures and articles to the contents of this issue of your Newsletter. We hope you enjoy it.

David Rittie

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Words from the President

Hi there.

Lease Renewal

Our club's solicitor (Marsden's) has written some clauses into the draft lease, detailing the changes and additions that the members requested, and it has been submitted to the Department of Lands for their approval. We await their reaction or response.

We may not get all the changes that we are asking for (in fact we may not get any of them) but the worst case scenario is that we simply accept the terms of the lease in its current draft form.

No matter what happens now we are guaranteed 40 more years' occupation of our Napper Field.

New Caretaker

Your Committee is pleased to announce that a new caretaker has been appointed. Rouen, and his wife Dawn, (pictured below) will be taking up the position at the end of Au-

gust. They will be around at the next Social Workday, so please make them welcome.

New Constitution

The Department of Fair Trading has imposed a new set of Model Rules upon us (and all other clubs) and is now called a 'constitution'. John Duncan has reviewed the new constitution and amended it to reflect our special requirements. He has given the details of the changes in the "Notice of Motion" in the Treasurer's Section of this Newsletter. These changes will be voted upon at the September General Meeting.

Fuel Bowser

The new fuel bowser will arrive any day now. The new unit will have almost twice the capacity of the old at 8,000 litres, it will be solar powered (no diesel engine to start) and will live in the current steel wire security cage.

The bowser will be a few metres further to the east (away from the taxiway) so that refuelling aircraft will not block the main taxiway.

Initially, after the new unit is commissioned, we will continue to use the "honour system" for recording the fuel that you use, but John Duncan is hopeful that, at some time in the future, we can use some form of electronic recording system.

Thanks to Tim Causer for running with this project.



Open Day

Your Committee is contemplating changing our Open Day to an "Open Weekend", with an open hangar day on the Saturday for families and invited visitors, and with the Sunday being open to the public, but without any organised flying displays.

Refer to the Secretary's column for further details.

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 Margaret Nightingale know by calling her on 0425 380 966.

Please fly safely.

David Rittie



From the Secretary's Desk

Hi there everyone.

Well winter is almost over and there is plenty to be done around the airfield.

The Trailer Park

As you know the area to the east of the airfield at the end of rows C, D and E was designated as a trailer park. Over the past few years some members have chosen to use it as a dumping ground. Consequently the Committee has decided to re-designate that area as natural bush and have asked all those who own trailers to remove them to inside their hangars or off the airfield.

On the next workday or before, anything left in the trailer park will be removed and disposed of or used elsewhere on the field. If you have anything valuable in that area you have until Saturday 28th August to move it. The Committee hopes that members will comply with this and help us clean up this area so that it looks better and can be properly maintained.

Open Day

Our annual Open Day will be on Sunday, 14th November this year. The Fisher's Ghost Fly Past will be on Saturday 6th November. The Committee is thinking about the kind of Open Day we would like that perhaps doesn't involve the paperwork of an "Air Display" as we have had in the past couple of years. If you have any ideas about what Open Day could look like this year, can you please email me at fireweed@netspace.net.au

or drop an outline in the letterbox in the clubhouse.. Let your imagination run wild and don't necessarily confine your ideas to only one day. I will take any ideas you come up with to the next committee meeting for consideration.

Caretaker

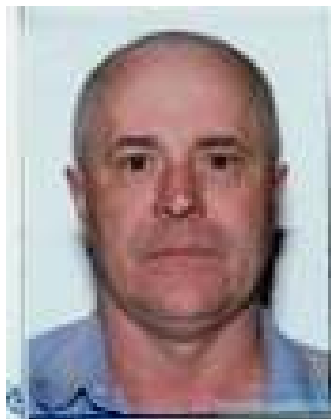
After re-advertising the caretaker's position I received 24 applications. From those 24 the interviewing committee narrowed those down to a shortlist of nine. Six of those were interviewed, the other three have withdrawn for one reason or another. As a result of those interviews we have chosen a new caretaker, Rouen Andrews, and his wife, Dawn. They will move into the caretaker's quarters by the end of August.

One of our workday tasks will be to prepare the caretaker's residence for its new occupants.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the social workday and around the airfield sharing in the fantastic facilities and club we have at Wedderburn.

Cheers

Margaret Nightingale



New Members

The Committee and the members would like to warmly welcome all the new full, associate and social members who have been accepted into the club in the past couple of months. We hope to see them regularly at club events and generally around the airfield.

Rory Hatchett from Ruse has applied to join the club and has recently been accepted by the Committee. Rory will be well known to a lot of members and is looking forward to sharing many hours and stories with passionate aviators.

Margaret Nightingale

Unrestrained dogs are causing distress at our airfield

It has been reported that there have been a number of recent incidences involving dogs running free (off the lead) at the airfield and causing a deal of distress to some of our members.

Rule 49 (c) states "Dogs are not permitted on club property unless on leads." This rule was not created without good reason. Obviously, unsupervised dogs and aircraft

are a toxic mix, but also some of our members can, and do, feel threatened by unrestrained dogs.

If you see any dogs at the airfield running free please report it to a Committee Member, or remind the owner of this important requirement.

David Rittie

The Treasurer's Report

* * NOTICE OF MOTION * *

The Federal and State Governments have been working over a number of years to align legislation covering companies, associations and co-operatives. As part of this process NSW passed the Associations Act 2009 in March last year. To implement the changes in the new Act the Department of Fair Trading has introduced a new set of Model Rules, now known as the Model Constitution, which we are required to adopt. In accordance with this requirement, the following motion, which includes appropriate amendments, will be voted upon at the next General Meeting on September 12.



Motion:

That the new Model Constitution, with amendments as outlined below, replace our existing Model Rules.

Moved by **John Duncan**, seconded by **David Rittie**

Notes to the new Constitution.

The following changes have been made to the Model Constitution to bring it into line with our current Model Rules.

Clause 3(1)(a) increase to two the number of members to nominate a new member.

Clause 8(2)(a)+(b) change to 1 March to maintain our existing membership year.

Clause 14(1)(b) change to 5 ordinary members.

Clause 14(2) change to 9 for the total number of Committee members.

Clause 27(2) change to ten members for a quorum.

The above changes are to maintain our current membership year, committee structure and nomination requirements for membership.

A new Clause 42 has been added to the Model Constitution, which requires re-numbering of Part Six.

Part Six of the Model Constitution is specific to our Club. The following changes need to be made.

Clause 43(c) is deleted. This is now covered by 4(d)

Clause 44(c) is modified by removing the words “. Both are full members” and replacing with “and has full voting rights.”

Clause 45(b) is deleted. This is now covered in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The main change here is to remove the confusion between “Full” and “full” members.

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On another subject

We have had four unidentified deposits into the Club's NAB account.

Three were from Commonwealth Bank accounts on 22nd February, 29th April and 28th May. There was also a cash deposit on 26th February.

If you think that any one of these payments is yours please call me.

Regards

John Duncan

Bird Talk



Hi Everyone,

Here we are almost to the end of winter and I, for one, cannot wait for the warmer weather to arrive.

We have had some of our members spending time in Hospital over the past months and I can report that, our wonderful Dorothy McSparron is well again, after having had a heart scare and she assures me that she will be returning to help the ladies at our next work day on Saturday 28th August.

David has kept us up to date via the Club's Newsflash on the ongoing health of our member Randall Krebs, our love goes to both Randall and Judy at this time.

For those members who know Bruce Walsh he, at the moment, is in Liverpool Hospital waiting to have treatment and we wish him a speedy recovery.

FLY-IN/DRIVE- IN BRUNCH – SUNDAY 6TH JUNE, 2010

This was a very successful gathering of 38 members and 18 visitors who came along to enjoy Brunch. It was really good to see Michael and Michele again who flew down from Rutherford to enjoy our company. On checking the list of attendees we had members of the Schofields Aero Club fly from Bankstown to have a look around our Airfield and also to enjoy the selection of food that was served to them – we hope to see them again at this month's Fly-In Brunch. I "Thank" Dave T. (our chef of the day) for a job well done and to the team of ladies, who always work so well and are fantastic. We were lucky to have Jacquie Duncan assisting in collecting the Brunch money and let's hope we see you again soon Jacquie. Thanks also to our members who attended and supported the Social Committee.

SOCIAL WORK DAY - SUNDAY 27TH JUNE, 2010

Over 80 lunches were served to 73 members and 8 visitors. It was a very hectic time for the chefs and ladies to have the meal ready on time and I must apologise we were running a little late on serving the main course. The menu consisted of our famous vegetable soup, followed by sausages, beef and lamb kebabs served with potato and vegetable bake plus a garden salad. To finish, assorted cakes were served for everyone to enjoy with their cuppa. I know some of the men reported that their beef kebabs were a little tough, sorry that happened to you and we will have to make sure we have tender meat next time.

We had four visitors from a company called "Bi-Tron" (Save-Fuel-Maintenance) in attendance at our work day and after lunch our members were shown how this oil and fuel additive helps your car – everyone seemed very interested in this product. Ron Williams from "Bi Tron" has kindly donated enough oil & fuel additive, for 2 cars, to us to raffle on our next work day – this will be a great prize to win. We "Thank" Ron for this gesture.

We must "Thank" the workers (our members) who came along and worked so hard on the jobs that were listed to be done and it was pleasing to see so many of our newer members in attendance.

When I went looking around everyone was so busy making sure all the projects were being finished – it was so good to see – remember we need you to attend on all work days to make our Air-

Bird Talk (cont.)

field looks spic and span at all times. I'm sure Peter was happy with the final results of a good day's work.

To my "Chefs" of the day Dave Thomas and John Gallagher – thank you both for doing such a terrific job with all that cooking. My "Thanks" to our new Associate member, Donna Handley who came and joined us and found herself in the club kitchen cooking up the delicious vegetable soup that everyone enjoys – you did a great job Donna and what a way to welcome you to our club. It was terrific to see Alice and Vanessa (with Annabel) again and to have their help along with Maryanne, Jacque & Veronica, as usual they were all kept busy in preparing the luncheon

We were very lucky to have both the young "Harvie" ladies in attendance to help us – good to see you again Grace and with Lilli. We did appreciate all your efforts.

Our Raffle held on the day, with the 1st Prize being a \$40.00 Gift Voucher from the Aviators Lounge at Albion Park (this voucher was the second one donated to SAC at Christmas time for us to raffle) was won by a visitor Rory Hatchett (friend of John Bennett). The 2nd Prize of a \$40.00 Myer Group Gift Card was won by Frank Krassoi. Congratulations to Rory and Frank on their win. Thanks to Veronica who managed to sell many tickets to our members. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 2010

Yes, once again we will have held our Brunch day by the time you receive this Newsletter. I will tell you all about it in the next instalment of "Bird Talk".

SOCIAL WORK DAY SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST 2010 - FREE LUNCH

Yes, these work days certainly seem to come upon us very quickly. Please take note this Work Day is being held on Saturday and not Sunday. Your Ladies and Gents of the Social Committee will be on hand to prepare a delicious luncheon for all the workers who come along. Please make sure you write your names down on the Luncheon List on your arrival in the Clubhouse before you head off to work – this helps us with the numbers we have to cater for. As usual we will be holding a raffle – so – please bring your money with you.

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2010

Yes, the Committee have decided on the date for our Open Day so now we will all have to get busy in preparing for our one BIG day of the year. Your Social Committee will be on deck to sell the always popular Devonshire Teas to all and this year I will need to have my "Master Chefs" make more for the hungry visitors. More information about our stalls etc. in the October/November Newsletter.

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2011

The next get-together for our Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch Day will be held on Sunday 6th February 2011. It is not too early for everyone to please make a note of this date in your diary for next year.

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE - Please remember you can purchase your Club Polo Shirt, Club Cap and Club Cloth Badge from me by sending an Email to mda@isp.net.au or give me a call on 9567 6522 to place your order. Be ready for Open Day by buying now.

Cheers,

Margaret Adams

Work / Social Day Activities

Hi Everyone,

The last workday was my first in sole charge and although a bit over-awed, I enjoyed it very much.

With no caretaker at present, a situation that will be rectified soon, there was much mowing and general maintenance to be done, and more remains to be done next time.

Vic led a road gang team on the southern road, and the improvements have attracted much positive feedback from those who enter from the south.

Next workday I hope to make a start on cleaning up the trailer park, removing all the scrap metal and rubbish that has accumulated in the area. In addition we should be able to get another permit to burn off and get the airfield ready for the fire season. I also hope to get our local Rural Fire Service along to show us how to use our fire fighting gear. I feel that we could all benefit from not only knowing what to do in response to a bush-fire, but also in the event of an aircraft fire. Who knows, it might save a life.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next workday.



Cheers for now,

Peter Lightbown
Social/Workday Coordinator

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Safe – Sensible Flying.

We are very blessed to have such a wonderful environment which we call 'home' here at Wedderburn. For years we have been able to enjoy our passion of building and/or flying airplanes without much interference from others. A few houses to the North and a small town to the South West is what we have. No large cities close by and no clogging of the circuits with Flying Club Students etc – just ourselves.

But how do we keep it this way? Do we follow the Rules and Regulations laid down by the governing body (CASA)? Do we follow the Rules and By-laws of our own Club? Or do we say "rules are made for others, not for me!" You only have to look at the road toll statistics to see how drivers ignore Road Rules to suit themselves.

Unfortunately, we are seeing a small percentage of our Club Members displaying a 'Cowboy attitude' in their flying at Wedderburn. When asked why they fly so dangerously, a common answer is "This is a private field so we don't have to conform to Rules here as we would at Bankstown or Camden for example". **WRONG !** Rules, Regs and Laws have to be obeyed at Wedderburn as at any other Aerodrome/Field/Strip in the Country.

Let me give you one example of questionable flying. On April 21st last at approximately 1600hrs, an aircraft was seen to depart on runway 35, make a right hand turn after T/O, then another R.H. turn against the normal downwind leg for runway 17, then another R.H. turn to cross the runway in a N.W. direction. This heading was maintained to cross the downwind leg for runway 35. Presumably, the aircraft was departing for either Bankstown, Camden or ---. This Pilot infringed both circuits for Wedderburn, flying below 500ft above the runway.



Hopefully, he was giving radio calls of his intentions on the correct frequency to other aircraft that may have been in the Wedderburn circuits at the same time.

This example together with other examples of: Low flying down the strip, aerobatics above the strip, approaches above the Township of Appin, departures on runway heading over our neighbours to the North, low departures over the chicken sheds to the West, long downwind legs for Rwy 17 which take the aircraft unnecessarily over our Northern neighbours etc. etc. are detrimental to our good name with our neighbours, the 'department' and to Wollondilly Council.

You are allowed to make an approach to a runway, decide to overshoot and climb away without landing, but to descend to 100-200ft above the strip on full power with the gear and flaps up is not an approach to a landing!

There is only one Pilot in our Club who is licensed to manoeuvre an aircraft below 500ft AGL. Everyone else in our Club must not fly below 500ft except for an approach to land, landing or taking off.

I invite any club member who witnesses what he/she considers to be dangerous or unlawful flying to inform a committee member, preferably myself, of the incident. A date, time and description of the incident together with the pilot's name or the aircraft type and Registration are required. We will be running a competition for the 'Cowboy of the year' award. Who will be the first recipient?

Let us all take stock of our own flying to see if we qualify for one or more of the above bad examples.

Let's not have a 'few' spoil it for the rest of us.

Dave Thomas.



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CHRISTMAS IN JULY BASH - 24th July

After a few months of special News-flashes, posters stuck on the club's notice board and word of mouth advertising, the Christmas in July event proved to be a wonderful thing to do for the social congeniality of the club.

Fifty six members turned up in various themes of dress, Kim Gatherer winning the Best Christmas Outfit,

Greg and Anne Goulding



Anne Goulding, the Most Humorous and Diane Shepherd, a close runner up to Anne. Compliments go to the other 53 members and friends who wore their best Christmas spirit attire



Lloyd and Dianne Shepherd

especially for the night.

Santa, (alias John Gallagher) of course, made his grand entrance with a sack- full of silly presents for everyone, and a mouth-full of silly banter



John and Chris Gallagher

which had the ladies giggling and the men guffawing.



Pat and Ron Lalor

The hired musos, two of Wollongong's most well renowned personalities, Wal Gregory and Mike Burguis, entertained the willing crowd with their Christmas jokes, songs and jazz themes with brass, guitar



and computer backup and to top it off, Rick Harper, guitarist extraordinaire, couldn't resist reeling off an unforgettable spot of joke telling and singing to add to the liveliness of the evening!

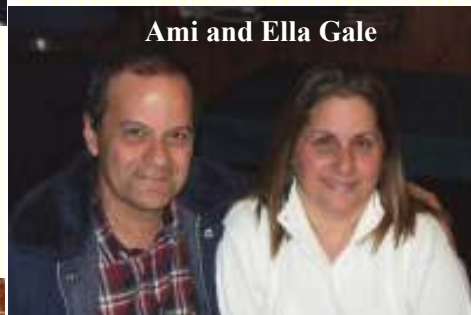


Rick Harper, guitarist extraordinaire

So that the ladies had a night out of the kitchen, Australian Spit Roast Co. was hired to provide a Christmas feast with Roasted meats and vegies, fruit platter and plum puddings, hot toddies and coffee sweets. It was all very delicious!

Wendi Leigh and Dave Berry would like to thank all those who came to support the social scene at the club and all the volunteers (some of them roped in for jobs like MC (Dave Rittie) Santa (John Gallagher and wife Chris as his Santa's helper) Songsters (Rob Greig, Dave Rittie and all the guests) Chair Packers (Sy Allsep and others).

We look forward to the next social



Ami and Ella Gale

event that will be run by Rob Greig and Kim Gatherer. Watch the News-flashes for dates. This is just the start of many more, so lets get into the spirit again soon, Huh?!

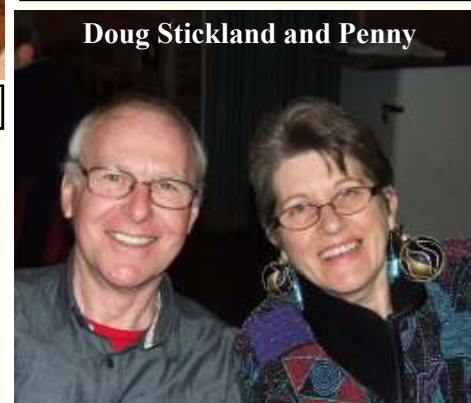


Kim Gatherer

Robert Greig

All our thanks go to Wendi Leigh and Dave Berry for organising the whole event, and for this story

Ed



Doug Stickland and Penny

News Snippets



Top left: The Laybutt's Petrel is airborne near Appin, and at **right:** is on the ground soon after checking it for water leaks in our main dam. **Above left:** Stan Nightingale's Whisper finally arrives at Wedderburn after a two year wait. **Right:** Bruce Cunningham's Sportsman. **Below:** Richard Wiltshire is building an MXS aircraft (similar to the one pictured below) as his new aerobatic machine, which will fly in 2011.



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