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Above: SAC and visiting aircraft at the recent Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch at Wedderburn. More on Page 6.
Below left: The main north/south taxiway is sealed with hot mix. More pictures are on Page 8.
Below right: Gordon and Patricia Steer at Middlebrook with the newly restored C172. Story is on Page 9



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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. Bret Cavanagh

	UPCOMING EVENTS. Put 'em in your diary		
Avalon Tattoo	Saturday, 16 th June. Avalon Beach Even though we will not be doing a fly-past over Avalon Military Tattoo this ye we are still cordially invited to attend the event by our member, Neil Johnston.		
Social Workday	Sunday, 24 th June. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members. Contact: Richard Thompson	Wedderburn	
CASA Aviation Seminar	Tuesday, 19 th June, 6pm at the Aviators Lounge Book you place at <u>https://reports.eventarc.com/8327/wollongong</u>	Wollongong g-avsafety-seminar	
General Meeting	Sunday, 24th June, 2pm after the workday lunch Contact: Margaret Nightingale (See notice below)	Clubhouse	
Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch	Sunday, 5 th August, 10am to 1pm. Contact: Margaret Adams. 9567 6522	Wedderburn	
Social Workday	Saturday, 25 th August. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members Contact: Richard Thompson.	Wedderburn	
NSW SAC's ANN	NUAL OPEN DAY and AIR SHOW Sunday, Noven	nber 4th	

Contact: Geoff May. 0404 084 199

We need members to organise some social events and flying adventures. Contact Bret Cavanagh if you can help.

NOTICE

As there were no financial reports available for the Annual General Meeting held in March, the AGM will be reconvened at 2.00pm on Sunday 24rd June, 2012 in the Clubhouse at Wedderburn. The only item of business will be the ratification of the financial statements.

The next General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at Wedderburn on Sunday 24^d June, 2012 following the reconvened Annual General Meeting.

Margaret Nightingale

From your Editor

Welcome to the June/July 2012 issue of your Newsletter.

Since the last issue we have had a Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch, fly-aways to Mudgee and Wollongong, and the big weekend at Middlebrook. You will find stories of these events inside this issue.



On the home front, the two big stories are that the main taxiway has been sealed and the Clubhouse power system upgrade is now complete.

Thanks to those who have sent information, articles, stories and pictures for this issue, especially Anne Goulding and Bruce Cunningham. We hope you enjoy their contributions.

David Rittie

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Words from the President

Hi there.

More SAC Members lost.

We have lost two more of our SAC aviation family: Jean Walsh, wife of the late Bruce Walsh, who passed away peacefully on 1st June, and foundation member, Frank Rogers.

Margaret Adams tells Jean's story in a tribute to her on **Page 7**

Frank Rogers died in late May, aged 88 years. Some information and a short tribute to Frank appears on **Page 4.** Thanks to Ray Feneley for his assistance with this.

Infrastructure Projects

Within the last few weeks two major infrastructure projects have been completed. They are the sealing of the main taxiway and the completion of the upgrade of the Clubhouse power system.

Taxiway

The sealing of the taxiway was the most costly project since the sealing of the runway. It is six metres wide, and sealed with hot mix. There is further information and some pictures on **Page 8** of this Newsletter.

Clubhouse Power system

The installation of the complete solar panel array is the last phase of the Clubhouse power system upgrade.

The upgrade, which was commenced a couple of years ago, included a new set of batteries, a new automatic self starting generator, a smart controller, and finally, the full array of solar panels, which now easily deliver over 4000 watts of power to the system in average weather conditions.

I wish to thank all those who have



assisted with the work over the course of the project. include They Simon Bates. Clive Brooks, Steve Cohen. John Duncan, Frank Krassoi, Geoff May,



Paul Milsted, Errol Pillemer, Doug Stickland and Richard Thompson, all under the supervision of Tim Causer. Thanks to you all and well done!

Because of finances and the tired workforce, there will be a break from infrastructure projects until the spring.

Free Firewood

As mentioned in the last Newsflash, please feel free to take home some firewood from the western windrow. This will help to clear away this fire hazard, and make way for the new fence along our western border.

Please fly safely.

David Rittie



Need some exotic plants, or want some peaches or other stone fruit? You can choose from a wide selection near the airfield, just around the corner at #7 Blackburn Road. HARLAND'S Fruit, 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*



From the Secretary's Desk

Hullo again everyone.

Storage outside hangars

After a request from a new hangar owner to place a container adjacent to his hangar the committee came up with the policy that containers cannot be placed on the shared space between hangars. Structures between hangars should be limited to a generator shed measuring no more than 9 square metres which is



not a container, a tank stand that can be filled in at the bottom to house a generator, batteries and tools, or a tank stand that is large enough to hold a tank of the desired dimensions. The structures must not obstruct access through the shared space.

Previous committees have allowed hangar owners in the northern area that have space behind their hangars that is not shared area to place containers behind their hangars. These containers must be the same colour as the hangar and must be maintained in good visual and structural order.

Don't forget that there is a clean up of all metal and rubbish outside hangars, including trailers, to take place after 30th June. Please put anything you don't want to loose inside your hangar or take it home.

Sunday Morning Departures

There was a request at the last General Meeting that pilots be reminded that, in the interests of flying neighbourly, they should, whenever possible, take off to the south on runway 17 on Sunday mornings before 9am. Circuits should also be undertaken after 9am on a Sunday.

Mutual Respect for other members and their property

Recently there have been some incidences of club members interfering with the property of other members. The committee would like members to remember to respect the rights of others when at the airfield with regard to their property.

Drainage, Downpipes and Water Tanks

If you have not connected your downpipes to a tank or the club drains or if your tank is rusty and leaks onto the ground can you please rectify the situation before I have to write to you about it. That would save me some time and you some embarrassment. If you're not sure about your tank, drains and downpipes, can you please check connections and for rust the next time you're at the airfield. For those hangar owners who don't get to the airfield very often it would be good if you could make the effort yourself or ask a friend to check your hangar for you.

Firewood for members

Need some firewood? The committee would love members to start taking as much firewood as they like from the windrow on the western side of the runway.

Cheers

Margaret Nightingale

VALE FRANK ROGERS

Frank Douglas Rogers was SAAA Member Number 26, and was a foundation member of our Club.

Our member and former Treasurer, Ray Feneley, tells us that Frank was an aeronautical engineer who, during the war, redesigned and redrew sections of the plans for the Mosquito aircraft which were built in Australia. The changes enabled the use of components and materials which were locally available. Ray also informs us that Frank also redrew the plans for the French Jodel aircraft.

An article on the Jodel website states: "In Australia, the design [of the Jodel] has been brought up to date somewhat by Frank Rogers, who redrew the French designs to Australian civil aviation standards. The Jodel designs were later licensed to 25-5-1924 - 27-5-2012



Avions Robin (in France), Aero Difusion (in Spain) and Falconar (in the USA), which produced derivative designs that retained the Jodel wing."

It has also been said that Frank Rogers was "without any doubt the single one person responsible for the popularity of the Jodel in Australia." It is clear that Frank was highly respected by the Jodel fraternity.

Frank was a Methodist Lay Preacher, who blessed the chapel which existed on our airfield in the early days.

Frank Rogers, formerly of Chester Hill, much loved father of Merilyn, Peter, Douglas and their families, died on 27th May, aged just 88 years.

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THIS WILL HAPPEN

Some of the things that need to be placed in hangars or removed from the airfield



before 30th June!

Trailers, motorhomes, camper trailers, steel, rubbish, unused tanks, tank stands etc.



However

if you have a rusty, leaking tank that you would like to get rid of you need to let the Secretary know on 0425 380 966 or at <u>fireweed@netspace.net.au</u>

before 24th June

to arrange for its collection. The committee will help you disconnect the tank if necessary.



Take advantage of this opportunity.



Bird Talk



Hi Everyone, Here we are into winter and I for one do not look forward to the cold and miserable days ahead, but let us hope we do have some sunny weekends to enjoy over the next three months at Wed-

derburn. Looking back at our calendar, for the month of May, of flying and social events we had something happening almost every weekend and from the feed back I have had every gathering was most successful.

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH 20th MAY

Your Social Committee were kept very busy with the Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch which took place on Sunday 20th May. Margaret N. had sent out many invitations to the Aero Clubs nearby but unfortunately we did not have any visitors flying in.

We were very lucky that our members and a few visitors, who had driven in, came along to enjoy the day and the total we catered for was 40. My "thanks" to Robert Seisun who was invited to become our "Chef" of the day at very short notice. You did a great job Robert and I hope you will stay on our list of "Chefs". To all who attended and enjoyed the Brunch menu and socialising with your aviation friends, we appreciate your support. To my team of willing helpers who always spend a lot of time in the kitchen preparing food thanks for always being there to make sure our day goes well.

Please make a note of the date of our next Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch, this will happen on Sunday 5th August, 2012.

TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY 26TH MAY

Well, we did pick a very cold night for our great social night BUT with all of us settled in the warm and cosy clubhouse (thanks to Rouen for lighting the fire) no one complained about the weather. At 5.00 p.m. the total attending the night was 82 but by start of the proceedings we only had 69 attend. It was a little disappointing but the show went on and what a night it was – so many words can describe the night but the best word is FANTASTIC.



I cannot praise Chris and John enough for all the effort they put into being just the best Quizmasters for the Trivia night. They went to so much trouble in researching an organising all the questions, yes some questions were hard but that made it more challenging. The winners during the night, of various groups of questions were handed chocolates or tins of wafer biscuits and then at the end of the night the 3 winning tables received cash.

I would like to "thank" Glenda for spending a lot of time inviting members of the WRFS and local residents to come along to join us for this night and I "thank" our SAC members for coming along to support this night also. To Chris and John "Thank" you both for the wonderful night, it was full of fun and we all had a ball.

SOCIAL WORK DAY - SUNDAY 24TH JUNE, 2012 – FREE LUNCH

Yes! our June Social Work Day is only a few weeks away and I know you will all be looking forward to a nice bowl of delicious hot vegetable soup – yes it's that time again for the Ladies to cook up and serve the always popular vegetable soup to our workers. When you arrive in the Clubhouse to see what job you would like to work on, could you please make sure you register your name also for the LUNCHEON - this helps me with numbers for catering. At this stage the rest of the menu for lunch has not been finalised but you can all be assured we will feed you well.

I hope we will see many of our newer members come along and spend a few hours working around the Airfield with us on this work day – it is a great way to meet many of the other members. See you all on the 24^{th}

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST – TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch on Sunday 5th August, 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and Social Work Day on <u>SATURDAY</u> 25TH August (Yes! remember this work day is on a Saturday)

Just letting you know in plenty of time to reserve these two dates to come to Wedderburn.

CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Are you looking to buy your SAC Polo Shirt, Club Cap or embroidered Club Cloth Badge. Yes! these items are for sale and I will be happy to take your order. Ring me on **9567 6522** or email me at **mda@isp.net.au** for prices.

Cheers

Margaret Adams



VALE: JEAN ROSALAND ELIZABETH WALSH

Our lovely friend, Jean Walsh, passed away peacefully on Friday 1st June, 2012, aged 84 years.

Jean was the wife of one of our foundation members, the late Bruce Walsh, who we farewelled in September 2010.

For those members who knew Jean, she was always in attendance, with Bruce, at all of our special celebrations we enjoyed in the Clubhouse over the past 30 years, and the last main event they were at was our 30th Birthday celebration in September, 2008.

We saw quite a lot of Jean and Bruce and their family in the mid 70's when Bruce began to build his Thorp T18 at the same time Alan Crampton was building his, so many weekends were spent in the hangar at Bankstown aerodrome with many other home builders all swapping notes on the progress of their projects. I remember Jean always brought along lots of home cooking. Yes, she was a great cook and every Christmas she spoilt her family and friends with samples of her fantastic Christmas cake.



She was a very talented artist and she presented us with a painting she did of the big Gum Tree, which is still standing on the edge of the old BBQ area on the eastern side of the caretakers quarters, many many years ago. The painting is still hanging on the western wall in the Clubhouse so we are reminded of this wonderful lady very often.

The family have mentioned to me a favourite saying that Jean had about herself and I'm sure they will not mind me repeating it : "I am a free thinking spirit who walks to the beat of a different drum" Yes! That was Jean.

Jean had not been well after the passing of Bruce and she settled in quite happily into nursing home care at Georges Hall. Recently she had several falls and unfortunately these took their toll.

Jean had a very close knit family of whom she was always very proud. To Kerry and Geoff, Donna and Dennis and their families, and to Peter our thoughts are with you at this very sad time. We all have wonderful memories of your dear mother and she will not be forgotten.

Bird Talk (cont.)

OUR MAIN TAXIWAY IS NOW SEALED WITH HOT MIX

The newly sealed taxiway as viewed from the north





Just a couple of weeks ago the main north/south taxiway was sealed with hot mix.

The taxiway is now six metres wide, the seal is nominally 40mm thick, is set on a base of the preexisting two-coat spray seal, and is the most expensive infrastructure project since the sealing of the runway.

One of our very senior members commented that "it is another redletter day in the history of the Club".

The job was completed ahead of schedule, on budget, and under the watchful eyes of Tim Causer and Richard Thompson. Well done guys.

David Rittie

Wings, Wheels and Wine at MUDGEE

some real quality, rare sports cars.

back home carrying some fine bot-

Only a very small group of hardy and dedicated SAC souls attended the Wings, Wheels and Wine event at Mudgee.

The air traffic was thick upon arrival, but ground control did a good job getting us all landed and parked.

The event had some excellent aerobatic displays (with smoke, noise and all) including the very professional RAAF Roulettes and also

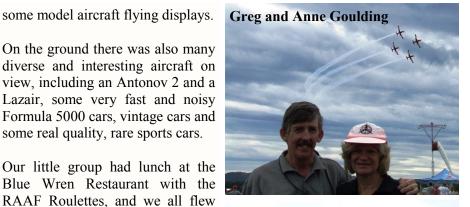


Anne Goulding with the Roulettes



Lots of smoke

David Rittie



The Antonov 2



Noisy but fast Formula 5000



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MIDDLEBROOK 11th - 13th May

Vic Laybutt organised yet another weekend away at Middlebrook Station, just north of Scone, in mid May. What follows is an account of the trip as written by Bruce Cunningham, with Anne Goulding supplying some photos.

Thank you Vic, Bruce and Anne.



If you've heard exceptionally good reports about the hospitality at Middlebrook Station, they're all true. All seventeen Wedderburnians in nine aircraft, who flew into the Upper Hunter Valley property for the weekend of May 12/13 have been singing praises of the place. We were treated to a great weekend, were well entertained and enjoyed good weather. We wined and dined very well too.

Conditions for the flight up the valley were delightful, with most of our fliers arriving by lunchtime on Friday. This northern part of the Upper Hunter is very attractive country and unmarred by the open cut landscape which proliferates lower down. The Pilot's Touring Guide describes Middlebrook as "an 11,000 acre sheep and cattle station with an aviation-friendly farm stay". They're right about that. The 1000 metre grass strip is well maintained and the guest accommodation, right alongside the strip, enjoys extensive views over the property. There's a large grassed area right outside the lodgings for aircraft parking.

The Henderson family, who have run the property for generations, acquired the relocatable buildings from the 2000 Sydney Olympics and have gone to great lengths with landscaping and refurbishment. It's all spotlessly clean, very well appointed and comfortable.

Early on Friday evening our host, Allan Henderson drove us into Scone airfield (just four miles away) in the Station's 4WD bus for an Aero Club dinner. It's a pleasure to see such enthusiasm and Friday night conviviality at an aero club these days. We were made very welcome. And just by chance that weekend coincided with the Scone Horse Show, so on Saturday morning we were off to town where we joined every other person in the Upper Hunter to line the main street of Scone for this premier equine event (some of our team looking the part in moleskins and Williams boots). Later in the day we made another visit to Scone airfield to see the extensive aircraft collection of the late Col Pay.

There was still time available for some local afternoon flying The two amphibians went off for a splash; some felt the need for speed, and at the other end of the spectrum, we saw some graceful and elegant flying with the Henderson Piper Cub performing a little aerial ballet just as the sun set.

Saturday night was dining-in night (self catering that is), but with Donna and Bill Handley insisting on doing the entrees. Donna's garlic prawns are the stuff of legend and her hearty bean soup was like they make in Tuscany. And then there was the chutney - labelled *Wedderburn Pear and Saffron Chutney* (from the pear tree near our clubhouse) for the barbeque meats. At Sunday breakfast, I noticed the label on a large jar of whiskey marmalade bore an image of the Handley's Lake Buccaneer. So too the relish... It goes on.

Sunday morning was a bit blowy (both in Scone and at home base), such that some of the participants elected to take an extra day on the property with a good book and comfortable chair. A few bits and pieces from the home-

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stead vegetable garden and hen house supplemented the evening's scratch dinner, together with a generous contribution of Hunter Valley wines from our hosts. Did I mention the exceptional hospitality of the Henderson family? And if you fancy a chat about anything aviation, Allan's your man.

There were no arrests or scandals. Vic Laybutt was the chief organiser. The participants were:

Greg and Anne Goulding Bill and Donna Handley Piper Seneca Lake Buccaneer

Middlebrook (cont.)

Above left: Robert and Marlene Priddle with their C172. Above: Alice Collett; Phe Affleck; Ashley, Vic and Jay Laybutt; Bruce Cuningham (party obscured)

Ash and Jay LaybuttSuper PetrelVic Laybutt and Alice CollettCessna CardinalRobert and Marlene PriddleCessna 172Gordon and Patricia SteerCessna 172Dave ThomasAeronca ChampRichard and Jacqui ThompsonAero CommanderBruce Cunningham and Phe Affleck Glasair Sportsman

Bruce Cunningham

Aircraft and Hangars For Sale

Doug Montague's RV 9A is for sale

Doug Montague's very special

VANS RV9A

is for sale Low hrs. 160HP. A1 inside and out S-Tec Autopilot 2 axis

\$110,000

For more information contact: Doug Montague on 4268-3921, or 0428 915 369, or Simon on 6977-4036



File photo of a Rans RV9A, similar to Doug's aircraft

Stan Nightingale's new Whisper Motor Glider is for sale

This almost new **Whisper Motorglider**, registered experimental ZIP with the Gliding Federation of Australia, is the first flying aircraft of its type in Australia. Factory built, its features include: 120hp 6 cylinder 3300 Jabiru engine, Dynon D180 EFIS engine monitoring system, Flightcom 403 MC intercom, Icom A210 radio, LX16 electronic LCD variometer, Garmin 296 GPS, Garmin GTX 327 transponder, dual battery and wiring system, Airmaster AP 332 feathering inflight adjustable propeller and leather seats.

Wingspan 16m, Fuel capacity 85L, Glide Ratio 1:28 at 105km/h, 25 hours engine time and total hours.

Asking price: \$115,000 (negotiable).

Contact: Stan Nightingale on 0415 911 373



Anthony Baldry's HANGAR H2/J2 is for sale



HANGAR H2/J2 IS FOR SALE

18m x 16m. Concrete floor.

Dual entrance possible.

All steel construction.

Water tank.

\$105,000.

Contact Anthony Baldry on 0427 267 237.

Nick Hunt's two CESSNA AIRCRAFT are FOR SALE

Nick Hunt is seeking expressions of interest from any club member for the purchase of his two Cessna aircraft. He will sell them separately, but if a member is interested in taking them both, a more favourable agreement could be reached.

Classic 1955 Cessna 180. VH-YMH. 4700 hrs TT. Immaculate condition. 3 bladed prop. New interior including panel. Recent new paint. Glider tow-hook. Due for engine Overhaul. **\$108,000.**



Cessna 185, 1961. VH-FFC. 6000 hrs TT. 300hp Engine, Eng O'haul due at 7025 hrs, 88" Seaplane prop. Parachute door. Glider tow-hook. Interior/Exterior excellent. **\$145,000**

For more detailed specifications and more photos, please contact Nick via e-mail at: *nickhunt.1@bigpond.com.au*

Ant Prehn's Hangar Q2 is For Sale

Hangar Number:Q2Size:15 X 15.5Floor:Epoxy coated reinforced concrete.Sheeting:Colorbond.Close to toilets and shower. Lights and power points ready for
generator. Hangar is almost brand new. Suitable for tall aircraft.

Price: **\$90.000**

Contact:

Ant Prehn on 0412 271 404



For Sale - Randall Krebs' Zenith Tri Z



The late Randall Krebs' 4 seater Zenith Tri Z, VH-DJE is for sale.

TT 591, Engine 522 TR, Prop 1966 TR. Fresh 100hrly as at 15/3 2012. 2 x Com, ADF, intercom.

This aircraft is being advertised in the Aviation Trader for:

\$42,000

However, a better price may be available to a NSW SAC member. For further information or test flight contact:

Matthew Gray at *weemelah@optusnet.com.au* or on 0411 505 521

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