

Fly About

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Presidents Message

Welcome to June President Report

Welcome to June's edition of the Fly About and this one finds me on the mend after a hasty trip to Perth for a routine procedure turned into a heavy duty operation and has me grounded for a while.

I may not be able to drive my vehicle for awhile or fly my aeroplane but I will definitely be making an appearance at our flight Instructor's 20th Anniversary. Kevin Lathbury has been with us at Northam Aero Club for 20 years and during that time he has been available to all hopeful pilots to help them achieve their pilots' license's and keep us all up to date with BFR's and AFR's. Kevin also reminds us all through his helpful articles about the importance of keeping up to date with aviation training.

Please remember the date of Saturday 22nd June 2024 and come down to the Club rooms in Northam to help him celebrate. The bar will be open from 5.00pm to 9.00pm and food and drink will be supplied.

Errol

Editors Note:

I'm sure all the NAC members wish you a speedy recovery Errol

Club Captain's Report

The farmers (me included) were really smiling with low cloud and showers for the 'June Competition'! What a difference a month can make this time of the year!

Three pilots took a punt on there being sufficient breaks in the low clouds and showers to compete.

The task was Circuits as the Navigational Exercise would not have been safe.

The three circuits comprised of a flapless, a powered approach and a glide approach. Landings to be scored after the keys and before the third runway stripe. Pilot's radio calls were excellent and everybody other than Peter Hill needs to practice their glide approaches!

RESULTS:

1ST PLACE	Peter Hill	C152 BFC	100 points
2ND PLACE	Ashly Smith	C172 PGL	90 points
EQUAL 2ND	Geoff Windsor	C172 PGL	90 points

Big thanks to Marg, Kate and Ash for taking care of morning tea. Everyone looks forward to Marg's muffins and Kate's jam and cream scones which were outstanding again (thanks to Ash for getting up early to BAKE them!).

Club Captain's Report

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 22nd June we will be celebrating Kevin Lathbury's 20 years of instructing at Northam. Look out for the article following!

Saturday 30th July the Royal Aero Club has invited NAC to join them for a 'Fly In to Wyalkatchem'.

Next Competition: Sunday 14th July 2024. Briefing @ 9am.

Cheers

Dave McFarlane

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Annual General Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the Members
Annual General Meeting @ NORTHAM AERO CLUB
Saturday 17th August 2024 @ 7.00pm
NAC Club Rooms

AGENDA ITEMS

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The names of the candidates proposed as Officers of the Club with the names of their proposers and seconders shall be in the hands of the Secretary 21 days before the date of the Annual Meeting (26th July 2024). The names shall be posted in the Club for 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE ON PAGE 14 OF THIS MAGAZINE.

Please bring a small plate of food for all to share
at the conclusion of the meeting

Wyalkatchem FLY-IN

2024 Wyalkatchem Airstrip Fly-In Event

Pilots, aviation enthusiasts, and friends are invited to take part in the **Wyalkatchem Fly-In 2024** on **Saturday, July 13th**. Wyalkatchem previously hosted a fly-in and sausage sizzles in 2013 (23 aircraft) & 2016 (41 aircraft) with one planned for 2020 (Then COVID hit), both previous events were a great day out and gave the local community the opportunity to find out about aviation from local and visiting pilots. Wylie airstrip has also hosted 2 "Racewars" events and a couple of ultralight / gyro fly ins.

There is no formal flying program on the day; However, there will be a number of free activities on offer once you arrive:

- Free Breakfast for early arrivals (until 10am)
- Free Sausage Sizzle for Lunch
- Free Bus Transfers into Wyalkatchem
- Guided tour of the Wylie CBH Museum (donation)
- For those wanting to overnight it.
- Farm Visit
- No landing fees

The sealed, lighted, cross strips are the result of the commitment and a massive input of voluntary work from the local community, the airport plays a crucial role in the Region with Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft using the airfield and transfer station for day & night mercy flights, (often, several times in a week) and several flying schools also use the field for Nav exercises.

RSVP: If you plan on attending, please register your interest to assist with catering and preparation to wylieuseum@westnet.com.au and provide the following information:

Pilots Name:

- Aircraft Rego:
- Persons on board (number):
- Breakfast: (yes/no)
- Lunch: (yes/no)
- Bus Transfer: (yes/no)
- Farm Visit: (yes/no)
- Museum Tour: (yes/no)
- Overnighting: (yes/no)

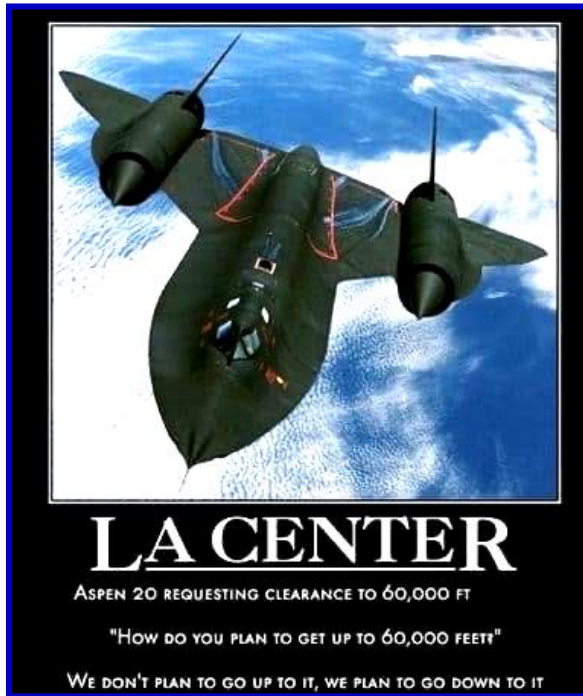
Please promote and share this invite with fellow pilots and aviation enthusiasts and come along to help support this aviation friendly community on the day.

Runway Information attached, also available in the Country Airstrip Guide.

Aviation Humour



Aviation Humour



O'Hare Approach Control to a Boeing777:

"United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, three o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

"Approach, I've always wanted to say this...
I've got the little Fokker in sight."



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & APPAREL

Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____

Not Renewing

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Type of Membership: Adult \$55.00

Junior \$10.00

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 Acc Number: 69-2937

Apparel: Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 – Size _____ Name on Shirt: _____

100% breathable polyester jersey knit, snag resistant. Knit collar with contrast tipping.

Mens sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL or 5 XL (185gsm standard 3 button)

Womens sizes 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 or 24 (Ladies 215 gsm with open V with 2 press studs)

Club Cap \$25.00 plus \$8.00 postage

Caps also available from the Bar

Total enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an invoice please tick

“Fly About” magazine Yes

No

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$25.00

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 personalised



BAR

The Bar will be open every Saturday evening from 17:00 — 19:00

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NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 14th July 2024 @ 13:00

Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia

- Books
- Artefacts
- Photographs
- Old Aircraft Parts
- Signs

If it's old and historic—I'm interested

Adam Price—0428 611 797

NAC Club Aircraft Bookings



Enquiries— Matt Bignell

0407 873 700

CLASSIFIEDS

Northam Aero Club Merchandise

Club Polo Shirts with name and club logo—\$35.00

Postage available—\$10.00 per order

Club Caps with logo—\$25.00

available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00

available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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NAC Cessna 172 — VH-PGL

Hire Fee Structure

- Private Hire - \$260 per hour
- Dual Training - \$410 per hour
- TIF's - \$205 per 1/2 hour
- Briefing - as required
- Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$150 per hour

Pre-paid Discounted Block Rates Available

- 5 hours - less 5%
- 10 hours - less 10%
- 20 hours - less 15%

Student pilots may use the discounted block rate for aircraft hire costs only. Instructor fees remain as fixed price.

For all further enquiries please contact:

NAC Treasurer - nactreasurer@bigpond.com T: 0427 909 412

Aircraft Bookings: **Matt Bignell - 0407 873 700**

NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

Next Competition: 9:00am Sunday 14th July 2024

Cheers,

Dave McFarlane

Club Captain 0428 743 031

AGM Nomination Form

Nomination is hereby made for the
position of:

*President *Vice President *Secretary
*Treasurer *3 x Committee Persons (2 years)

Nominee _____

Signature _____

Position _____

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

***To be in the hands of the Secretary by
Saturday 26th July 2024**

(PO Box 247 Northam WA 6401)

