

Fly About

Northam Aero club (Inc.) Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Well, it is all over for another year.

The Annual Dinner/Christmas Dinner was held on December the 10th. The buffet dinner was extremely well presented and enjoyed by all. A very huge thanks go to Rachel and Shane Buck along with Emily for the selection and presentation of the Buffet. Many are still talking about the meat, cooked on the Weber and very delicious, thank you.

Heather, Sue, Liz and Cheryl prepared the room and tables and worked tirelessly before and after the event. Unfortunately, some members were taken out with illness or Covid and could not attend. Hopefully they can make the next one.

On Sunday 11th the next day we held the flying competition after which Father Christmas made his appearance to the delight of the children. Many thanks to Nick who thoroughly enjoyed the role. Many children along with adults then enjoyed a scenic flight around Northam.

Congratulations to the following for achieving their RPL:
Matt Sewell on 26/3/2022, and Matt Berrington on 22/7/2022.

Damian O'Driscoll achieved his RU, MPPC on 9/7/2022.

Well done guys and to Kevin Lathbury.

Thanks to the Committee for their services and to MJ for the astounding job they have done and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

If you need a Christmas presents don't forget our 50 year books, caps and even a T.I.F. as presents. (See page 21)

Cheers, Errol

Club Captains Report

Club competition Sunday the 11th December 2022

Task was Circuits

First Circuit Flapless, Second Circuit Powered approach, Third Circuit Glide land on the keys ON MAIN WHEELS.

Unfortunately the Captain could not attend as Marg and I came down with Covid!! Eight pilots took part in the Competition. Nick Kostov's aircraft became unserviceable so thanks very much for judging Nick.

By all reports the morning went well and the Competition was finished in time for Father Christmas to fly in. No Formal Competition organized for January.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year!

Fly early and late to avoid the Summer bumps.

Dave

Placing	Pilot	Points
Equal First Place	James Hill	71
	Bo Hanington	71
	Errol Croft	71
Second Place	Peter Hill	67
Equal Third Place	Ian Berry	66
	Bob Emery	66
Fourth Place	Phill Maley	60

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW

*Our Membership year runs from
January to December
each year.*

Bank Details to make payments

Northam Aero Club

BSB: 036107

Account No: 692937

Reference: (please use your
surname to make it easier for us
to find you)

Club Competition

NEXT NAC FLYING COMPETITION:

The next Club Competition will be in February.

January as always, will be a break from the competition as it is usually very hot with a lot of our regulars away on holidays.

Have a great break, stay safe,

See you in the new year

Cheers, Dave McFarlane

Club Captain 0428 743 031

09:00, Sunday 12th February 2023

**Next Club Committee meeting is:
Sunday 12th February 2023 at 13:00
(1:00pm) at the Clubrooms**

**Our hardworking, dedicated committee
are taking a break in January.**

Annual Dinner



Annual Dinner 2022 Aero Club
L-R: Liz, Cheryl, Nick, Beth, Errol and Ian



Annual Dinner 2022
L-R: Our new instructor Ray Challen, Vernon, Errol, Ian, Liz, Cheryl and Nick

Annual Dinner



Annual Dinner 2022 –
First table: Kevin Lathbury, Beth and Preston with Errol, Vernon and Ray.
Next table: Denis, Sue, Marc and Lisa, Gren, Barry, Ling



Annual Dinner Cooking Crew – 2022
Shane, Rachel and Emily – Thank you

Annual Dinner



Kevin Lathbury at Annual Dinner
Providing inspiration and congratulations to all
who have achieved milestones throughout the
year.

Well done to all our new RPL, PPL & CPL Pilots.

Christmas Lunch



Arrival of Father Christmas

Christmas Lunch



Group photo with Father Christmas before he jets off home.
Have a look at that beautiful sky and oh yes FX has lost a bit of weight
under lockdown.

Christmas Lunch



All seated quietly waiting for Santa to give out the presents.

Christmas Lunch



Santa as usual was a hit with the younger set.

Christmas Lunch



Kaitlin with Father Christmas

Christmas Lunch



Nathan with Father Christmas

Christmas Lunch



After the presents were opened.

What you said on the proposed maintenance rules for GA

CASA have published a summary of consultation that sets out what feedback you provided to them on the proposed general aviation maintenance rules (Part 43).

It provides a report of this feedback, including concerns raised and how they will work through resolving them.

They will now continue to work with the Part 43 Technical Working Group on the issues and questions raised and next steps.

[Read](#) the summary of consultation and the associated feedback.

CASA sought your feedback on the proposed maintenance rules for GA to ensure the final policy had been accurately reflected in the regulation, its associated Manual of Standards and advisory materials.

The consultation was opened from 19 May through to 3 July 2022.

A total of two hundred and eighty-five (285) written submissions were received, including some submissions provided by respondents outside the consultation hub survey, but which the respondent requested be considered in the consultation.

[Read](#) the summary of consultation and the associated feedback

A blast from the past



Claude a couple of years ago at balloon championships over east.

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 ROSTER



BAR ROSTER 2023

January	
7	1700-1900
14	1700-1900
21	1700-1900
28	1700-1900
March	
4	1700-1900
11	1700-1900
18	1700-1900
25	1700-1900

February	
4	1700-1900
11	1700-1900
18	1700-1900
25	1700-1900
April	
1	1700-1900
8	1700-1900
15	1700-1900
22	1700-1900
29	1700-1900

THE BAR IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY EVENING

NAC Website access QR code

We are slowly sliding into the new technological world!

Here is the latest High-Tech way to access the NAC website.

If you are "QR" code ready then simply scan this code with your phone or tablet



(QR code reader apps can be downloaded from the App store or Play store)

Dec/Jan 2022/23



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
19	20	21	22	23	24 Bar Open	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Bar Open	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Bar Open	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Bar Open	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Bar Open	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Bar Open	29



\$25.00 available from Northam Aero Club

Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia

- Books
- Artifacts
- 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 - \$370 per hour

TIF's - \$185 per 1/2 hour

Briefing - as required

Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$115 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 only

Instructor fees remain as priced above

For all further enquiries please contact:

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Aircraft Bookings: Matt Bignell - 0407 873 700

Membership Renewals

Northam Aero Club Membership Renewal due January 2023

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Bank Details to make Membership payment to **Northam Aero Club**
BSB: **036107** Account No. **692937** Reference **(please use your surname to make it easier for us to find you)**

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