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Presidents Message

President's Report

Welcome all to the May report.

Well it has been a successful 23rd National Ballooning Championships held at Northam earlier this month. Though the weather was not perfect there was enough tasks flown to record the event as the Australian Ballooning Championships.

What was fantastic to see was the amount of younger participants in the event keeping the sport well and truly alive and full of promise for the future.

Congratulations to Ed Saunders and crew from Victoria as the winner of the Championships. Congratulations also must go to the Clements family for their contribution during the event and welcoming all those involved. Gren and Marg Putland put a lot of man hours into making these Ballooning events happen, we congratulate them on a fabulous week of ballooning.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make these Championships so successful. Thank you to Mike Vinn, Michael Press, Dave McFarlane, Marg McFarlane, Shane Buck, Rachel Buck, Kim (from the Northam Racing Club) and Heather for stepping up and putting their backs into it to deliver breakfast every morning. Thank you to Liz Ellis for running the bar each afternoon. Shane and Rachel Buck also helped deliver meals in the evening during the week long event – thank you to all. We are only as good as our volunteers and we have been very fortunate to have so many generous people.

There is a Northam Dawn Patrol Fly-In at YNTM (Northam) from the Royals Aero Club at 1100 hrs Saturday 3rd June (Murrayfield). Transport has been organised to take them and others to Dome in Northam for lunch and make it a good catch up day. Call Dave McFarlane or myself to put your name down.

There was a good number of pilots who flew our recent club competition on 14th May. Dave always runs an interesting competition with a few trick questions. Being Mothers Day I was fortunate enough to take some Mums flying and made their Mothers Day that much more enjoyable.

The past couple of weeks have been very busy and our next competition will be held on 11th June . Hope to see you there.

Cheers,

Errol

Club Captains Report

Captain's Report for Sunday 14th May 2023

Competition; consisted of a short Navex from Northam to Jen-nacubine, Buckland Estate, and return to Northam via the Waste Water Dams. Seven pilots competed for the 90 points. Points were lost for not maintaining centre line on climb out, counting the pylons on the wrong bridge, missing a dam at the Waste Water facility. No pilots overshot the important finals turn.

Scores ranged from 89 down to 83 points which indicates that the participants have a good handle on their navigation or the Captain is making Competition too easy...!

It was great to welcome back Bob Emery and have Bernie Hush in his high vis yellow Foxbat for his first try at the Competition

RESULTS

Placing	Pilot	Aircraft	Points
First Place	Bob Emery	Jabiru	89
Second Place	James Hill	C152	88
Third Place	Peter Hill	C152	87

Club Competition

Next Competition; Sunday 11th June 2023.

8.30 Coffee and muffins and perhaps jam and cream scones.

Briefing 9.00.

Dave McFarlane

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Northam Ballooning Event

A very busy week was enjoyed by all pilots, volunteers, crews, and anyone that wandered into the Northam Aero Club at 4.30am each morning. Errol had the fire stoked up and the barbeques heating while Rachel got the coffee machine purring and kept all those early birds warm and toasty with their favourite latte or cappuccino. I never knew there were so many different milks available on the market. I now know the difference between them all, I am skilled up.

The Elevate Festival held by the Shire of Northam was magnificent, after a stalled start we never thought it would be possible but was put together very quickly and it went ahead without a hitch. The rain only ruined one days flying and all tasks were completed within the time frame allowed during the week-long event. Congratulations to all those that made it happen. See you in September to do it all again.



Errol and Shazza



Balloon Glow at Elevate
Festival Northam

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



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MARCH	
4th	1700-1900
11th	1700-1900
18th	1700-1900
25th	1700-1900
APRIL	
1st	1700-1900
8th	1700-1900
15th	1700-1900
22nd	1700-1900
29th	1700-1900

MAY	
6th	1700-1900
13th	1700-1900
20th	1700-1900
27th	1700-1900
June	
3	1700-1900
10	1700-1900
17	1700-1900
24	1700-1900

THE BAR IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY EVENING

Next Club Committee Meeting

**Next Club Committee meeting is:
Sunday 11th June 2023 at 13:00
(1:00pm) at the Clubrooms**

June/July 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			01	02	03 Northam Fly In	04
05	06	07	08	09	10 Bar	11 Club Comp
12	13	14	15	16	17 Bar	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Bar	25
26	27	28	29	30	01 Bar	02
03	04	05	06	07	08 Bar	09



\$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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Hire Fee Structure

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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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Next Club Competiton

Next Competition 09:00, Sunday 11th June 2023

Cheers, Dave McFarlane

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