

# *Fly About*

**NORTHAM AERO CLUB (INC.) NEWSLETTER**

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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

## *WELCOME TO APRIL FLY ABOUT*

Autumn has been a wonderful time to be fling. The Sunday lying Competition was flown in that same weather. As was the Beverly Air Show. I could not get there but all those that did were very impressed with the Air Show. Lots of video and photos are on Facebook pages. If you follow NAC Facebook page you will see many photos from Bernie and Dave. They are getting in lots of practice photographing our Wheatbelt. Please continue downloading your photos to the Northam Aero Club Facebook page. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page as Bernie is organising a few fly ins.

We have our AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.00pm. and are calling for nominations for 3 x Committee positions and the 4 Executive positions. Nominations for all positions need to be received by the Secretary Sue Clements by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 at 5.00pm.

We have been advised by the Shire of Northam that the first stage of earthworks will commence mid-May of 2026 and it will involve asphaltting the front of the Northern Hangars. There may be some disruptions during this period.

It is that time of year when ballooning is underway and it is not only picturesque seeing the colourful balloons in the air but also catching up with the pilots again. It will be great to see them all back in the air.

With the cooler weather make sure you use your carby heat when required.

Enjoy your flying,

**Errol**

# CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

## *CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2026*

Consideration was given to canceling this months navigation comp due to the avgas pricing but we decided to go ahead and see what would happen.

But first...The Beverley Air Show on Saturday, what a spectacular event congratulations to all involved.

The Comp today was an anti-clockwise Navex of about 25 minutes and won equally by RAAUS registered aircraft!

→	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Foxbat 8842	Bernie Hush	78 pts
→	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Jabiru 4048	Bob Emery	78 pts
→	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	C172 JXI	Sir Errol Croft	76 pts
→	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	C172 PGL	Paul Blain	74 pts

Thanks to Heather Liz and Ling for looking after the crew

**Dave**

**Next Competition is Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 09:00**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## NAC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the Members  
Annual General Meeting @ NORTHAM AERO CLUB

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026 @ 7.00PM**

At the 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 (22nd May 2026). The names shall be posted in the Club for 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

**NOMINATION FORMS ARE ON PAGE 11  
OF THIS MAGAZINE.**

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

# AVIATION HUMOUR



Her: "Mmm... this smells expensive! What is it?"

Me: Avgas.



# AVIATION HUMOUR

My husband: where's the ketchup?



Also my husband:



**PASSENGER:**  
DO PILOTS  
GET SCARED?



**PILOT:**  
ONLY WHEN  
THE COFFEE  
RUNS OUT.

# BAR

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

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## NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 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



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# CLASSIFIEDS

## Northam Aero Club Merchandise

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

*Club Caps with logo—\$25.00*

*available at the bar or Postage—\$10.00 per order*

*Stubbie Holders—\$7.00*

*available at the bar or*

*Postage —\$8.00*



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# NAC Cessna 172 — VH-PGL

## Hire Fee Structure (effective from 16th April)

- Private Hire - \$295 per hour
- Dual Training - \$465 per hour
- TIF's - \$235 per 1/2 hour
- Briefing - as required
- Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$180 per hour

## Pre-paid Discounted Block Rates Available

- 5 hours less 5%
- 10 hours less 10%

*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:

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

## NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

**9:00 am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Club Captain for the day will provide the briefing

# NAC -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 \_\_\_\_\_

Secunder \_\_\_\_\_

**\*To be in the hands of the Secretary  
by Friday 22nd May 2026**

(PO Box 247 Northam WA 6401)

