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## Club Presidents Report

Happy New Year, welcome to 2015, hope you had a Merry Christmas.

I did, I got to fly to Kalgoorlie to spend Christmas with my son Mark and his family. It was very nice and the swimming pool was magnificent. We then flew on a commercial flight to Melbourne to spend New Years Eve with Heather's family. We knocked up a few miles flying but its always nice to be back home.

As you may have noticed there was no flying comp this month so I would like to keep you up to speed with a couple of points.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be unveiling the Inaugural Members plaque at 8.30am before the Flying Competition starts. If you would like to be a part of the unveiling you are more than welcome. I suggest arriving around 8.00am and having a coffee and chin wag beforehand.

The other point I would like to bring to your attention is the Fly About. It costs around \$230 per month to print and send out the hard copies of the magazine. If you do not require a hard copy can you please let Heather know on 0429 880149 or myself on 0428 880149 or email [secretary@northamaeroclub.com](mailto:secretary@northamaeroclub.com) so we can update our mailing list.

I find it easier to download from my computer and the big advantage is that it comes in colour online.

Thats about all for this month, if you get a chance to fly, enjoy.

Errol

## Club Captains Report

There is no January Flying Comp due to most Pilots being away on holidays etc.

NORTHAM AERO CLUB.

Happy New Year to all looking forward to a great 2015.

NEXT FLYING COMP IS SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday 8th FEBRUARY is next N.A.C. FLYING COMP.

Only 5 comps to go and 125 points up for grabs and with 12 points separating the first three and the rest of the field hot on their heels,

(6 comps flown so far and 5 DIFFERENT WINNERS) .....Anyone can win!

Come fly with us Sunday 8th February. see full details on pages 8 & 9.-- print it off  
and fly it...

Plenty of time to do a practice run to keep your hand in over the next four weeks.

Club aircraft is available 24/7 - ring Matt 0407873700 to book aircraft. 9 a.m.

SUNDAY 8 th FEBRUARY 2015. Northam Airfield.

N.A.C. MONTHLY COMP GOOMALLING RECONNAISSANCE.

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The club's second hangar, hangar 28 is currently  
vacant and is available for rent  
if anyone is interested or knows anyone looking for a  
hangar please contact  
either Heather, Matt or Ashley to discuss.  
(Contact details are in the front of the Fly About)

# **BUNBURY AERO CLUB OPEN DAY**

To promote aviation to the general public,  
to enable pilots to fly in, exhibit their aircraft  
and enjoy a great day!

**SUNDAY**  
**22nd March**  
**2015**

**More details to follow later.**

## FIFO

Having just delivered my little sister to the Goulburn Valley Aero Club in our Cherokee 160 for her first flying lesson with them, I took a seat and prepared to bring my log book up to date while I waited for her.

To my astonishment I have flown more than 140 hours in the last 2 months!

This is due to the fact that I have taken on some consulting duties in Central Queensland and the Company that has engaged me are happy to pay the cost of travel to and from site, (it puts a whole new meaning on "Fly In – Fly Out").

I usually get out of bed before daylight on day one of a swing and head out to the airport for a pre-flight/daily on VH-RTL. I sign the maintenance release and then take to the skies at first light.

My track takes me directly from YBLA (Benalla, Vic.) to YCNM (Coonamble, NSW), where I make a quick pee, petrol and drink stop, and then on to the a small hamlet called Yuleba North in South Central Queensland. The local airstrip is a graded paddock courtesy of Brad the local landowner.

The swing lasts for 10 days and then I do it all over again in reverse for 4 days R&R. The weather is somewhat unpredictable at this time of year with Isolated Thunderstorms very quickly becoming Frequent Thunderstorms, forming impenetrable walls in my path.



*Sunrise over the Great Dividing Range shortly after take-off from Benalla, Vic.*



*The storms starting to build as I approach West Wyalong NSW.*

*10 minutes after this picture I was in torrential rain and was forced to land at West Wyalong and sit out the storms*



# OUTBACK AIR RACE

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The Outback Air Race (or more precisely time trial) is a GPS based series of flights (legs) around Australia, it is held every three years and the next event is 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The route will be around 2500 nautical miles. But that does not include some of the competitors' travel and time to get to or from the event! So if that is included as well, the total distance travelled may exceed 5000nm for some teams.

For further information go to <http://www.outbackairrace.com.au/>

For donations to Malcolm and Rachel (Team 10 True Blue) please go to  
<https://oar2015.everydayhero.com/au/true-blue>

All donations are tax deductible.

Regards, Malcolm and Rachel.

**N.A.C. MONTHLY COMP GOOMALLING RECONNAISSANCE.**

Nominated Times. CALL SIGN

Altitude/Hemisphere bands:

0 to 179 degrees? ODD + 500 ft e.g. 3,500 ft / 5,500 ft.

180 to 359 degrees? EVENS + 500 ft e.g. 2,5000 ft /4,500 ft.

Area frequency beyond 10 mile radius of YNTM for Goomalling area?

Northam CTAF frequency?

CLEAROFF checks every 10 minutes.

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BRIEFING 9 a.m. Same VNC map for all pilots.

TIME STARTS WHEELS OFF Ground Judge

Take off and climb to 2,500 ft

Position aircraft for overhead departure tracking 020 degrees for Goomalling.

RADIO CALL " Northam traffic

----DEPARTURE OVERHEAD at 2,500 ft tracking 020 degrees for Goomalling and climbing to 3,500 ft Northam"

Remember --at 10 miles outbound ---\*\*\* CHANGE TO AREA FREQUENCY. \*\*\*

CLEAROFF check. at appropriate time /distance interval as marked on flight track VNC map.

AT GOOMALLING TOWNSHIP: ONE ORBIT Write here how many Silos you can see --- which side of Railway Line are silos? --- North or South? How many Tennis Courts can you see next to Oval?

DEPART GOOMALLING DESCEND to 2,500 ft. track 185 degrees for DEMPSTER FIELD GRASS VALLEY (marker is Gt Eastern Hwy )

CLEAROFF CHECK at appropriate time/ distance interval as marked on your track/ VNC map . REMEMBER Northam CTAF 124.2 at appropriate time (10 mile radius is marked on your map) (Circuit traffic will not know you are coming into their airspace otherwise) AT DEMPSTER FIELD / GREAT EASTERN HWY / GRASS VALLEY--- record here what you see.

RADIO CALL " Northam Traffic ----- - 6 miles to East at 2,500 ft IN-BOUND est circuit at --- Northam" . Position aircraft for a midfield cross to dead side at 2,000 ft Northam Airfield.

RADIO CALL "Northam Traffic ----- - OVERHEAD at 2,000 ft  
CROSSING to the DEAD SIDE for a midfield circuit entry Northam"  
RADIO CALL "Northam Traffic ....JOINING MIDFIELD CROSSWIND  
for Runway... ... Northam" (circuit height is 1,500 ft indicated for  
YNTM.) RADIO CALL "Northam Traffic - --TURNING MID DOWN-  
WIND Rwy \_\_\_\_ FULL STOP Northam" . BONUS POINTS : SAFE  
LANDING ON KEYS Ground Judge.. . TIME FINISHES WHEELS ON  
Ground Judge.

NOMINATED TIME COMPARED TO ACTUAL TIME : --LEAST DIFF  
gets 100 points next least = 90 next least = 80 and so on. Two Judges  
ONE JUDGE for RADIO CALLS ONLY. / ONE JUDGE FOR TIMES /  
wheels off to wheels on .

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## **COCKTAIL EXTRAVAGANZA**

Saturday the 24th January  
for members and friends  
come along and try  
possibly the cheapest cocktails  
you will ever get to drink.

A two hour happy hour starts at 5:00pm



A Special screening of the Tom Cruise and Bryan Brown film  
"COCKTAIL"  
will be shown for members and friends

## *Mavis's Munchies*



### ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 EGGS  
1 CUP COOKING OIL  
2 CUPS SUGAR  
3 CUPS PEELED, GRATED ZUCCHINI  
2 TEASPOONS VANILLA EXTRACT  
3 CUPS PLAIN FLOUR  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  TEASPOON BAKING POWDER  
1 TEASPOON BAKING SODA  
1 TEASPOON SALT  
3 TEASPOONS GROUND CINNAMON  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  CUP CHOPPED NUTS  
(OPTIONAL )

BEAT EGGS UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY

ADD NEXT 4 INGREDIENTS. MIX LIGHTLY.

IN SEPARATE BOWL, MIX DRY INGREDIENTS.

ADD TO ZUCCHINI MIX AND BLEND. ADD NUTS.

PUT IN 2 GREASED AND FLOURED LOAF PANS.

BAKE AT 325F FOR 1 HOUR.

REMOVE IMMEDIATELY FROM PANS AND COOL ON RACKS.

MAY BE FROZEN.

ENJOY!!!



## NORTHAM AERO CLUB

### BAR ROSTER 2014-15

| AUGUST    |   |        |
|-----------|---|--------|
| 2nd-3rd   | - | Matt   |
| 9th-10th  | - | Peter  |
| 16th-17th | - | Les    |
| 23rd-24th | - | Howie  |
| 30th-31st |   | Crofty |

| NOVEMBER  |   |        |
|-----------|---|--------|
| 1st-2nd   | - | Matt   |
| 8th-9th   | - | Howie  |
| 15th-16th | - | Crofty |
| 22nd-23rd | - | Les    |
| 29th-30th |   | Ashley |
|           |   |        |

| SEPTEMBER |   |        |
|-----------|---|--------|
| 6th-7th   | - | Matt   |
| 13-14th   | - | Ashley |
| 20th-21st | - | Peter  |
| 27th-28th | - | Howie  |
|           |   |        |

| DECEMBER  |   |        |
|-----------|---|--------|
| 6th-7th   | - | Peter  |
| 13th-14th | - | Matt   |
| 20th-21st | - | Howie  |
| 27th-28th | - | CLOSED |
|           |   |        |

| OCTOBER   |   |        |
|-----------|---|--------|
| 4th-5th   | - | Crofty |
| 11th-12th | - | Les    |
| 18th-19th | - | Ashley |
| 25th-26st | - | Peter  |
|           |   |        |

| JANUARY      |   |        |
|--------------|---|--------|
| 3rd-4th      | - | CLOSED |
| 10th-11th    | - | Les    |
| 17th-18th    | - | Crofty |
| 24th-25th    | - | Ashley |
| 31st-1st Feb |   | Peter  |
|              |   |        |

### Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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### **NEXT CLUB COMPETITION**

**9am Sunday 8th February 2015**

### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting  
will be held at the club rooms on  
Sunday the 8th February 2015 at 12:00 (noon)

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