

Fly About

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Presidents Message

WELCOME TO JULY FLY ABOUT

Welcome to July's President's Report. Sorry about not having a report for June.

We had our Annual General Meeting in June and Congratulations to our new Committee and we thank them once again for their commitment to their time running the Aero Club.

The Committee has stayed the same. Bernie is our Vice President and Social Director. He has many aviation related social events in the pipeline you can keep an eye out for Fly ins, etc on our Facebook page.

For anyone who has been flying our country-side it looks fantastic. Beautiful yellow canola and deep green crops. We are very privileged to have such amazing farmers in our area.

Every 2nd Sunday of the new month we have our Flying competition. It is a lot of fun and keeps us all on the ball. We had Tony Roser and his fiancée participate for his first flying competition in July and they both thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done Tony.

It is very sad to hear that we had two fellow pilots lose their lives in the past month.

Malcom Vivian put down his home-built spitfire. Warren Reynolds from Muzz Buzz who flew a Chipmunk out of Northam has also passed away. Both were known around the airfield.

The new Garmin GNC355 GPS/Com has been fitted in Club Plane PGL and you may need a degree in operating it but it looks great. It will really make flying easier if you can program it. This new system sounds like a good chance to have a training session on the use of it.

Th days are very cold this time of the year so remember to use your carby heat and enjoy your flying on these clear days.

Cheers,
Errol

Club Captains Message

Today we flew an anti-clockwise Navex;

Northam, Mt Dick, Road intersection at Mumberkine to describe a structure adjacent to the farmhouse nearby

Then off to St Phillips Church to surmise which end the altar is.



Next waypoint Dumbarton Bridge to see how many pylons are in the water (answers resulted in 6, 7, 14). Ashley later ground truthed it by road inspection. Looks like there is 21! The scorer did not think participants would try to fly under the bridge to confirm or look at it from more than ONE side 😊

Return to Northam via the Army Base and Coles Aldi Shopping Centre checking the colour of the roundabout there.

It was great to have freshly minted pilot Tony and co pilot Tara join us and fly in the Comp in PGL. They did a great job, not having their “hand held” round the course by Ozrunways!

Thanks to Marg, Kate, Ash, Ling, Heather and Liz for looking after the crews at the briefings and lunch.

Next Competition; 9th August

Cheers,

Dave

New PGL Radio

The Garmin GNC 355 is a touchscreen, panel-mount aircraft navigation and communications unit that combines GPS, avionics, and radio functions in one integrated system for general aviation pilots.

All pilots should be aware of their obligations under CASR 61.385 regarding general competency requirements (see below).



61.385 Limitations on exercise of privileges of pilot licences—general competency requirement

(1) The holder of a pilot licence is authorised to exercise the privileges of the licence in an aircraft only if the holder is competent in operating the aircraft to the standards mentioned in the Part 61 Manual of Standards for the class or type to which the aircraft belongs, including in all of the following areas:

(a) operating the aircraft's navigation and operating systems;

(b) conducting all normal, abnormal and emergency flight procedures for the aircraft;

(c) applying operating limitations;

(d) weight and balance requirements;

(e) applying aircraft performance data, including take-off and landing performance data, for the aircraft.

Although these should not replace any formal documentation, here are some useful links to help get you started.

Online Garmin Manual: [190-02488-01_c.pdf](#)

PC Training Simulator: https://www8.garmin.com/support/download_details.jsp?id=12373

Apple Trainer App: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/garmin-gps-trainer/id1454577309>

YouTube Tutorial Videos:

<https://youtu.be/2NSDEg68I58?si=eL3G8mJKONZI8OW6>

https://youtu.be/tphRdzP3lIE?si=0lL5kg8me-h_tM8

Aviation Humour



AVIATION HUMOUR

Me knowing there won't be a second date but atleast now she knows the difference between A320 and A320 neo



Bar

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

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Next Committee Meeting

Sunday 09th August 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

Club Polo Shirts with your name and Club logo	\$35.00
Club Caps with logo	\$25.00
Available at the bar or postage	\$10.00
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

* Includes Applicable Fuel Surcharge Fee: \$15 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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Next Club Competition

9:00 am Sunday 9th August 2026

Club Captain for the day will provide the briefing

