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## **Club Presidents Report**

Hi again all,

What a fantastic event the National Ballooning Championships were. It was a thrill getting up at 3.00am in the freezing cold, starting the outdoor wood heater at the Northam Aero Club and watching people roll up and appreciate the fire, croissants and coffee. Enjoying the company of pilots, volunteers and sightseers all come to see the colourful balloons. People were coming from Bunbury arriving at hours well past the morning flights, only to say they will get up earlier tomorrow. Bunbury is a six hour round trip to Northam just to see the balloons, what a drawcard. It was so interesting meeting people, what a buzz and we had perfect ballooning weather. A lot of our sponsors are only too keen to take part in it if it comes around again, thanks again to all our sponsors.

Welcome to our new Member Ian Hall and we also have another new member from the retrieval team for the Ballooning Championships who has applied to join our Club.

Gary Lacey, Director of the Northam Nationals 2015 maintains that it was one of the most organised events that he has been a part of. Well done to everyone.

Back to Northam Aero Club business. Students are still doing training hours, but a note of concern is that our Instructors do have to travel from Perth to instruct and if you are a student and are unable to make the lesson please advise your Instructor to help make our club that bit more professional.

WALAC would like Northam Aero Club to field a six man team for the competition held at Bunbury on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015. If you would like to be a part of that team contact me. I have competed in this competition in the past and it is a lot of fun. Up and coming events will be the Bunbury WALAC competition, Wave Rock excursion, Wildflower fly in and Serpentine Open Day. A competition held against WA Gliding Club at Cunderdin is also planned, stay tuned for more on these events.

Cheers, Errol  
0428 880 149

## Club Captains Report

Sunday 13th September was a Fantastic day for Flying!  
Except for a blustery crosswind that came and went!  
Our Flying Comp for September was "H.M.A.S. NORTHAM".  
Short Field Ops with Radio etc.

"H.M.A.S. NORTHAM"...

Each Pilot from TEAM NAC was sent full details of this Comp 30 days before the actual event, thus giving everyone time to understand/prepare and or do a couple of practice runs.

AS YE TRAIN SO SHALL YE PLAY!

Tasking :Short Field take off in less than 220 metres.

Strip Inspection on first circuit.

Full Stop Short Field landing second circuit.

A line of flour 220 metres from start of Piano Keys marked the available"deck space " for Short Field Ops.

Any Pilot who went over this line before stopping his aircraft was not disqualified but lost 10 points off his score.

All pilots flew well, Judges were happy.

Judges: RADIO: Matt Bignell THANK YOU MATT.

RUNWAY:Shaun Bazely. THANK YOU SHAUN.

MATT BIGNELL also gave us a presentation on RUNWAY CLOSURE KIT,

where to find it and how/where/when to use it etc.

With increased flying activity in the coming months, this is timely.

It is clear that TEAM NAC both on the ground and in the air are enjoying Comp days.

THANK YOU LADIES for the Scrumptious Morning Tea once again.

Meghan! Marg! Heather,

### RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE: with Perfect Scores..Dave McFarlane C172 VH-PGL, and Bob Emery Zenith 24-7108.

SECOND PLACE: close Errol Croft C172 VH-JXI, and Peter Hill C152 VH-BFC.

THIRD PLACE: Ian Berry Glasair VH-JVB. and Ashley Smith C172 VH-PGL.

NEXT COMP is 9 a.m. SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER : MOKINE SOR-TIE.Cross Country.

As part of this Comp NAC Pilots will overfly the Dedicated Memorial at

Avro Anson rd Mokine where four RAAF 68 Squadron aircrew lost their lives

at 11.42 am October 9th 1942 ---on a DF training mission from Guildford,

W2262 Avro Anson tracked 111 degrees for approx 20 minutes then turned

sharply to Port on a new track instruction from Radio Controller Guildford.

It was on this turn that the aircraft developed a descending sidelip and impacted the rising ground, the wreckage coming to rest up against the

rock outcrop of the Dedicated Memorial site.

The four aircrew were all thrown out on impact and died instantly. A few minutes later the wreck exploded and burnt itself out.

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Full and complete Comp Sheets will be sent to all pilots of TEAM NAC

in the next day or so, this gives us all 30 days to prepare /do a practice run etc,--always a good reason to go flying!

November Comp: Straight In Approach etc.

December Comp: -Timed Circuit.

or maybe a trip to Brooklands organised By Denis Beresford?

Club aircraft is available at all times.

Bookings:ring Matt Bignell on 0407873700 or

email:[big.matty@hotmail.com](mailto:big.matty@hotmail.com)

Thanks everyone, until then----

FLY THAT SKY!

Peter Hill

Club Captain

0450415947

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# **National Ballooning Championships**

## **Northam 2015**

It was a week of excitement when the balloons came to Northam. From the first day when we drove into Withers Street on our way to practice cooking our first breakfast, to the last visitor that arrived on the Sunday after everyone had left, it was a huge honour to have such a wonderful array of balloons, pilots, volunteers, photographers and visitors in our midst.

We turned that corner from our quiet country road from Goomalling to be amazed at cars parked on both sides of the road as far as the eye could see. It was 7.00am and we were going to get there early to see if anyone was interested in having breakfast out at the Aero Club. The Lions Club volunteers were going to meet us there to help us. What a baptism of fire we had that first day. We learned quickly to get the food ready and so it went for the week. Perfect weather combined with congenial visitors and extremely professional organisation, thank you Gren, meant we had the perfect storm for a great Ballooning Championships. Every morning we were in the best seat to see all the teams leave for their take off points with their baskets and pilots.

The local primary schools had a feast of ballooning as pilots held aviation demonstrations and gave all the children a firsthand experience of what the inside of a balloon looks like.

The Shire of Northam put on a Nightglow event which showcased all the balloons on the oval at the new Recreation Centre and as the full moon rose up so also did the balloons and the memories and photos are priceless.

The competition was won by Matthew Scaife and his wife Nicola came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to Team Scaife. Peter Wright from Victoria came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Pilots travelled from as far as Japan to compete in the Championships and we were very lucky to meet so many professional balloon pilots at our event.

If you would like to see any pictures of the ballooning event head on to northam nationals on facebook or take a look at the website [northamnationals.com](http://northamnationals.com) for some very interesting information.



**Matt Scaife 1st Place  
NSW**



**Nightglow**



**Nicola Scaife 2nd Place  
NSW**



**Nightglow**



**Peter Wright 3rd Place  
Victoria**



**Your souvenir**

**Claude Meunier**



**Andrew Clements**



**Peter Clements**

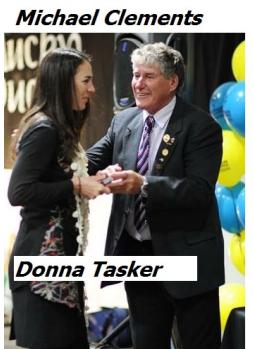


**Michael Clements**

**Pin made by June  
Bairstow**



**This could be  
your souvenir**



**Michael Clements**



**Donna Tasker**



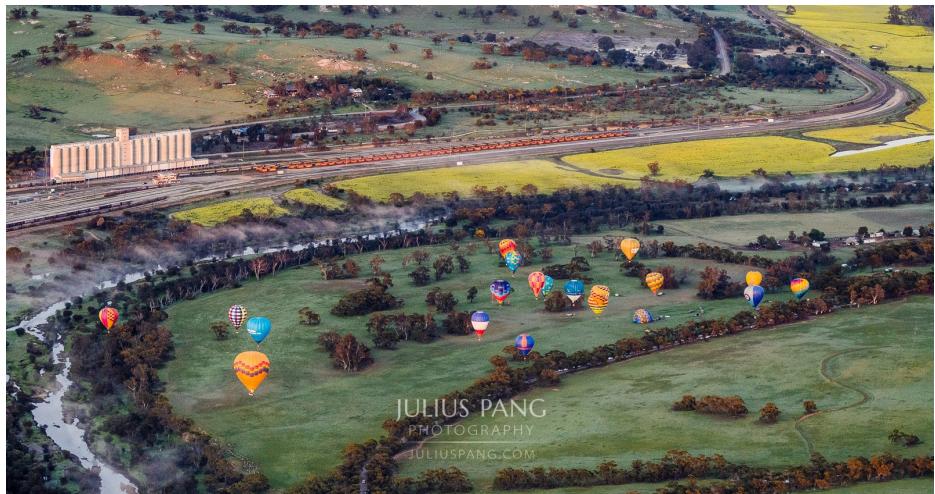
**150 of us at the Presentation Dinner Finale**

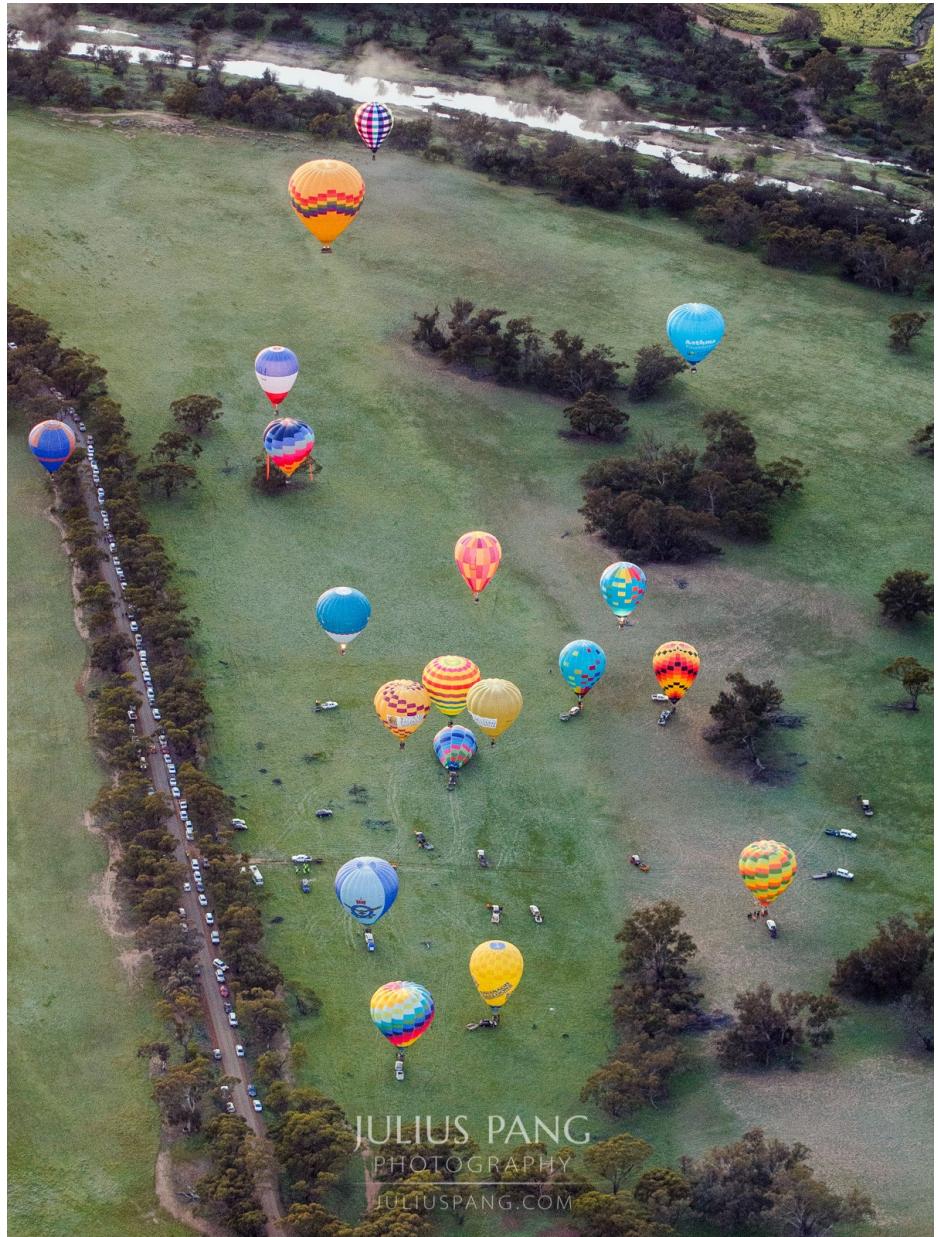


**Gren Putland**



**Our own Bob Emery**





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## **AUCTION**

**The Depot Road Woodwork Shop  
SALE – Saturday 17th October  
at Wongan Hills  
Inspection 9am-11am  
SALE commences 11am.**

**Phone 08 9671 1469 6pm-8pm only.**

**Slabmaster with dust extractor, Lewisawmill  
with bandsaw attachment, various HD  
machinery, wood tools, picture framing gear,  
mouldings, work benches, 30 pallets assorted  
sawn timber, welders, Honda VTC with sidecar,  
4.3m inflatable on bb trailer, XH Ford Outback  
hydratrak diff., Fordson Power Major, Jet ski,  
Gold detector, Filing cabinets, 1962 Solo  
chainsaw 125 cc. camping gear, Cyclone type  
dust extractor, 17cu ft electric compressor.**

# Northam Aero Club Calendar 2015

AUGUST							EVENT	From	To
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
						1	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	9	9
2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5			
SEPTEMBER							EVENT		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
		1	2	3	4	5			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	13	13
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
27	28	29	30	1	2	3			
OCTOBER							EVENT		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
				1	2	3			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	11	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			



## BAR ROSTER 2015—2016

<b>AUGUST</b>		
1st-2nd	-	Matt
8th-9th	-	Ashley
15th-16th	-	Howie
22nd-23rd	-	Peter
29th-30th		Crofty

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1st	-	Peter
7th-8th	-	Crofty
14th-15th	-	Matt
21st-22nd	-	Ashley
28th-29th		Howie

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
5th-6th	-	Ashley
12th-13th	-	Matt
19th-20th	-	Howie
26th-27th	-	Peter

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
5th-6th	-	Peter
12th-13th	-	Crofty
19th-20th	-	Matt
26th-27th	-	CLOSED

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
3rd-4th	-	Crofty
10th-11th	-	Ashley
17th-18th	-	Matt
24th-25th	-	Howie
31st		Peter

<b>JANUARY</b>		
2nd-3rd	-	CLOSED
9th-10th	-	Ashley
16th-17th	-	Howie
23rd-24th	-	Peter
30th-31st		Crofty

### **Bar Hours**

**Sat. 5pm—7 pm**

**Sun. 5pm—7pm**

**IF UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTERED DAYS PLEASE  
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SWAP WITH SOMEONE**

## Little Laughs





# PILOTS

Confused souls who talk about women when  
they're flying  
and about flying when they're with women

Sport Aircraft Builders Club of WA Inc.

# SABC Annual Fly-In 2015

**'The Year of the Homebuilder'**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**YSEN - Serpentine Airfield**

**286 Yangedi Road, Hopeland. W.A. 6125**

**'Perth's Home of Amateur Built Aircraft'**



**Put the date in your diary now, all your friends will be there, don't miss it**

**Competitions (ground & air), aerobatics, formations, displays, aircraft judging, fly market, raffles, and much, much more.**

**Evening dinner with awards, bookings will be essential.**

**Early birds BBQ will be held on Saturday night, the 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

Contact the 2015 Convener, Tony Moore for more information on -  
0414 352 067 or [tonysplane@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tonysplane@yahoo.com.au)

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**NEXT CLUB COMPETITION**

**9am Sunday 11th October 2015**

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting  
will be held at the club rooms on  
Sunday the 11th October 2015 at 12:00 (noon)

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