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### President's Report

Welcome to 2007 at Bathurst Aero Club. We have a year of aviation and social activities planned and hope that you will be able to take part in at least some of them. An aero club, like any other club is characterised by the involvement of members in its activities. The more that members are involved, the better the club.

One area of activity, which is important, is the willingness of members to give up time to ensure that the Club prospers. Inevitably, those who give up the most are the members of the Board of Directors. In the case of Bathurst Aero Club, that means giving up one night every month to manage the Club and then giving up other time to do Club activities.

Before moving on to the future, I want to pay tribute to the members of the immediate past Board of Directors, especially those, who have retired. Our President for the past three years, Kingsley Picker leaves an enormously positive legacy. His leadership during difficult times ensured that the Club has prospered. Jerry Trevor-Jones stepped in at short notice to the Treasurer's position at a time in which he was doubtless hoping to enjoy more time in retirement. As always, our books were kept immaculately. Margaret Wood, our most recent Life Member and long serving Club secretary was rewarded with the job of Social Director and, as always, ensured that our social events were well attended, enjoyable and contributed a little to Club coffers. Last, but not least, Frank Wells found the demands of a growing business interfered with his Club duties. Frank liaised with our maintenance

engineer, Mark Renshaw, to ensure that VH-BAC had high levels of availability and low needs for unscheduled maintenance.

We also welcome four new Board members. Brian Bailey has taken on the onerous role of Treasurer. Tom Fallow is looking after maintenance of VH-BAC. Peter Ticehurst is in charge of social events and is already practising his culinary skills. Kevin Wilkins is in charge of the hangar. All four are giving up some of their valuable time to help run your Club along with returning members: Errol Chopping, Ed Collins, Graham Gentles, John Marston and Matthew Millett.

If you have a little spare time, come along to Your Club. The bar is open most Sunday afternoons from about 4pm. During late summer and autumn especially, it has the best views in Bathurst and good beer and wine all year round. Even if you don't fly in flying competitions, come out for the BBQ lunch. If you can help for an hour or two at the working bee in March, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Safe and enjoyable flying,

David Bull,  
President.

### Coming Events

Please take note of the following events over the next couple of months:

- **First round of Club Flying Competition**

- Sunday, February 25, 9am to 5pm.
- BBQ lunch at 12.30pm.
- **First night flying social**
  - Saturday, March 10 at 6pm.
  - Salads, prawns and cold meats.
  - Invitation to follow.
- **Working Bee**
  - Sunday, March 18, 10am to 3pm.
  - BBQ lunch at noon.

## Advertising with Bathurst Aero Club

Want to advertise your business with Bathurst Aero Club? This newsletter goes to over 120 members and 30 aero clubs around NSW. The Club website currently has about 100 hits per week. Talk to a member of the Board about advertising your business in the newsletter or on the website.

### Angel Flight

Lots of pilots now do a little bit of work for this worthy organisation. It's a great way to do something for the community and show the community just how important general aviation is. As an Angel Flight pilot, you:

- Will help to transport family members to visit a sick relative in hospital.
- Need a minimum of 250 hours as pilot in command.
- Select your own flight.
- Are able to cancel a flight if the weather is unsuitable.
- Mobil will pay for the fuel.
- Airports waive landing fees.

Have a look at the Angel Flight website for more information: [www.angelflight.org.au](http://www.angelflight.org.au)

### Club Raffle

We started this project two years ago. It's now time to complete it. The raffle will be drawn on March 31<sup>st</sup> this year. The prize is a desktop computer with your choice of a colour printer

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or MS Flight Simulator. If you have any unsold tickets, please bring them back to the Club by March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to buy some last tickets, they're available from the Club for just \$2.00. Remember, this is your last chance to buy a ticket.

### Booking VH-BAC

**When you book the Club aircraft, VH-BAC, please ensure that you either use your booking or cancel the booking if you can't go flying.**

### Links to Bathurst Aero Club Website

The Board of Bathurst Aero Club thinks that linking Aero Club websites will encourage aviation activity. If other aero clubs agree with this idea, please let us know your website address and we'll add it to the links on our website and please include our website as a link on your website.

([www.bathurst-aero-club.org.au](http://www.bathurst-aero-club.org.au))

### Oil into VH-BAC

If you put oil into VH-BAC, please ensure that you record this on the maintenance release. Monitoring oil consumption is one of the best ways to monitor the condition of the engine, so it is important that we know how much oil the engine is using. At present, we are running it on Shell oil. There is a container of oil in the cargo compartment.

### GPS and Problems

As GA pilots become increasingly dependent on GPS signals not only for navigation but for instrument approaches, it now appears that it may be possible for the [signals to be disrupted by solar flares](#). Right now that's not a problem because the sun is in a quiet phase, but it's expected to get active again in 2011. That seems a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. The intense solar flares could cause GPS signals used by aircraft navigation and emergency location systems to degrade by up to 90 percent, for hours at a

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time. GPS has become ubiquitous during a quiet solar period, and no easy fix for the problem is immediately apparent. The disruptive effect was discovered accidentally by a grad student studying the ionosphere, and was later verified by numerous sources. So far, it seems the only way to cope with the interference is to have a backup plan for when it happens.

#### EMAIL

If you change your email address, would you please advise the Club!!! Our email address list doesn't work if we have an incorrect address. This is making it very hard to keep in touch with members. It is the reason that some notices to members are arriving late. When you change your email address, please just send the Club a quick email with your new address. The Club's email address is: [bathurst.aero@bigpond.com](mailto:bathurst.aero@bigpond.com)

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

We'll update the list next issue.

#### PHOTOS FOR SALE

The Club has a large collection of photos of aviation activities and Club history. If you would like a copy of any photo, have a look at the Club website, then contact the Club office. You can buy copies either framed or unframed.



#### GIFT VOUCHERS

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Ever wondered what to give someone or have someone, who can't think what to get you for a Christmas or birthday present. The Club now offers gift vouchers. This is your chance to give that special person or let them give you some free flying or buy some other Club merchandise. Please contact the Club office to buy one. You can purchase gift vouchers in any value.

### CARE IN THE HANGAR

When moving aircraft in the hangar, please take great care to avoid hangar damage. If possible, find someone to help you move aircraft.



### Lighter Than Air

1. Remind me, again. What did I just say? (Heard at KRFD the other day as we turned to final in a King Air.)

**Cessna123:** Cessna123 ready to go Runway 19.

**Tower:** Hold short for traffic on final.

**Cessna123:** Ready to go 19.

**Tower:** I already told you to hold short.

**Cessna123:** Do you want me to take the runway?

**Tower:** If killing yourself and others is at the top of your agenda today, I'd rather you did it somewhere other than Runway 19, just now.

**Cessna123:** Hold short Runway 19.

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2. An oldie, but a goodie...

I was behind a Grob 115 that checked in with the tower, holding short of the active, ready for takeoff, with a Shorts Skyvan on final. This is what happened next...

*Tower:* Grob 123, sit tight. I'll get you off just as soon as I get my shorts down.

[pause]

*Tower:* (With laughter clearly audible in background) Oh, you know what I meant!

3. We were flying from Chatham, Massachusetts to Nantucket with flight following from Cape approach. The weather was marginal VFR with heavy haze and reasonably poor visibility when out of the mist we heard this on the air:

**Cape approach:** "Cessna Four Five Six, are you aware that you are heading toward a restricted area?"

**Cessna:** "No, I wasn't aware of a restricted area. What's in there?"

**Cape approach:** "It's some type of microwave installation."

**Cessna:** "Yup, I see a tower ahead."

**Cape approach:** "That's the tower I want you to miss. If you fly near that tower, it could ruin all your equipment, and you'll never have any children."

**Cessna:** "Roger that. Turning now..."

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4. We were in our Seneca performing the pre-takeoff run-up at Orlando Executive Airport when we heard this exchange on ground control frequency:

**Cessna:** Orlando ground, Cessna Two Three Four, clear of the active.

**Ground:** Cessna Two Three Four, taxi to the ramp.

**Cessna (still on ground frequency but thinking he'd switched to unicom 122.95):** Executive Air...ah, this is Cessna Two Three Four...we're going to need some gas.

**Ground:** I've got plenty of gas, but I don't think it'll work very well in your airplane. Try Executive Air on 122.95.

### Board of Directors 2007

The members of the Board for 2007 and their responsibilities are listed below. If you have any problems or suggestions in any of these areas, please contact the appropriate member.

David Bull	President ( <b>Publicity</b> )
Graham Gentles	Vice President ( <b>Flying</b> )
Brian Bailey	Treasurer
Ed Collins	Secretary ( <b>Bar</b> )

Ordinary Members:  
Errol Chopping

Tom Fallow  
John Marston  
Matthew Millett

**Webmaster,**  
**duty pilot rosters**  
**Aircraft maintenance**  
**Fuel**  
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Peter Ticehurst  
Kevin Wilkins

**Social  
Hangar**

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