
The Wind Bag

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President's Report

On behalf of the incoming Board of Directors, welcome to another year at Bathurst Aero Club. Firstly, let me thank the retiring Board members from 2007, Brian Bailey Errol Chopping and Tom Fallow for their hard work over the years. Errol will continue to operate the Club website, which is a significant contribution to Club activities in the electronic era.

It would be remiss of me to not also thank the Board members, who are continuing on in the arduous job of running the Club: Ed Collins, Graham Gentles, John Marston, Matthew Millett, and Peter Ticehurst.

Lastly, we can welcome two new members to the Board, Leigh Cutler and Brian Harvey.

If you look at the list of Board members at the end of this newsletter, you will see that we only have nine Board members. At the Annual General Meeting, there wasn't a volunteer for the position of Treasurer. Graham Gentles in his capacity as Vice President is handling the Treasurer's job. Once again, Jerry Trevor-Jones has kindly offered to do the day-to-day banking. If anyone would like to volunteer as Treasurer, I'm sure that Graham and Jerry would be grateful. Kylie Moorhead does the books on a monthly basis, so the job of Treasurer is not quite as hard as it may sound.

Shortly, we will be distributing the calendar of activities for the year. At the time of writing, it is with the printers.

The first activity of the year is drinks on Friday, February 15 from 6pm at the Club. Please ring or email the Club to let us know if you will be attending. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy well priced drinks, a few

nibbles, good company and one of the nicest sunset views in Bathurst.

We have an exciting range of flying activities this year, which begin with the first flying competition on February 25, followed by a flyaway to the HAARS annual open day on March 8.

In April, we welcome the C182 Society. Thanks to the efforts of long time Club member, John Bestwick, the C182 Society has chosen Bathurst for one of its fly-ins. Aircraft arrive on Friday, April 11 and depart on Sunday April 13. Hopefully, as many members as possible will be able to meet C182 society members and make them welcome. (More details closer to the time.)

Lastly, the exterior of the Clubrooms needs some TLC. A working bee is being organised for March. Please try and attend so that we can do this essential maintenance. Last time we held a working bee, disappointingly only Board members turned up. These people already give generously of their time to keep your Club running. They need some assistance at times.

David Bull,
President.

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 over 150 hits per week. Talk to a member of the Board about advertising your business in the newsletter or on the website.

Wanted: Duty Pilots

As many of you know, the Club runs on a voluntary basis. Part of that voluntary basis is the duty pilot roster. Numbers are dwindling. We need some new volunteers.

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At the moment, duty pilots are rostered on about once every five weeks. With more volunteers, we will increase the length of the cycle and reduce the number of times any person has to do it. **Please consider volunteering to help your Club.**

Duty pilots spend about half a weekend day to do the following jobs:

- Greet visitors.
- Clean the Clubrooms.
- Serve fuel if needed.

Club Raffle

The draw for the prize of a Toshiba laptop computer loaded with MS Flight Simulator was held at the Annual Dinner last November. The draw was preceded by a flurry of ticket buying from those present. Our guest speaker, Squadron Leader John Cornett drew the winning ticket. The winner was Myra Dunn. Myra is a member of the Flying Geese sewing group, who rent the Clubrooms on Thursday mornings. Myra was delighted with her win.

Thank you to all members, who bought and sold tickets.

First Flying Comp

The first round of the competition will be held on Sunday, February 24. Please remember to book any time after 9 am on Friday, February 22.

Cleaning Windows in VH-BAC

The windows in VH-BAC are suffering some scratch damage. When you clean the windows, please take great care. Good visibility is an important safety matter and there's nothing worse than trying to see through scratches while landing into a setting sun. To make cleaning easier, a can of Plexus and a soft cloth has been added to the equipment in the baggage hold.

Trestles

The Club owns a number of trestle tables. Although the table tops are stored safely in the hangar, the trestles are missing. If anyone has borrowed the trestles and simply forgotten to bring them back, would they mind doing so? These are an important Club asset.

Booking VH-BAC

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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)

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.

GIFT VOUCHERS

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.

Board of Directors 2008

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 (Publicity)
Graham Gentles	Vice President (Treasury duties)
Ed Collins	Secretary (Bar)

Ordinary Members:

Leigh Cutler	Aircraft maintenance
Brian Harvey	Flying
John Marston	Fuel
Matthew Millett	House
Peter Ticehurst	Social
Kevin Wilkins	Hangar