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# FIRST MEETING FOR MHAC

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IF YOU DISREGARD THE DRINKS CELEBRATING THE "RAISING THE ROOF" BACK IN JANUARY, THE FIRST MEETING WAS HELD LAST MONDAY 13 MAY.

The occasion was the meeting called by the Orange City Council to appraise airport users of the progress, not only to the MHAC, but to the development at the airport generally.

Of particular interest to OAC members, is the progress towards the building of the new Airport Terminal. Detailed plans and concept drawings were displayed, and the EIS available for inspection.

Current estimate for the completion of the tendering process when the MHAC will need to be ready to assume its initial role of Temporary Terminal is around three to four months.

While this has been delayed from the original date, it takes the pressure off the construction of the MHAC. which should still be completed by the end of June.

The meeting concluded with a BBQ dinner provided by members of the Aero Club.

Building construction this week includes installation of



light fittings, bathroom tiling, external downpipes and the suspended ceiling. The priming and undercoating of the gyprock walls was completed last week, prior to the suspension grid being installed.

### A DIFFERENT DRAG

And now, just to prove we're not always sane and boring, here's a couple of pics dragged in from the 2013 Cruisin' Along Rally's function at Broken Hill.

Drag Queens Stuartina, Johnine and Davidia (pictured) flew Orange to Broken Hill especially to attend the function, which had the theme of "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert".

They had so much fun they had to drag themselves away, but we didn't have to drag the pics out of them!

All in a good cause - raising funds for Cancer Care Western NSW.





# **SEEING DOUBLE?**

#### THE STRANGE LITTLE BEAST IN THE PICTURE BELOW LOOKS LIKE A FAMILIAR AIRCRAFT!

You won't find any reference to this on the Jabiru Website, but the photo looks to be a shot of a twin engined Jabiru taken in the Jabiru factory.

It appears that Jab have opted to mount the two 2200 4 cylinder engines up front, rather than the more conventional arrangement of having them on the wings. In fact, it looks like a J230 from the firewall back, with the twin engine unit bolted on the front.

Most of the aircraft then, would be made of 'standard' J 230 bits - a big plus for the manufacturer.

It will be interesting to see if this concept becomes a reality, or if its just Rod Stiff playing around.





Trees planted at my home about five years ago remind me daily of the friendships formed through Orange Aero Club.

Thank you again, to all those involved in every way. Greatly appreciated. Ken.





Last month, the popular EFB, OzRunways received CASA approval of the documentation included in the App, available for Apple iPad and iPhone.

What this means is that the electronic version of charts, ERSA and AIP (and DAPs for those with the higher sub-

## **CASA Approval**

### Approval under CAR 233(1)(h)

scription) can be carried in the aircraft in lieu of paper versions. You must still ensure that the documents are current, and that you have access for the duration of the flight - and this means guarding against flat batteries and equipment failure. Having the App on both iPad and iPhone with you may be an acceptable safeguard.

You are still not allowed to use the 'go fly' feature as the principal means of navigation. For most of us, this still means dead reckoning.

The following is extracted from OzRunways website.

OzRunways is now approved by CASA as a data provider under <u>CAR 233(1)(h)</u>, which states:

The pilot in command of an aircraft must not commence a flight if he or she has not received evidence, and taken such action as is necessary to ensure, that the latest editions of the aeronautical maps, charts and other aeronautical information and instructions, published in AIP or **by a person approved in writing**, that are applicable to the route to be flown and to any alternative route that may be flown on that flight are carried in the aircraft and are readily accessible to the flight crew.

OzRunways is *a person approved in writing*, our instrument of approval is CASA 44/13. The approval is valid for all versions of OzRunways EFB for: • Maps • ERSA • DAP East and West • AIP



The two new pilots appearing in the March issue - **Kent Hayman** and **Tim Healey**, have now both gained their Passenger endorsement, so can now take others within their 25 nautical mile radius.

Jabiru 5022 The hair-line cracking around the aileron hinges discovered by eagle-eye Simon Coleman during a pre-flight, has now been addressed by glassing strengthening gussets either side of each hinge. This won't make the cracks go away, but it does elimi-



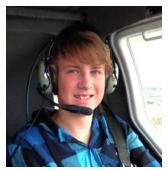


nate any flexing in the area, and ensures the structural integrity of the control surfaces. Also, 5022 is now back on the normal diet of 20W50 oil from the BLUE bottle.

We've experienced **another headset plug failure** on one of the David Clark headsets, and it may be this is caused by the seat belt being tangled around it and then pulled tight. It's a poor location for the headset sockets (re-located in later aircraft) but please try and avoid any sideways pushing or pulling on the plugs. It's paradoxical that it's only happened on the 'good' headsets, not on the cheapies!

**Rick Wiley** commenced training nearly a year ago, and has now re-commenced after work got the better of him. He's no stranger to flying and aircraft, spending a lot of time in military fixed and rotary wing aircraft - and jumping out of them!

Commenced training in the last week are **Hayden Haug** and **Henry Dunlop**.



**Hayden** is a 15 year old schoolie from Blayney who's had a long standing interest in flying and decided to go the next step after a TIF a month ago.

**Henry** is just a little older, from Orange, and he's commenced training with John, also after a successful TIF.



A big welcome to all these student pilots - we hope your flying will be interesting and rewarding.

**There are signs** that the flying training industry is picking up after having been in the 'Doldrums' for the last 12 or 18 months - at least for Orange Flight Training.

Time will tell, but since the last news we've had several new starters, and there have been some gift certificates sold too.

Julian Barson has been flying principally with Senior Instructor John McKenzie, and has reached circuits stage in his training. He's a medical student working in Orange for 12 months.



**Emily Foy-Brown** has had a TIF and her first lesson, and will hopefully continue her lessons. She's a Uni student and a graduate of Orange High in 2011.

**Peter Lovenfosse** holds a PPL from some time ago, and a few years back had a couple of lessons in a J160 at Warnervale. He lives in Sydney, but decided to re-commence training while visiting relatives in the Orange area.

**Steve Turner** is a well known former radio personality in Orange. He now operates Western Batteries, and owns and pilots Cessna 172 SP VH-XJP. Steve has decided to add to his bag of skills by learning to fly a Jabiru!



*Laurie Chapman* sent in this photo of an EVA Air 747 taking off from Amsterdam - Schiphol in the Netherlands. No matter how seasoned you were, I reckon you'd still duck as this went over only a few hundred feet overhead!



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