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## MHAC OFFICIALLY OPEN



### **A CROWD OF ABOUT 170 PEOPLE WITNESSED THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MAX HAZELTON AERO CENTRE ON 24 AUGUST 2013.**

The momentous event was officially conducted by Orange Aero Club Patron and Guest of Honour, Max Hazelton OBE, in conjunction with Member for Orange Andrew Gee and Orange City Councillor Chris Gryllis.

The long-awaited event was the culmination of the activity which has taken place over the past year, but which had its genesis around ten years ago, when planning started to get serious.

A major component of the Centre is the inclusion of the Aero Medical Interchange Facility - a secure, comfortable area where patients can be transferred between Air Ambulance and Road Ambulance.

The facility will also benefit Ambulance staff and aircrew, by providing some basic comfortable facilities during inevitable delays.

Until now transfers have had to take place in the open air, regardless of the weather and time of day or night.

While the Orange Aero Club owns the building, it will be used by Orange City Council as a temporary Terminal, whilst the existing terminal is being demolished and a

brand new facility constructed. This is expected to take about eighteen months to two years.

This unique arrangement has allowed the facility to be constructed much earlier than would have otherwise been possible, and at a great cost saving to the club, whilst also saving the City the cost of providing a temporary facility whilst the new terminal was being constructed.

It has been aptly described as a "Win-Win" situation for all parties.

Once the building is returned to the Aero Club after minor alterations, the building will be available for hire to community and business groups and for private functions. It will be a first class function centre with full conference facilities.

The next day saw the building open to the public, and many Orange residents dropped in to inspect the facility.

More pictures of the opening are on the following page, and a slide show of the event can be downloaded from <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/61171843/Orange%20Aero%20Club%20Opening.ppsx>

# THE MAX HAZELTON AERO CENTRE OPENING

**Photographs of the Official Opening , clockwise from right:**

*Guest of Honour Max Hazelton OAM addresses the crowd.*

*The Commemorative Plaque now mounted adjacent to the main entrance.*

*Max presents John Pullen with a sign identifying the Pilot's Briefing Room in recognition of John's outstanding work on the project.*

*Max Hazelton and son Toby prior to the ceremony.*

*Lunch was served at the conclusion of the ceremony.*



# AGM SEES LITTLE CHANGE

THE SPRING HILL HOTEL WAS AGAIN CHOSEN AS THE VENUE FOR THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ORANGE AERO CLUB INCORPORATED

As has been the habit in the last few years, the meeting was conducted first, then followed by lunch for those who chose to stay.

The meeting heard reports from the President and Treasurer, after which the President stood down and invited John Ellis to conduct elections for the Committee of Management

There were no surprises, and few changes to the line up for the 2013/2014 year. Phil Robertson was replaced as President by John Pullen,



*The Executive: Out with the old and in with the new*



but most of the other positions remained the same, after a very speedy election conducted by John Ellis.

Since there were no Notices pre-submitted of any motions to be discussed, the meeting was closed and adjourned for lunch.

Roast Pork and beef was provided by hotel staff, followed by dessert of tiramisu or apple strudel, and tea and coffee.

AFTER THE MEETING AND LUNCH, MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO MEET IN THE NEW AERO CLUB - A SORT OF "CHRISTENING" - BEFORE IT BECAME THE TEMPORARY TERMINAL.

This was a last minute opportunity put on, I believe, By John Pullen and Stuart Porges.

It was to be "champagne, cheese & crackers" but as usual, the Aero Club ladies excelled themselves by preparing a magnificent afternoon tea.

It was great to see a number of new faces there - some new members, and a few long-standing ones we don't see so often.

It was also great to welcome Orange City Councillor and recently re-elected Mayor of Orange John Davis, and his lady Kaye.

John has been most supportive of the concept from day one, and has been



a great assistance during the planning and negotiation stages. He also pledged his on-going support.

Jan Pullen reckoned it would be a good idea to take a "class photo" of those present, and the result is above.

Of course, everything comes at a price! John Pullen, charged with hearing everyone into position for the photo, couldn't resist making a twenty minute speech! D'you think David put him up to it?



# ORANGE AERO CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

**The Pilot of the Year Competition is now heading into the final round, the last couple of rounds having been completed since the last newsletter.**

As usually happens, the year starts off with a fairly full slate, but as time goes on, the numbers dwindle.

This has been especially the case with the GA Division, to the extent that we won't have a GA round again this year.

There are four pilots in the RAA division who've completed all five rounds, and one other who's completed four of the five, and realistically,

the Pilot of the Year will be one of these.

Round four was won by a very narrow margin by Braden Riles, and Round five by Simon Coleman, so congratulations to both of these pilots.

The last round of the year will be held on Sunday 10 November, and of course there will be a BBQ lunch on the day. Details closer to the date.



**CASA's AvSafety Seminar will be held at Bathurst Aero Club this Tuesday night 24 Sept starting at 1800 hrs.**

One of the main elements this time will be an introduction to the new regulations which come into force on 4 December this year. They include :

- > New part 61 Pilot licence
- > Flying School activities
- > Electronic Flight Bags
- > New Fatigue rules
- > Performance Based navigation

All pilots are affected and all should attend. You need to book on line with CASA at [www.casa.gov.au/avsafety](http://www.casa.gov.au/avsafety) and advise Bathurst Aero Club if you'll be staying for dinner at [Bathurst.aero@bigpond.com.au](mailto:Bathurst.aero@bigpond.com.au).

Definitely worth staying for dinner. Talk to others and start a car pool!

Well, you've either enjoyed this second Ausfly event at Narromine, or you've missed out for another year.

I don't know of anyone from Orange who attended, but I've heard it was a

good show and is set to run again next year. There were certainly several aircraft overflying Orange on the way to and from. Perhaps some of us will get to ...

This will be the second such event, the inaugural one being held in 2011.

The Museum will have most of their aircraft in the air, and there will be plenty of visiting aircraft as well.

It's basically hosted by David Lowy, who has deep pockets so should be

a great show.

As a bonus, our very own club member Allan Brown will be doing the sound & lighting for the airshow and dinner. Check out the website for the latest details.

**Orange City Council** will be moving into the new MHAC this weekend (21 September) as a temporary terminal. We won't have a lot of use as a club over the next couple of years, but hey, it wouldn't even be finished by then if the Council hadn't come to the party!

## ***NEW MEMBERS***

There've been several new members since the last newsletter, and Orange Aero Club extends a big welcome to all these new members. All are current pilots:

**In May - Phillip Wilson and David Paton. In June - Andy Stucken and Brian Wood. In September - Andrew Marsh, Doug Watson and Ralph Chrystall.**

Guys, look out for the roving cameraman who'll be wanting a picture for the next newsletter, so members can put a face to the names. Intending members - please note that you must be nominated by a current member, and your application is considered at the next committee meeting.

***“Ultimately, the standard of your flying will be the standard you're prepared to accept from yourself”***



# ORANGE FLIGHT TRAINING NEWS AND EVENTS

**The Last Newsletter** went out towards the end of May, and as these things usually get done on rainy days, it probably means there hasn't been much rain since then!

I can't promise to do better in the future, but I will try!

Life goes on though, and OFT would like to welcome new students, and congratulate those who've made significant achievements. I'll list them here in no particular order...

**Edwina Gadsby** commenced intensive training late August and is well on the way to her basic Pilot Certificate, having about two hours solo behind her. She'll probably finish her PC before I finish this newsletter!

Edwina is between jobs - her last one being a ski instructor in Canada - so she's making the most of the break by learning to fly.



**Peter Reid** is a retired cocky from Molong area. He's a member of the Orange Aero Club committee, and has spent a lot of time riding shotgun to John Pullen in the Archer.

Pete's just up to getting his head around circuits, mostly with John McKenzie.

He'll soon be teaching John some tricks!

**Mick Gough** has taken a couple of lessons and is at the stage of deciding whether or not to continue. Mick is the dad of one of the Aero Club junior members in the early days - around Steve Ridgewell's time.

**Felicity Liang** isn't really a student - but she'd like to be!

She did a few lessons some years ago in a C150, and I reckon if she lived a bit closer to Orange she'd get back into it.

Fliss took a flight while husband Aaron took fright!



In the achievements department, **Nigel Vagg** and **Ryan Buchmaier** have recently gained their Pilot Certificate and has now gained his Passenger Endorsement.

**Nigel** hails from Ivanhoe, and describes himself as a Rural Contractor, and fits lessons in when he's working in the area. Well - within a hundred km or so!

**Ryan** is a boarder at KWS in Orange and has been learning for about two years, starting with Thomas Aviation.

He's in Year 12 so will be finishing up soon, and re-locating to Grand Rapids Michigan USA, where he hopes to continue to a flying career.

A couple of other potential career pilots are **Luke Eberle** and **Zac Grindrod-Burge**, both KWS year 12 students. Luke has just completed his XC Endorsement and Zac only has his flight test to go.

**Tim Healey** and **Mark Holle** are also near to completing their XC endorsements. It seems like this endorsement is all the rage this last six months or so!

**Julian Barson** and **Roland Grueneis** are knocking over their solo time and getting close to Pilot Certificate, while **Chris Fraser** and **Richard Campbell** have just about mastered the flare & hold off prior to a graceful return to earth. No stopping them then!

**Jack Yeomans** recently suffered a serious injury when a shooting accident caused him to lose the three middle toes of his right foot.

This happened about three months ago, but apparently he's back at school, and hopefully we'll get him up flying before much longer.

A speedy and complete recovery, Jack, even though they won't grow back again.

We especially encourage kids to take a Trial Instructional Flight early in life to give them a taste of controlling an aeroplane in flight. Sometimes they'll continue, sometimes it might be years later, but its always worth the little bit of effort. These two guys are both from Manildra area - **Sam Ryder** on the left and **Hugh Pottie** on the right.

