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NOWRA TRIP CANNED—LUNCH AT MUDGEE



Ken & Sharon Evans, John Pullen, Jann & Stuart Porges. Jan Pullen behind the camera.

THE FORECAST FOR THE SOUTH COAST EARLY IN THE WEEK CAUSED THE NOWRA TRIP TO BE CANCELLED.

Six of the original starters made a day trip to Mudgee on the Sunday for lunch. Ken and Sharon Evans travelled with John and Jan Pullen in the Archer, while Stuart and Jann Porges flew across in the Jabiru.

HOWEVER...

Bruce and Peta Whiley flew down to Jasper's Brush airstrip near Nowra on the Friday afternoon in their Arrow, and had near perfect weather all weekend.

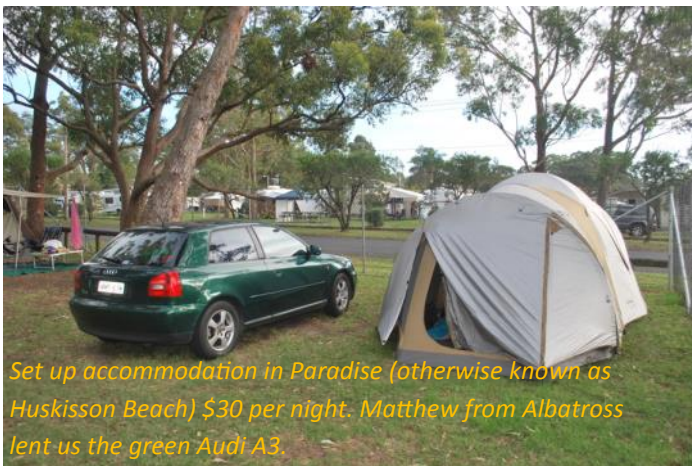
Bruce sent some photographs (which have been circulated by the Club Secretary) just to make everyone envious, I reckon.

Here's a few of Bruce's photos. To download the rest, copy & paste this link into your browser:

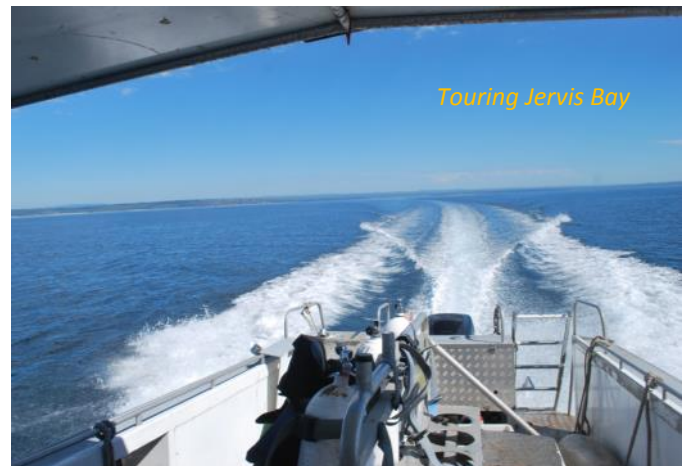
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*Arrive Jaspers Brush
Friday 21st, weather sensational
clear skies. 45 Minute flight Orange – Jaspers.*



Set up accommodation in Paradise (otherwise known as Huskisson Beach) \$30 per night. Matthew from Albatross lent us the green Audi A3.



Touring Jervis Bay

Your Newsletter Editor is laboriously trying to get his head around MS Publisher, before the old computer with Pagemaker 6.5 (which won't run under Windows 7) dies. Publisher is quite different to PM, so I apologise in advance for the errors... *Ken*.



RELAY FOR LIFE—ORANGE 2014 IS DONE & DUSTED ...

Well, not so much dusted, as the weather was showery and the ground very soggy!

Nevertheless, the atmosphere was a fun, happy occasion, interspersed with periods of sombre reflection as people remembered their loved ones who had succumbed to cancer.

Orange Aero Club had nine registrations (and there were several other members with other teams), and raised a modest total of \$738. Thanks to all those who supported the



Great to see lots of young people involved. NSW MP for Orange Andrew Gee walked with his family.—Web pic.

event with their presence or by donation. Overall, the event raised \$128k so far, out of a target of \$170k, with 1176 participants in 90 teams. The best team in terms of fund raising was Wentworth Golf Club with \$10,787, and there were 12 registered teams who raised zero. I guess they were “seemed like a good idea at the time” situations.

AERODROME WORKS

On 28th March, as I write this, the low cloud and light misty rain is playing havoc with the runway extensions and the new terminal construction.

Last Tuesday, the threshold of runway 11 was displaced, the grass runway was closed and the part of the taxiway leading to the works area was closed, so the only runway available is a shortened 11/29, and the only access is via the main taxiway “alpha”.

The terminal construction has encroached further on the old car park, and will shortly block access to the Aero Medical Transfer Facility, so the road ambulances will again be on the tarmac.

Tomorrow, in addition to everything else going on at the Airport, the MHAC will host Max Hazelton’s book launch, and Matt Southwell’s wedding takes place in Orange Aero Engineering’s Hangar!



THE SECOND BIENNIAL EXPO WAS HELD AT THE PCYC ON 16 MARCH... BUT WILL IT CONTINUE?

The general impression was that numbers were down on the inaugural event two years ago—both in terms of exhibitors and visitors. There were only two exhibitors with outdoor displays—The Scouts and the Croquet Club!

The conduct of the event by Rotary was excellent with heaps of assistance available to exhibitors to set up their display on the Saturday.



Orange Aero Club combined with Orange Flight Training, and from our perspective, there was a good level of interest—probably more than the previous time.

Here’s a couple of pics of the display areas.

THE HAZELTON STORY

Family members and former employees gathered at the MHAC on 29th March, to launch Dennis Gregory’s book about the contribution the Hazelton family, and Max in particular, have made to regional aviation in Australia.



The chairman was Orange Mayor John Davis, and speakers included State Member Andrew Gee, Rodney Tonkin, and Max and Laurel themselves. The

actual launch was conducted by Dick Smith, who has had a lot of aviation involvement with Max over the years, and who wrote the foreword to the book.

The book is now available for sale at \$45 ea through the aero club, then later through booksellers.

Photos show part of the 100 plus people at the launch, and Max, Andrew and Dick chatting outside the MHAC.





Orange Flight Training News and Events

A very big **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Student Pilot Jack Ford** from Parkes, who received the great news that he has been awarded an AirServices Scholarship through the RA-Aus GYFTS program.

Jack commenced training in January this year, and is well on the way towards his first solo. The scholarship pays \$2,500 towards his flying training, which in Recreational aircraft, represents around half the cost of his basic Pilot Certificate.

Jack is the first OFT student to receive an award, though many have applied over the years.



Sam Cook has now returned to work on a NT station, taking with him his brand new Cross Country Endorsement.

Next time he's back in the area, he'll complete his PPL conversion, adding to his skills and utility on the station.



Peter Reid, as a "mature aged" student, is doing it a little tougher, but getting on top now and making steady progress. He should rocket ahead from here, provided the weather play ball for his lessons.



Quenten Jones has been missing from training for about 15 months due to business pressures, but has now returned and pretty-much picked up where he left off.



Angus McIntosh is just about ready for his flight test, having recently completed his solo flying time and passed the last of his exams.

Chris Fraser recently achieved his first solo, and will continue to build his solo time while working through the remaining lessons in the syllabus.

Ben Mobilio is a new student with just a TIF and one lesson behind him at this stage. Welcome Ben, and we hope you really enjoy the process of learning, as well as the eventual freedom of flight.



Sam Goddard is another young guy who's really going well. Along with Jack (above) he's just about "mastered" the art of landing in very short time. Won't be long till Sam is taking his first solo.

THE BAD NEWS FOR EVERYONE IS THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A PRICE INCREASE FROM 1ST MAY.

With the exception of a small increase in the price of a TIF, we've been able to hold our rates constant for the last couple of years, despite continuing increases in fuel, insurance, electricity, rates—just about everything. The new rates will cover these costs for a while, and give our instructors a pay rise! Training rate will be \$180/hr, Private Hire \$125/hour, Long briefings \$40 and Navex Planning \$40/hour.

OFT's rates still compare favourably with other similar schools—about the same as Airwest at Mudgee and significantly less than Central West Flying at Bathurst.