

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT DUNTRYLEAGUE

A SMALL GROUP OF MEMBERS & FRIENDS ENJOYED THE XMAS FESTIVITIES AT THIS REGULAR EVENT.

Fourteen people helped fill the Duntryleague Restaurant on Saturday 19th July, and were fortunate to be joined by Santa, who shed the traditional red garb after his formal duties, to dine at the Aero Club table. He can be seen in the extreme right of the photo. The person behind the camera, and therefore not in the photo was Sharon Evans.



AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

Its the time of the year again when the Orange Aero Club holds its Annual General Meeting.

Around 14 members turned up Sunday 17 August to hear the Committee's reports on the the past year's activities, and to elect a new committee for the ensuing year.

In addition, five new Junior Members were there in spirit - in fact they were having their monthly theory lesson before the flying component of the Junior Training Program, in the OUC training room.

The elections, conducted by Sue Ridgewell, saw some shuffling of the deck chairs, and resulted in John Pullen retaining his role of President, assisted by Vice President Phil Robertson. Secretary is now Ken Pidcock, and Ron Pullen retained the role of Treasurer, assisted by Bryan Clements.

Other committee persons are:

Paul Williams, Bob Nash and Allan Brown.

Stuart Porges and Ken Hazelton are *ex-officio* members in their capacity as DAMEs

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details of forthcoming
Presentation Dinner Dance at OESC.
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NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS COMMENCE TRAINING

The Aero Club recently kicked off the Junior Training Program again, after all the previous group "grew up!" Some of those original "pioneers" are still around - Bryan, Paul and expats Steve and Joseph.

A sincere welcome to our new Junior Members - Jack Breen, Kent Hayman, Michael Langham, Mathew Moor, Sam Cook and James Vaughan, who've all been involved in the theory and flying training to date.

The purpose of the Junior Training Program is to provide support and encouragement for young people with an interest in aviation, and in doing so, help ensure the future of our own club. We're currently meeting monthly for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon for some theory lessons, practical instruction and, depending on numbers, pilots and aircraft, some flying.

Hopefully, we'll soon take a day trip to Temora for the air show, and Ken would like to hear from any pilots who'd like to be part of that.

Pilot of the Year Competition

The club has had a difficult time getting the GA division off the ground this year, with only one round conducted. The last scheduled day on 24th August didn't happen - a pity, because it was a great flying day, as the competitors in the Ultralight division can attest to.

This strand of the comp had 10 pilots compete, and with a couple of lessons thrown in the Jabiru flew nearly 8 hours. First place on the day went to Junior member Angus Tobin, followed closely by member John McKenzie, with potential member Peter Jones in third place. Congratulations to these guys and to all the others who took part. Thanks also to instructor Bryan Clements who flew almost non-stop.

END OF YEAR FUNCTION

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY FOR THE 2008 DINNER/DANCE AT EX-SERVIES CLUB - SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

This year the Aero Club is returning to the format of several years ago, and holding its end of year function at the Orange Ex-Services Club.

The details are still being finalised, but a three piece live band has been booked for the occasion to be held in the Kokoda Room, and we hope to have a high profile speaker to add to the night.

We're looking to fill the room with 100 plus members & guests, friends, supporters and a special mail-out will provide the details shortly.

Meantime, keep the date clear -

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

THE CLUB HAS RECEIVED A LETTER from Airservices Australia announcing a review of their long term pricing structure. This includes Air Navigation Charges, Terminal Charges, firefighting and rescue costs.

A discussion paper is available at www.airservicesaustralia.com/pricingproposal The AOPA is the only advocate for general aviation, and will be representing all of our interests.

Not a member of AOPA? You should be! Check out the benefits at www.aopa.com.au

Can't Wait for Summer!

Spring arrived right on cue in Orange - Monday 1st September after a bleak weekend! Unfortunately, it only lasted a couple of days before relapsing into Winter! Never mind - the rain was fantastic.

Daylight Savings is just around the corner too, and with it the opportunity to revive our Friday Night flying and BBQ. It has been going all winter, but often without the flying, and often with only a few stalwarts there. Bryan and Paul have been most consistent.

Daylight Saving starts Sunday 5th October (the long weekend) and finishes Sunday 5th April next year, The first Friday, 10 October will be a special Friday at your Aero Club, to mark the start of the summer season. New Junior Members - come along and meet other members, bring your dad, kick a ball round, go for a fly and help burn the sausages. Its your party too!

RA AUS BOARD MEMBER TO VISIT

Dr Carol Richards is one of two board members of Recreational Aviation Australia representing NSW. Carol has just been re-elected for a second term to enable her to continue the projects she'd commenced.

One such project is GYFTS - Giving Young people Flight Training Support - a program which aims to award up to 5 flight training scholarships each year to deserving young people. The scholarships would be worth over \$3500 each. Carol is interested in our Junior Training Program, and will be visiting Orange on Sunday 16 November to talk with as many people - RA Aus members and non members - as possible.

We'll make this a gala day to let her know that aviation is flourishing in Orange. More details closer to the date, but please lock it into your calendar now.

