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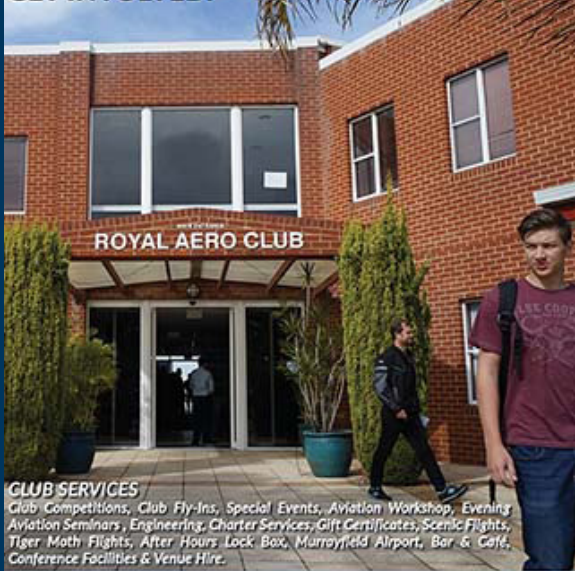
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Front Cover: New addition to the
RACWA fleet Mooney VH-MWE

Onwards and Upwards

"I am very pleased that we have been able to add another Mooney, VH-MWE, to the fleet"
Andrew Eldridge, Club President.

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. It might just be a date change, but the New Year is also the time to consider your goals and aspirations for the coming 12 months. Club Captain Mick Harcourt and the Flying Committee has a full calendar of events planned for the coming year. The January fly-in to Augusta is a great example of the wonderful events we hold from time to time. The popularity of this event shows that there are many members keen to participate in social and flying activities. Please keep your eye on the notice board and the weekly Tarmac Topics emails for upcoming events. Club competitions continue to be very popular, and a great way to meet your fellow members and stay current. If you haven't been to one in some time, why not give it a try?

Speaking of competitions, the winning formation team from last year's Australian Light Aircraft Competition, consisting of Mick Harcourt, Michael Stenson and Jim di Menna, will be representing Australia in the Wings International in Tauranga, New Zealand in February. It's very hard to beat the Kiwis in New Zealand, so I wish them every success.

It was great to see a big turnout for the Christmas function held at the Club in late December. It was a low key and informal event, but we had lovely food, plenty to drink and friendly camaraderie, and a great time was enjoyed by all. My thanks to Steve Wilson and Mick Harcourt for organising this wonderful event.

The New Year sees new intakes of students for WAAC and TAFE. The College continues to be one of the best in Australia based on its scores and completion rates. We welcome all

our new students.

We have been conscious of the condition of our CPL training fleet, primarily the Mooneys, for some time now. I am very pleased that we have been able to add another Mooney, VH-MWE, to the fleet. The aircraft is well-appointed and in immaculate condition and will be a very welcome addition to the fleet. The maintenance team are currently installing right seat brakes, an ELT, an ADSB transponder and a VDO meter to prepare the aircraft for training operations, and we anticipate that this work should be completed by the end of January.

Thanks to Merrilee Greenaway, we have been able to encourage high school students to enrol in a modular Diploma of Aviation, which they can commence in Year 11. This has the added advantage that the students can count their aviation training towards Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) points. For the benefit of members, and modular Diploma candidates in particular, the Club held an intensive 2-week PPL theory course during the summer school holidays. This was a very popular and successful course.

RACWA is the only organisation at Jandakot with the capability to train instructors, and with an ongoing shortage of instructors in the industry, there is a continuous inflow of new instructor candidates. Glenda Dyke is our primary trainer of instructors. Glenda has an outstanding reputation for producing excellent new instructors. We currently have a course for three instructor trainees who will be flying at Murrayfield. From time to time, instructors at the Club move on to further their careers. We say farewell to Broxon Brookfield and thanks for his contribution to the Club

and wish him all the best for the future. Our instructors are continuously improving their skills and qualifications, and I'm pleased to advise that both Trent Donovan and Tim Berryman have achieved their multi-engine instructor endorsements. Harrison King has done all the hard work required to obtain his Examiner Rating, and we anticipate that Harry will soon be a qualified flight examiner for RPL and PPL.

Recently, the Club was required to make modifications to the runway threshold lights at Murrayfield. This was a requirement of the MOS under Part 139. Thanks to John Ridgway and his team of fellow volunteers for their assistance with this project.

Our Social Sub-committee led by Steve Wilson has arranged for a memorial stone to be prepared and engraved to remember past members of the Club. The stone will be the centrepiece in the Memorial Garden located within the grassed area at the rear of the Club. We anticipate that the stone will be installed and the garden prepared, in the coming months. Once complete, family and friends of past members will be invited to place small memorial stones or plaques in the garden, to remember their loved ones.

Have you considered a new endorsement for 2020? The Club has done its best to keep flying affordable for our members. We have absorbed the price rises in Avgas since September, and now is a great time to take advantage, before rates increase again.

I hope 2020 is a successful year for you and one that involves plenty of flying. I look forward to seeing you in the air or at the Club.



2020 Membership Subscriptions

The AGM approved subscriptions to be kept at 2019 levels, or reduced in the case of Retired Members. A new class of Ordinary Member - Senior has been introduced to recognise long serving members. This new membership class requires members to be

60 years of age or have a combined membership of 30 years or more. Senior members retain voting rights and discounted hire rates on club aircraft.

It's never been a better time to become a member of the Royal Aero Club of WA. We value the community our members attribute to the Club and the broad cross-section of society our members belong to. There are many benefits that come with a Royal Aero Club of WA Membership including:

- ✈ Large fleet for hire
- ✈ Discounted Flying Rates
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- ✈ Multitude of Flight Training & Endorsement Courses

- ✈ Action packed Club Activities Calendar, including Flying Competitions, Social Events & Flyaways
- ✈ Variety of friendly male, female, multi-cultural & different aged Instructors

2020 Ordinary memberships:

- ✈ Ordinary member: \$299
- ✈ Country member: \$209
- ✈ Senior member: \$168
- ✈ Junior member: \$168

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- ✈ Associate member: \$75
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Club Captain Report

"So here we are at the start of a New Year, with terrific weather for flying – cloudless skies with a bit of an easterly in the morning and fresh sea breezes in the afternoon, usually subsiding into a calm, colourful and fabulous sunset." *Mick Harcourt, RACWA Club Captain.*

With the Augusta Fly-in just about upon us we are showing potentially 20 plus aircraft about to turn up and with more than 40 people attending the luncheon and dinner arranged by your Flying Committee – mainly Vaughan Emery, I must say! My report in next month's TT will have all the goss!

January and February are always a busy time for your Flying Committee, with plenty to organise and a demand for more from interested parties – so we try and create a mixed bag of entertainment for you.

With the regular Comps and a Fly Away to Leeuwin coming up, as well as the WINGS Competition in New Zealand, we have a busy time ahead.

Speaking of the WINGS, the Team members from WA, will be: Formation: Mick Harcourt, Jim Di Menna & Michael Stenson. Aerobatics: Michael Stenson.

We hope to acquit ourselves against some very strong competition as we venture across the Tasman to Tauranga in mid-February with other Australian Team members from Tasmania and Victoria.

At this stage, we would like to thank those who supported the Raffle for a flight in two different aircraft, and thank Adrian Thomas and Steve Robinson for the generous donation of those flights. Over December to January, we raised \$1000, most of which will be ploughed back into the Club to cover some of the costs of our Formation and Aerobatic practice.

Jandakot Competitions: Last month's Two for One Competition held in mid-December was well patronised with nearly 20 competitors taking part. The winners were: 1. Haydn Vernon, 2. Michael Stenson, 3. Peter Marshall.

The YPJT Comps are getting progressively later due to the numbers turning up, which is

great of course, but because of late finishes and duty times etc, we have decided to bring the time forward.

In future, you will be able to register for the Jandakot competitions from 12:00, briefing will be around 12:20 with flying starting from 12:45pm. Most that I have spoken to welcome the change – so let's see how well it works.

We are still having 'teething troubles' with understanding the registration method for up and coming events, so we are trying to iron that out. However, if in doubt, put your name down on the events board in the foyer of the Club.

If we see the need for it, we can go back to the "pre- [historic, sic!] electronic" days where we place a notice on the board and the only way to take part was by putting your name down – it used to work very well and takes no time at all when walking past it, or contact me and I'll do it for you.



The Murrayfield challenge on January 12 was to successfully and safely effect a Glide Approach AND a Low-Level Spot Landing. It was a very warm morning and most left without learning how they fared! Best scores were: 1 Haydn Vernon, , 2. Gina Burr, 3. Craig Hensley, 3. Well done all and a special welcome to the "winners' circle" to Gina Burr! Air judges were Mick Harcourt and Mike Yeates shown here with some of the participants who endured the heat to learn the results!! John Ridgway also endured the heat while cooking breakfast - thanks John.



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MICHAEL McANDREW

- Kudos on your RPL.



VINCENZO SURACE

- Well done on your RPL.



ADRIAN DENNY

- Good work on your RPL.



ARRON METCALF

- You worked hard for your RPL.



ADIN FARREL AGIL SYIRAD

- Good for you on your RPL.



WILLIAM TAYLOR

- You deserve your RPL.



JASON UTTAM

- Good news about your RPL.



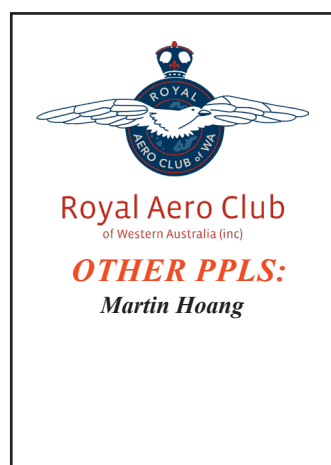
GLEN McIVOR

- Round of applause on your PPL.



PHILIP SIMPSON

- Round of applause on your PPL.



EMMA WHYTE

- You worked hard for your CPL.



HARRISON LANGLEY

- Outstanding effort on your CPL.



REECE BATESON

- Round of applause on your FIR.



CHRIS DE VAZ

- Kudos on your FIR.

Achievers



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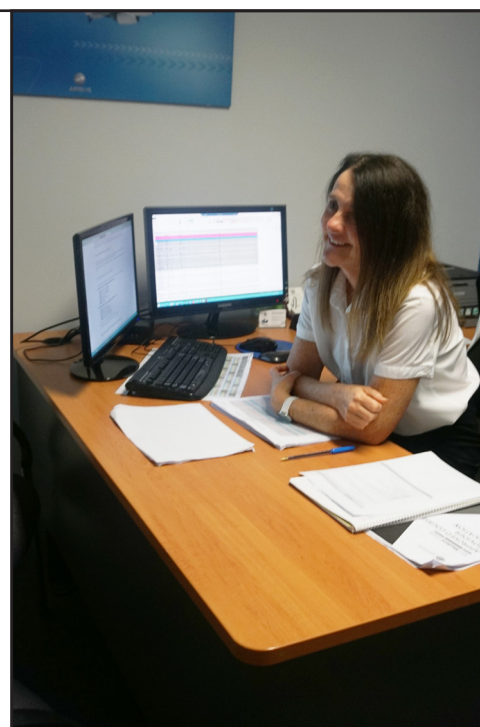
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A great new RPL adventure!

Sarel Breet, RACWA Club Member.

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A few weeks ago during my second AFR with RACWA, my instructor informed me about a new training course offered by the club for RPL pilots. Upon successful completion of this course, it enables RPL pilots to hire RACWA aircraft for the purpose of flying in the VFR lane to the northern beaches, as far as Burns Beach (to stay within the 25nm restriction) and also over to Rottnest Island! The course consists of an hour brief, a 1.5 hour training flight and an hour assessment flight. I jumped at the opportunity, as flying to Rottnest was something I really wanted to do for a long time. So many of my passengers whom I took on joy flights asked the question: “Can we fly to Rottnest?” Regrettably, the answer was always: “no unfortunately not”.

Two weeks later I had the stamp in my log book and couldn’t wait for an opportunity



The course consists of an hour brief, a 1.5 hour training flight and 1 hour assessment flight. For more information, send an expression of interest to info@royalaeroclubwa.com.au

to exercise my newly gained privilege. Like a child who got a new toy and couldn’t wait to play with it! The first opportunity came a few days later, taking a work mate’s family in RWT (C172) up the VFR lane to Mullaloo Point, over to Rottnest, orbit Rottnest and back to Jandakot via Powerhouse.



It was a clear sunny day and the views were breathtakingly beautiful. While orbiting Rottnest, Skydive Geronimo was dropping parachutists over Salmon Bay to the south

The Sling needs new sunnies!

The cabin cover of the Club's Sling aircraft is fast approaching its end-of-life and will have to be replaced very soon. As the cabin and instrument panel has little to no protection from the sun without the cover, it is not an option to park it in the brutal WA sun without a cover. As a club member, flying the Sling on a regular basis, I want to give something back to the club who rent this magnificent plane out to members at such an affordable rate, and contribute towards the cost of replacing the cover. Ideally, it would be great if the club could be relieved from this expense in its entirety. I believe if every member flying the Sling can contribute a little, we can make this happen. A new cover will cost between \$800 and \$1000, depending on the type and options chosen. Thus I want to make a plea, to everyone flying the Sling: If it is at all possible to please make a donation towards this cause and let us preserve the Sling for many years to come for our enjoyment.

Donations can be made at the cashier or by EFT into the club's bank account:
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Thanking you in advance for your contribution. Sarel Breet, Club Member.

and another aircraft was doing aerobatics to the south-west. While this added a lot to my workload, maintaining communication with these aircraft and keeping separation from them and the parachutists, it was a huge thrill for my passengers. An added bonus for them, witnessing these activities in addition to the beautiful

views over Rottnest! So exciting! On our way back towards Powerhouse, there were a number of cargo and tanker ships as well as private yachts, adding to the "wow" factor of the trip.



A few days later, Mother Nature was very kind, with clear skies, mild temperature and only gentle winds throughout the day. An ideal opportunity to visit Rottnest. Although I've lived in Perth for nearly 19 years, neither I,

nor my wife has ever been to Rottnest. So I decided to book RWV (Sling2) for the afternoon and take my lovely wife on an "overseas trip". What an unforgettable experience!



What a privilege to fly such a beautiful aircraft to such a beautiful place, park it at the airfield and spend the afternoon on the island. And it doesn't add a cent to the cost of the trip to park the plane on the apron at Rottnest. The only cost is the landing fee, which is \$20 for the Sling and C172.

To all RPL pilots who want some new excitement and adventure, I can highly recommend doing the "Burns Beach and Rottnest Island" training course. You won't regret it. Apart from the spectacular views over the northern beaches and Rottnest, is that feeling of freedom as you leave the mainland behind on your way to Rottnest. A feeling you have to experience for yourself. In addition, the experience you gain as pilot while flying these routes is invaluable. Learning to effectively communicate in a CTAF area and with Perth Centre. Also sharpening your awareness of other traffic and understanding the limitations while flying in the proximity of Class C and restricted airspace.



Other training offered by the club for RPL holders which I can also highly recommend is RPCA (Controlled airspace endorsement). With this endorsement you can fly the Victor 65 route, which takes you over the Perth CBD with its own spectacular views!

Hope to see you in the air over Rottnest! Happy flying and stay safe.

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I Think She Said YES!

"The young man, Tom, had a cunning plan and was a nervous wreck" *Archie Dudgeon, owner Waco VH-YRB*

On December 28th I welcomed two family friends for a scenic flight in Waco VH-YRB, up the coast and through Victor 65. The young lady, Monique, was looking forward to her first open-cockpit biplane flight and was in good spirits.

The young man, Tom, had a cunning plan and was a nervous wreck.....

Tom had previously flown in the Waco and was as smitten with it as he clearly is with Monique. So, in October last year he asked me about the possibility of taking Monique up for a flight to pop the question.

After a few iterations in his planning, which would all require trips to Bunnings and the fabrication of a long string of two metre high letters (to be positioned on a beach, oval or golf course to surprise Monique), common sense kicked in and he agreed instead to engage Jandakot's celebrity entrepreneur, a.k.a. Brian Collingridge and his banner-towing Piper Cub. As soon as Tom had spoken to Brian, the die was cast and there was no going back. All going well, Tom planned to pop the question overhead Leighton Beach, with Mum & Dad watching from the sand below as the Waco and Cub passed overhead...

We planned to take off in the Waco immediately before the Cub, track via Fremantle and then wait over the water to the south as the Cub plodded out at 45 knots. I would listen out for the Cub's departure and then try to synchronise joining up over Leighton, but without allowing Monique to see the banner until 'the moment'.

Well, after passing the Aero Club and taxiing along Bravo, we hit our first wrinkle. The banner was laid out ready on the grass, in a perfect position directly within Monique's view, her name spread out in big red letters on the grass. When I distracted her with an interesting observation about the "lovely green building where China Southern trains their pilots", I think she was questioning my sanity and reconsidering the wisdom of going aloft...but, job done, she didn't see the banner!

After leaving Jandakot I loitered to the south of Fremantle but was unable to get a good fix on the Cub. When I called pilot Lewis Newman to find out where he was, he gave me his position and an ETA for Leighton. Perfect, I could just head north and expect to arrive overhead around the same time. As we approached Fremantle harbour from the south I caught sight of the Cub, then managed to keep the banner out of view as we joined up to track North up the coast.

We planned to fly the Waco offshore from the Cub, with the banner being a magnificent visual cue to help Tom as he tripped through his speech. I dropped down lower than the banner for the pass.

The view up through the big red letters against the azure sky over the CBD was just spot on and Tom kicked in to action, getting his speech right without mangling his words or dropping the ring. He nailed it!



Onward to Victor 65, but despite my best attempts as a tourist guide, the fresh fiancé couldn't take her eyes off her new bling and barely looked outside !

Tracking back to Jandakot with anxiety lifting, thoughts moved on to the party Tom had lined up with family and friends waiting... She had said Yes !

Congratulations to the young couple – they will never forget this fantastic trip and it's certainly the most memorable Victor 65 I have ever done. Big thanks and kudos to Brian, Lewis

and the Cub from AirAds – we couldn't have hoped for a better way of staging the moment!



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Sunday 2

Saturday 8

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Meet the Team!



HERMAN TSANG
GROUND & FLYING INSTRUCTOR



1. Where have you worked previously to RACWA? **IGA and tourist guide/driver.**
2. What do you like most about working at RACWA? **Assisting students to pass their theory exam with understanding in order to become a safe pilot.**
3. If life is a game, like some people say, what are some of the rules?? **Always respect others.**
4. Who is your most interesting friend? **Mr David Currey.**
5. Have you ever given to any charities? **I served in the State Emergency Service.**
6. What is something that your friends would consider 'so you'? **Doing a detailed weight and balance before flights. (i.e. theory before flying).**
7. What risks are worth taking? **Flying..**
8. What can you not get right, no matter how many times you try? **Saving money as Aviation is very expensive.**
9. If you could convince everyone in the world to do one thing at one time, what would it be? **Sponsor my wide body aircraft type rating :).**

JERRY WOONG
GROUND & FLYING INSTRUCTOR



1. Where have you worked previously to RACWA? **In different kitchens in my home country.**
2. What do you like most about working at RACWA? **The family atmosphere.**
3. As you get older, what are you becoming more and more afraid of? **Getting even older.**
4. What is one of your favorite smells? **Burnt Jet A-1 fuel.**
5. What would be the scariest monster you could imagine? **The Cookie Monster (I like cookies).**
6. What song or artist do you like but rarely admit to liking? **Jandakot ATIS, not a day goes by without listening to this soundtrack.**
7. What would you do if you knew you were going to die in one hour? **A half reverse Cuban in a C152.**
8. What book impacted you the most? **Bob Tait's RPL/PPL Study Guide (Vol. 1).**
9. If you had to change your name, what would you change it to? **"Jai" (that's how people read my passport name here).**



IAN ROBERTSON
TECHNICAL RECORD OFFICER



1. Where have you worked previously to RACWA? **Retired Public Servant (45 years). Spatial Information Manager Department of Mines WA. Aviation Business Owner (Cape Aviation).**
2. What do you like most about working at RACWA? **Working with good people in the hangar who have been good friends over my 48 years as a club member.**
3. What do you take for granted? **I take nothing for granted.**
4. What would be some of the most annoying things about having yourself as a roommate? **Messy.**
5. What's something you are self-conscious about? **Too emotional at times.**
6. What personality trait do you value most and which do you dislike the most? **Empathy and Arrogance.**
7. What small gesture from a stranger made a big impact on you? **A helping hand when the chips are down.**
8. What gets you fired up? **Incompetence.**
9. What challenging thing are you working through these days? **Implementation of Aerotrack MRO for RACWA. Kitchen reno at home.**



PPL Night Theory Course

February 4th to April 2nd, 1800 - 2100, WAAC Lecture Room 1

SAFETY

Pilots are responsible for the actions of their passengers

Glen Caple, RACWA Chief Engineer

All pilots should be aware that they are responsible to give instruction to their passengers as to the correct operation of aircraft equipment such as doors, windows, seats and seatbelts of the aircraft in which they are travelling.

This is not only essential for safety reasons but also because incorrect operation can result in expensive damage and aircraft down time.

Some examples we have seen are, upholstery torn from doors by not using correct door closing methods, door lock mechanism damaged by incorrect use of door handle locking, structural damage to doors by being opened and not restrained when parked tail into wind, window latches being broken off by attempting to close the door by pulling the latch, windows being damaged and or lost by opening in flight, wheel cover damage by way of sit-

ting or standing on them, instrument and radio damage by tapping or touching glass or screens, seat height adjusting mechanisms by attempting to raise the seat height with weight on seat and scratching of windscreens and windows by rings or cameras.

There are many other hazards that the PIC are aware of that should be conveyed to your passengers to ensure a safe and damage free flight.

CFI VFR

David Royans, RACWA Head of Flying Operations.

Harrison King (pictured below with student) has been filling the role of CFI of the VFR department for the last 3 months. Along with Tim Berryman, Harry was the 2019 Instructor of the year and has already put his stamp of authority on his department. He has demonstrated his awareness of the need for productivity from his team whilst also being mindful of their welfare.

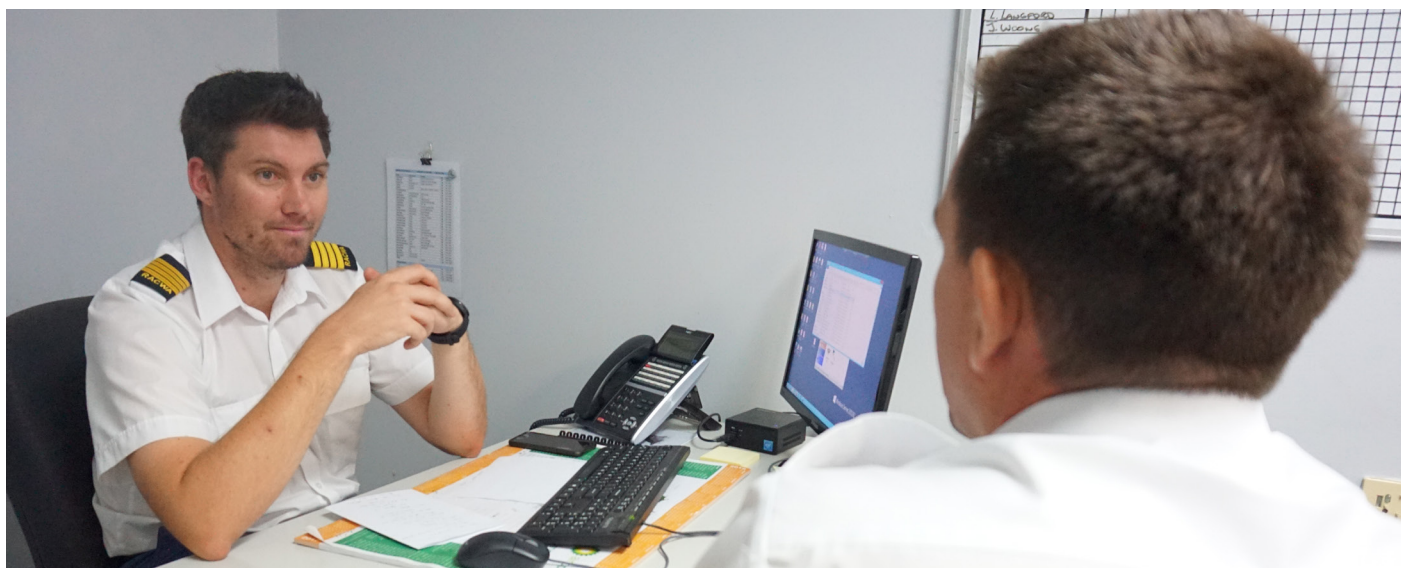
His department generates approximately 80% of the Aero Club's flying and as such Harry

is responsible for a team of 24 full time and casual grade 2 and 3 instructors, inclusive of 3 team leaders. Harry has been with us since early 2014 and in that time has been a selfless member of all my predecessors' teams, and my team. He became a Grade 1 Instructor in early 2018 and has been rewarded for his efforts by becoming one of our Flight Examiner team. He has completed all the professional development modules and industry mentoring (a lot of this in his own time) for the Flight Examiner Rating but is now waiting on CASA to com-

plete the process.

Harry is a relaxed, laid back character but don't let that fool you. He can turn his hand to anything and is also a proven instructor trainer, both initial issue rating training and instructor upgrade and training endorsement training.

I hope we all appreciate Harry's efforts I know I certainly do and I would like to formally welcome him to the team of right hands that keep me and my department running smoothly.



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Stay away from bushfires

Firefighting aircraft do not need you nearby!! Article written by Flight Safety Australia

Christmas has been a very busy time for Australian airspace, what with Santa's sleigh requiring a complex all areas clearance, however, this year's devastating early and intense bushfires have added tremendously to the complexity.

So please forgive us for stating the obvious, **but keep your aircraft away from bushfires.**

This applies whether you're flying a manned or unmanned aircraft.

A current combined flight information region (FIR) NOTAM warns of 'un-notified intense aviation activity associated with firefighting operations,' and requests pilots of manned aircraft to remain 5 nm clear of a bushfire horizontally and more than 3000ft AGL. Unmanned aircraft should only be flown 5 nm horizontally away from a fire and no higher than 120m or 400ft AGL.

This is in addition to temporary restricted areas that may be declared near large fires.

CASA's flying **near emergencies** page (<https://www.casa.gov.au/drones/rules/emergencies>) has more information for drone pilots. **CASA-verified drone safety apps** also have this information.

CASA acting airspace operations manager Anthony Lawler says there has already been at least one incident where an aircraft inadvertently flew perilously close to a bushfire and compromised airborne firefighting operations. 'We don't want to see any more of these.'



Old Fliers Group Meetings

There was no December meeting of the OFG, November's meeting being the last for 2019. Now is a time to reflect on the past year, the 15th year since OFG began..... *Steve Rogers*

There were 14 speakers who gave 20 talks. These were people who shared stories of their aviation experiences and, as well, stories of historical events and characters. What about "Dry blower" Murphy or Hermann Ittershagen? Not heard of them? Two men who helped shape W.A. into what it is today. We are always seeking speakers with a story to tell. Don't take your stories to heaven, let us record them for posterity.

Our challenge to produce professional quality videos of these talks is a journey we are still on. It started with OFG donating the replacement of the lounge speakers and set up as well as donating the Epson projector. A new video camera and laptop. Our videos are edited and uploaded to YouTube in HD for all to enjoy. It still isn't perfect. Figures we have achieved on YouTube do indicate growing success. The videos are tagged RACWA.

During 2019 the OFG videos were seen by 1,134,729 people for a total viewing time of 69,527 hours! 5,194 viewers subscribed dur-

ing the year. Much more can be done. YouTube is the most popular social media site with 1.7 billion visits a month, so our potential is huge.

I want to thank the volunteers and speakers who made OFG work in 2019. I look forward to what 2020 brings.

LOCAL AVIATION

Murrayfield Matters

Mike Yeates, RACWA Instructor in Charge

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas period and got some well-earned rest or some well-earned free time to go flying.

Things are ticking along nicely at Murrayfield with a few of my students making the most of their long break from school to get some extra flying lessons ticked off. We hope to have a few more first solos happening down here in the next month or so.

Speaking of milestones, congratulations to Janette Larobina for achieving her RPL on 21/12/2019. Perfect timing for being able to relax and de-stress over the Xmas period after all the hard work that goes into being ready for a flight test. Thanks to Jarod Rowe for making time in his busy schedule to come down for the flight test.

Those of you who have flown down to/at YMUL recently might have noticed that the runways have had a bit of a spruce up. All white runway markings have been repainted and the runway threshold lights on 05/23 have been repositioned so that they are now properly aligned with the thresholds. (Pictured below)

Thanks to John Ridgway and Tim Smale once again for all their hard work.

It seems like so long ago now considering we have since had the Yanchep fires threaten homes north of Perth and the huge fires over

east but before that there was also a bit of drama closer to home...well, closer to work... with some fires getting very close to residential areas just east of Murrayfield. I'd like to say thanks to all those who responded to protect property and people. It was quite a strange



feeling to see embers floating across the apron one morning when the fire flared up a second time. That night, DFES had set up shop again in our carpark and held the fort for a few days until the threat was over.



February Club Diary

College Diary

- 1** RPL Weekend Theory Course
- 4** PPL Night Theory Course
- 7** Formation Fridays - Jandakot
- 9** Murrayfield Instrumentless Circuit Comp
- 23** Jandakot Rudder Circuit Competition
- 31** Old Fliers Group Luncheon & Talk

- 3** CPL Theory - Performance & Planning
- CPL Theory - Aerodynamics
- 7** CPL Theory - Human Factors
- CPL Theory - Meteorology
- 19** CPL Theory - Air Law
- CPL Theory - Navigation
- 31** Industry Presentation

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