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# Feb. Old Fliers Group Meeting

Word has got out that we offer an inexpensive buffet lunch and interesting speakers to entertain. *Steve Rogers*

**A** big thank you to the students who brought chairs from downstairs up into the lounge. We needed them as it turned out. I was delighted to greet a number of visitors. Word has got out that we offer an inexpensive buffet lunch and interesting speakers to entertain.

aircraft and helicopters flying at very low altitude, often trailing cables and a magnetometer. His duties took him to many remote locations where difficult decisions had to be made without help. He gave examples of flights that didn't end well and which he had to investigate.

Bevan Marshall was a Safety Officer for an international Geophysical Survey Company and was responsible for the safe operation of

The industry formed the International Airborne Geophysics Safety Association in an effort to improve practices.



Bob Murphy was welcomed back to give another talk, this time about his grandfather, the unforgettable "Dryblower" Murphy. He came to WA to chase the dream of striking it rich in Coolgardie in about 1890. He met Billy Clare, who was setting up the "Coolgardie Miner" newspaper, and gave him poetry to print. A friend sent one of his poems to the "Bulletin" in Sydney and signed it "Dryblower Murphy". His career took off and so did Dryblower....to Perth. Bob then gave stories involving hats, a gun, a horse and the Duke of York and a barmaid. He also told us about his flight in the Pipistrel Alpha electric aircraft. These and 391 other talks can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/OldFliersGroup>



Our web site is worth checking out too: Watch the story of how a PN-9 flying boat in 1925 ran out of fuel in the Pacific and the crew tore the fabric from the wings to make sails and sail to Hawaii. <http://oldfliersgroup.org.au> See you on March 29th for the next OFG lunch meeting.

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On March 16th. we hosted an old friend, the TigerMoth, in conjunction with the Murray "Field" Day. Ten aircraft turned up for a flight over Mandurah & Crab Fest, with 20 people joying one of John Ridgways' famous yummy BBQ breakfasts... was a great opportunity to meet with fellow aviation enthusiasts and Inter Club Members.

### Diary

What's Happening at the Club and College this month.



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RACWA Formation Flying Event  
Gold Place; Jim Di Menna, Michael  
Stenson, Mick Harcourt.

Photo courtesy Mandy Newell

# Club President Editorial

"It is an exciting time to be a member of RACWA." *Andrew Eldridge, Club President.*

It is an exciting time to be a member of RACWA. In March we hosted the Flying Training Conference of the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia, the Wings International, and the Australian Light Aircraft Championships.

This was a large and complex series of events to organise, but it was very worthwhile. It gave us the opportunity to showcase our great club to the regulators and our peers from around Australia and New Zealand. We were able to network with other clubs and training schools, and learn what we could do better.

For our members, the ALACs represented an opportunity to compete against the best pilots in Australia and New Zealand, and to be pushed to new highs. It was very encouraging to see many of our members competing in the ALACs, and especially encouraging to see a large number of recently-endorsed formation pilots taking part in the formation competition.

An occasion such as this doesn't happen without a great deal of work from many people, so I have many to thank. Thank you to David Currey, David O'Brien, Jodie Atkinson, John Douglas and Mick Harcourt for assisting with the logistics of the Conference. You might have noticed that the Club was spruced up in readiness for the visitors. Our Club Captain, Mick Harcourt was particularly busy planning the welcome event, and Social Sub-Committee Chairman Steve Wilson assisted with transportation of the delegates. Thank you to all the other members who assisted with the Conference.

The Australian Light Aircraft Championships were held at Serpentine Airfield in partnership with the Sports Aircraft Builders Club, and we are very grateful to President Brad Ogden, Bill Dearle and Viv Harris for their assistance. Apart from making the airfield available for our exclusive use, the team at Serpentine assisted with equipment, facilities and fuel, and we are very grateful for the many SABC members who put up their hands to volunteer during the

competitions. Serpentine was a perfect venue and the visiting competitors took many great memories away with them. It is important to note that the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale was very supportive of the event and we thank them for that support. My thanks to Minovation for supplying two Warriors for the competition.

I would like to thank the ALAC Committee which was led by Jim di Menna and included Mick Harcourt, Russell Phillip, Steve Wilson, David Currey, John Douglas and David Royans. This team took care of all the logistics for the competitions, including aircraft, fuelling, the fence and other competition artefacts, signage and directions, permissions, flags and national anthems, marquees, equipment, catering, the Civic Reception, bookings and payments, aircraft check rides, competition briefings and many other tasks. I would also like to thank the many volunteers from RACWA and SABC who assisted with catering, ground judging and other activities during the competitions. Thank you also to RACWA instructors David Royans, Jarod Rowe, David Schneider, and Tim Berryman for acting as air judges during the ALACs. Thanks to all the RACWA members who assisted as ground judges during the competitions – you had the best seat in the house.

Thanks to David Currey for providing staff and assistance, Jodie Atkinson for her support of the conference, and Marina Manual for managing bookings and payments at Serpentine.

We have been blessed with excellent flying weather over the summer and we have been making hay while the sun shines. David Currey and the team have delivered great results for the last two months. We have clawed back the deficit of flying hours that we suffered during spring, to the point that we are back on budget, and the Club is in a strong position with respect to cash reserves. The good result is due to many factors. TAFE enrolments continue to be strong. WAAC is powering ahead with large classes. Project Club is delivering more private flying, due in part to the very popular seminars for members, but also competitions

and fly-aways, and reduced landing fees at Rottneest. A new business opportunity to fly international visitors on short charter flights has been vigorously embraced, thanks in large part to the influence of Herman Tsang. We have already done two substantial charters involving the Partenavias and the Airvan. We also conducted a series of free Learn to Fly seminars in mid-March which will generate new memberships and further business.

A date has now been set for the next Great Western Air Race on 4-5 May. This event will involve navigation and time trial stages on Saturday, and then we will overnight at the Stirling Range Retreat. There will be an opportunity for the intrepid trekkers to climb Bluff Knoll on Sunday morning. We have been invited to visit the Albany Aero Club and Albany Flying Club on the way home. Participants are free to choose their own return route. The last Air Race to Gindalbie Station was an outstanding success, and this event is an opportunity not to be missed. Book your aircraft!

Members who are Angel Flight pilots would be aware that CASA has imposed new stricter requirements for Community Service Flights. This is a response to the two fatal accidents that have occurred, and while CASA supposedly consulted the industry it seems to have ignored industry feedback. Most participants were against the proposed rules, as they wouldn't have prevented either accident. Nevertheless CASA has pushed ahead, and the new requirements take effect on 19th March. Further details can be found at <https://www.casa.gov.au/licences-and-certification/standard-page/community-service-flights>. As an Angel Flight pilot myself, it is my belief that the greatest risk in these activities is the pressure to deliver, and this affects pilots of all types of aircraft and all levels of skill and experience. These human factors risks are not addressed in the new rules, but I would encourage all pilots who conduct Community Service Flights to make use of CASA's online resources at <https://www.casa.gov.au/safety-management/publication/safety-behaviours-human-factors-pilots-2nd-edition>.



RFACA 'Embracing Change' Flying Training Conference is opened by the Honorable Josh Wilson MP - Federal Minister for Fremantle.

# Club Captain Report

"Joining in the fun of the Bun Run? Bring CASH please!" Mick Harcourt, RACWA Club Captain.

**H**i All! One more time....from the top...ALAC, ALAC, ALAC.....

By the time you read this, it should be just about here or gone for another ten years! The ALAC organising committee had been working very hard to bring this event alive – no mean feat by any means, but a special mention should be made of Jim Di Menna and Andrew Eldridge who have worked tirelessly to make this happen.

So from 18th to 23rd March there will be so much activity around Serpentine Airfield, so give it a wide berth or take a drive in and see what the airfield is about.

Moving on.....The **BUN RUN!**

With Easter soon upon us the Rottnest Island Hot Crossed Bun Run is looming up on Good Friday 19th April. This event has been run by the Club for nearly 40 years and was initially just a jolly over to Rotto to pick up a few Buns... because we could. It was then put forward as a means of raising money for a Charitable organisation, such as the RFDS. And how do we do this, you may ask?

When we land at Jandakot or Rottnest, we are charged a landing fee and so with careful liaison over the years between Racwa, Jandakot

Airport Holdings (JAH) and Rottnest Island Authority (RIA), we arrange for this landing fee to be waived, nice, huh?

Well, here's the catch – The equivalent of the waived landing fees are collected instead, as a CASH donation by your trusty Flying Committee representative at the morning pre-flight briefing. The amount will be \$50 per aircraft, again in CASH. So please make sure of a couple of things if you are attending:

- Book your aircraft from 0800 – 1200 (or beyond if you intend to stay later).
- Put your name down on the notice board with A/C registration – very important.
- Nominate the number of packs of buns you require (six in a pack) from the bakery.
- Bring CASH only for the waived landing fees. This will save you having to go out and find an EFTPOS to comply with the request!

You can elect to put in a Flight Plan or simply fill in a Flight Note that can be left at the Club and CANCELLED when you return.

Life Jackets: There are a number of Life Jackets available for CLUB ONLY aircraft and "first in best dressed" may seem a little harsh, but if you can't get a Life Jacket, then you have to plan your trip differently and will require a Flight Plan.

So, that's the BUN RUN explained – operational

points aside, it is really good fun, especially meeting up with your fellow aviators "overseas" for a coffee and cake at the Bakery or wherever. We have tried over the years to produce a lunch of sorts on our return but hasn't been well patronised, however, I'm open to suggestions – BBQ, Sausage Sizzle.....Meat pies and Sausage rolls?

Well, is there anything else after all that?

**Yes – Murrayfield Comps!**

You may or may not know that because of the early start for Murrayfield comps on the second Sunday of the month, Life Member John Ridgeway lays on a full breakfast and at ten bucks, is great value, however, it is very frustrating for him to "guess" the number of people that are going to turn up and quite often has to waste food. We can help considerably by letting me know (by email or phone) if you will be attending and whether you want Brekkie or not.

Yes its early and if you live in the northern suburbs of Perth (like me!) then it's a bit of drive, but it's worth the effort just for the breakfast and camaraderie, let alone the peaceful and uncluttered flying out of YMUL.....Starts at 0830.

Don't forget the Comps at Jandakot on the last Sunday of the month, register at 1:30 and brief at 2pm. Happy Flying.



*Rottnest Island Bun Run*  
*Good Friday, April 19, 2019*

The club will be closed, but make advance arrangements now to book an aircraft or place a Bun Order, for the best hot cross buns in town! Register with Mick Harcourt: 0402 800 862 - mickh@primus.net.au so that we can place a bakery order.

**Briefing 0830 - Departure 0900 - Return at Leisure**  
Landing Fees and/or RFDS donation to be advised when confirmed



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## GENERAL AVIATION

# 2019 Australian Light Aircraft Champions!

The ALACs were held at Serpentine Airfield in partnership with RACWA and the Sports Aircraft Builders Club. Congratulations to all who participated, both in the air and on the ground in support roles. Thanks also to everyone who took and submitted photos for our facebook pages and Tarmac Topics: Janette Nash, Jim Campbell, Denise Bess, Rob van Hamersveld & those featured here by Jim Woodrow.

**Streamer Event:**

**Bronze:** Michael Stenson - RACWA. 85.88.

**Silver:** Peter Fenton - ACST. 92.26.

**Gold:** Ed ten Broeke - ACST. 93.93.

**Special Mention:** David Campbell - RNZAC.

**Forced Landing Event:**

**Bronze:** Peter Fenton - ACST. 62.14.

**Silver:** Adrian Page - RACWA. 66.07.

**Gold:** Andrew Stopp - RVAC. 83.57.

**Special Mention:** David Campbell - RNZAC.

**Aerobatics Event:**

**Bronze:** Denise Bess - RACWA. 64.42.

**Silver:** Gary Evans - RACWA. 78.51.

**Gold:** Lewis Newman - RACWA. 90.

**Spot Landing Event:**

**Bronze:** Rod Garnaut - RACWA. 87.50.

**Silver:** Adrian Page - RACWA. 88.21.

**Special Mention:** David Campbell - RNZAC.

**Gold:** Peter Waite - ACST. 100.

**Formation Flying Event:**

**Bronze:** RACWA. 82.163.

David Currey, Martin Graville, Gary Evans.

**Silver:** RVAC 82.29.

Doug Berge, Gary Morton, Andrew Stopp.

**Gold:** RACWA. 86.907.

Jim Di Menna, Michael Stenson, Mick Harcourt

**Special Mention:** RNZAC.

Grant Hopewell, Graeme Randle, Andrew Butler.

**Team Event:**

**Bronze:** ACST. Team One. 219.3.

Mal Steane, Ed ten Broeke.

**Silver:** RVAC. Falcons. 228.4.

Doug Berge, Gary Morton, Andrew Stoppe.

**Gold:** ACST. Team Two. 254.4.

Peter Fenton, Peter Waite

**Overall Champion:**

**Bronze:** Rod Garnaut - RACWA. 225.7.

**Silver:** Michael Stenson - RACWA. 227.

**Gold:** Andrew Stopp - RVAC. 230.2.

**Special Mention:** David Campbell - RNZAC.

NB. New Zealand Competitors (RNZAC) are ineligible for prizes in ALAC.



Aerobatics Winners: Denise Bess (Bronze), with Thomas Fenton presenting Lewis Newman (Gold) with award.



Australian Wings International Team with Lewis Newman.



RACWA Formation Flying Gold Winners: Michael Stenson, Mick Harcourt, Jim Di Menna.



Thomas Fenton & Joy Hardie presenting Adrian Page with Spot Landing (Silver) medallion.



Thomas Fenton & Joy Hardie congratulating Bronze ALAC Overall Champion Rod Garnet.



RACWA table with Rod Garnaut, Ada & Jim Di Menna, Denise Bess, Mick Harcourt and guests.



# Achievers



**KARNESH JAYABALAN**  
- Round of applause on your First Solo.



**MATTHEW COX**  
- Kudos on your First Solo.



**DEAN INNES**  
- Congrats on your First Solo.



**MATT BEVEN**  
- Good work on your First Solo.



**CONNOR BOMBAK**  
- Well done on your First Solo.



**MADELINE COMPSTON**  
- Kudos on your First Solo.



**PALAK AGHERA**  
- Singing your praises on your First Solo.



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**RPL'S:**

Sam Taylor



**CLIVE READ**  
- Let's hear it for your PPL.



**DAVID STEPHENS**  
- Congratulations on your PPL.



**ELAN ESON**  
- Let's hear it for your CPL.



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**INITIAL FIRS:**

Harrison O'Brien



**GIOVANNI ANTHONY**  
- Round of applause on your Instrument Ratings.



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**NVFR RATING:**

Jamin Tieleman



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**LOW LEVEL RATING:**

Joshua McHugh



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## GENERAL AVIATION

# Cessna 152 - finest ab initio trainer produced

*Glen Caple, RACWA Chief Engineer*

**D**uring a recent discussion with a flying instructor I stated that the Cessna 152 is arguably the finest ab initio trainer ever produced. He asked me to justify my statement and I then had to try to recall facts and information I had long since stopped thinking about.

As an apprentice I recall working on Cessna 150 D, E, F, G, H, J, and K models that continually had undercarriage issues due to hard landings and lots of circuits. These problems do not occur with the 152 model.

The C152/A152 aircraft is the result of 19 years of product development from the original Cessna 150 introduced in October 1958. In those 19 years Cessna built around 22,000 C150 aircraft. Most went into service as trainers in flying schools all over the world. Cessna continually refined the design to improve handling qualities and durability. The C150 models were powered by a 100HP Continental engine. Model numbers ran from the original 1958 C150 to the 1977 C150 M.

In 1977 Cessna refined the design once more and introduced a more powerful Lycoming engine, a 28volt electrical system, new fuel tanks with dual outlets to reduce the unusable fuel, reduced flap travel from 40 degrees to 30 degrees and a higher gross weight. These

changes were significant enough for Cessna to rename the aircraft the C152. This aircraft proved to have excellent handling qualities

suitable for flying training and an extremely durable structure able to take the rigours of ab initio flying training.



The C152 and the aerobatic A152 version remained in production until 6,620 C152 and 307 A152 were built.

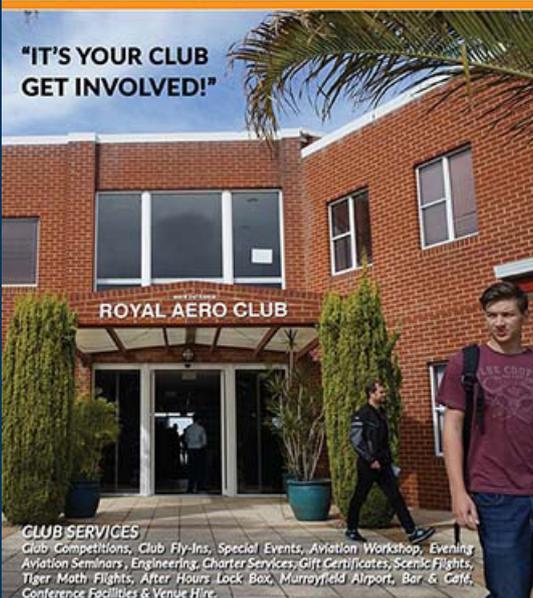
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## LOCAL AVIATION

# William Paul Blom Aeronautics Scholarship

Story & pictures: Glenda Blom

The William Paul Blom Aeronautics Scholarship is in honour of the memory of William Blom, known as "Bill" to his friends.

All his life, Bill had the passion to pursue a career in aviation. To achieve this goal, Bill worked in a factory and took a second job in a commercial laundry, washing nappies to save money to undertake training for a Private Pilot Licence. It was a slow process, working and saving, progressing his way to a Commercial Pilot Licence, then to a Class 1 Instructor Rating. On achieving this, Bill was finally able to gain employment in the aviation industry at the Royal Aero Club of New South Wales.

Continuing to study for his Air Transport Pilot Licence, Bill succeeded in gaining employment in the North of Western Australia, undertaking instructing and charter work. After gaining the required flying hours and invaluable experience, Bill became an airline pilot for Air Niugini, located in Papua New Guinea, for 2 years.

Following his return to Australia, Bill attended University and gained a Degree in Secondary Education, majoring in maths. With his qualifications, plus pilot instructor and airline pilot experience, Bill was the ideal teacher to fill an aeronautics teaching position at Morley Senior High School.



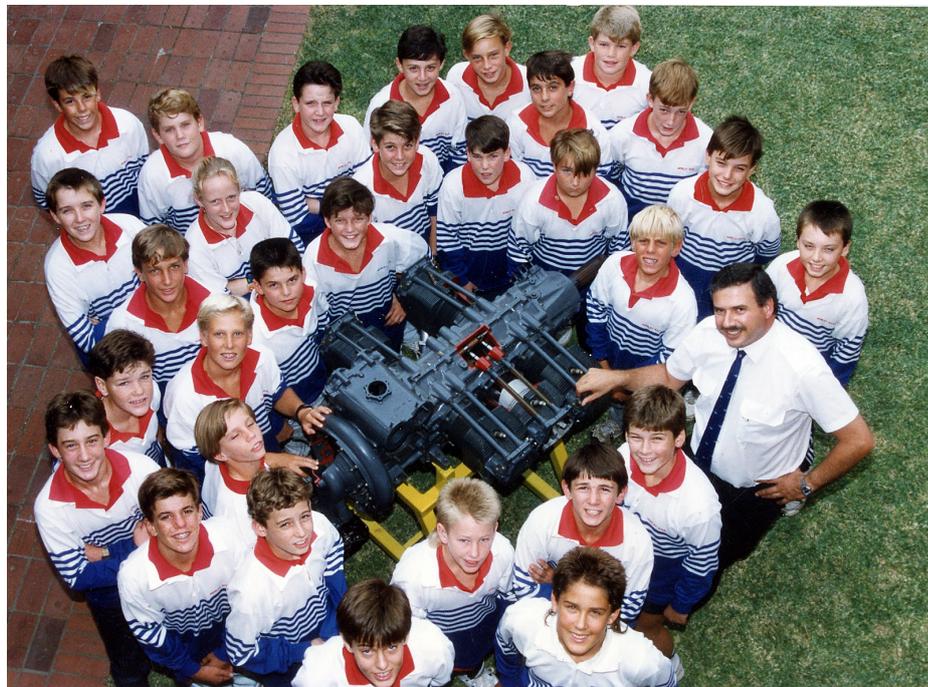
Bill receiving his Secondary Education Degree at Edith Cowan University

From humble beginnings with just Year 11 and 12 Aviation students, Bill worked to promote Aeronautics to many Primary Schools and created a program called "Flight" for Years 8, 9 and 10. This enabled younger students to progress into Aviation more easily in Years 11 and 12. This innovation increased the number of students transferring into Morley Senior

High School, who had the academic ability and drive to become part of this Aeronautics Course.

Bill believed his life was truly enriched by his aviation students at Morley Senior High

School, who went on to great achievements. Therefore, this scholarship is to provide funding for the Commercial Pilots Licence (CPL) CASA exams to those candidates who demonstrate they have the determination, diligence and drive to pursue a career in aviation.



Bill with a class of Morley Senior High School Aviation Students, repairing a Textron Lycoming fuel injected, geared and super charged 540 cubic inch engine.



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## Conditions;

1. Must be an Australian Citizen.
2. Applicant must hold a valid CASA Class 1 medical.
3. Successfully completed a CASA Private Pilot Licence(A); or outline your plans to complete PPL(A) and CPL(A).
4. Enrolled in CPL(A) full time course or outline your plan for completing a CPL(A) licence.
5. Provide letter of support from your instructor, Course Coordinator, Teacher or other relevant referee.
6. Write a 500 word essay supporting your application.

## Points to address in essay;

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- Outline your attributes, hobbies and what commitment you have applied to obtaining your licence.

## How to apply;

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- Please include a cover letter addressing and detailing the conditions as above. Attach your essay and supporting references with your application and email your application to [bb.scholarship@outlook.com](mailto:bb.scholarship@outlook.com). Any enquiries should also be directed to this email address.
- Applicants shortlisted for an interview will be contacted via email or telephone.



Bill Blom is pictured here with some of his beloved Morley Senior High School Aviation Students, in front of a Lockheed Neptune

# West Cape Howe Vineyard & Winery Fly In

Story: Vaughan Emery. Pics: West Cape Howe Wines.

Pilots are birds of a feather who like to flock together – to live, eat and breathe aviation and talk about flying. The recent fly-in luncheon to West Cape Howe Winery organised by the Bunbury Aero Club created a perfect opportunity to do just that.

The Bunbury Aero Club broadcast the fly-in at short notice inviting members from other aero clubs and individual owners to join in – the result, 28 aircraft arriving with over 60 pilots and passengers onboard creating the basics for a great day of camaraderie and flying fun.

RACWA CEO David Currey and Club Member Vaughan Emery seized the opportunity to fly down in Vaughan's Cirrus, VH-VPK taking 77 mins in perfect conditions for the 175nm flight from Jandakot.

West Cape Howe Vineyard and Winery is located in the Great Southern near Mt Barker. The expansive property includes a privately owned 996m sealed airstrip with a small apron attached. The airstrip itself is surrounded with tall pine trees down both sides of the runway with a patchwork of vineyards, open paddocks and forest blocks nearby. As a result the runway can be hard to initially locate until almost directly overhead the airstrip.

With most pilots never having landed at West Cape Howe, Bunbury Aero Club requested aircraft transmit on 123.45 in the circuit and then assisted pilots with runway approach clearance advice and parking directions on the ground - a very professional operation especially appreciated by the pilots.

Once on the ground and up close to the air

strip it was a spectacular sight as all types of aircraft, including a Piper Meridian turboprop were landing at virtually 2-3 minute intervals. Very soon the apron was packed 3 deep with many other airplanes parked in lines along the grass runway edge.

A minibus shuttle operated the 3 kms transfer to the magnificent West Cape Howe winery complex where senior wine maker and general manager Gavin Berry was on hand to personally greet the fly-in guests. A spirited storyteller, Gavin conducted an entertaining presentation describing the vineyard's history and its wines before inviting everyone to the delicious BBQ buffet all prepared from local Great Southern produce.

After lunch it was time to visit the cellar door shop, enjoy some more conversation over a locally roasted coffee or experience a tour of the

backofhouse winery operations before casually heading back to the airstrip for departure. Overall the day at West Cape Howe was just a brilliant experience underlying the very reason why we fly.

Special thanks to Bunbury Aero Club's president Zaki Dorkhan and flying instructor Catherine Faulkner for their organisation and detailed work bringing the fly-in together.

Footnote: Organised club fly-in events create the perfect opportunity for pilots to share the privileges of their licence with friends and family while enjoying the camaraderie and friendship of other pilots in a managed and supported flying environment. Why not put your name down and book an aircraft to join the annual Rottneest Bun Run on Good Friday, April 19?





# FREE MEMBERS

## Rottnest & Flight Review Seminar

### Sunday 14th April, 1400 - 1600

Presented by Instructor David Schneiker - this Seminar is offered FREE to RACWA Members on how to conduct a Rottnest (outside controlled airspace) Flight - perfect for those wanting to impress friends & family this Easter, with a beautiful scenic flight. Or why not join our Annual Rottnest Island Bun Run April 19.

We'll also discuss Flight Cost Sharing options with you, which can help to spread the cost of these types of flights.

During the seminar, a Flight Review Questionnaire will be completed and is valid for 3 months.

Rottnest Club Member Landing Fee Now \$20 - Was \$53.50!  
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Register your attendance on: Ph: 9417 0000  
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NB. A flight review is valid to the end of the month in which it was completed, 24 months later.

# MURRAYFIELD FLOUR BOMBING CHALLENGE

**WITH MUSTANG OWNERS CLUB WA  
APRIL 14 - GROUP BBQ 8AM**



Aim is the name of the Flour Bombing game. Drop a flour payload out of the aircraft during a low pass on to a ground target. Closest to the centre wins - simple! An instructor will help you fly and keep it safe. Just \$85 for barrels of fun! Briefing 09:00.

Contact [mickh@iprimus.net.au](mailto:mickh@iprimus.net.au) or 0402 800 802 to ensure a place in an aircraft. Spectators welcome. Murrayfield Airport - Lakes Road, Mandurah.

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## LOCAL AVIATION

# Murrayfield Matters

Mike Yeates - Instructor in Charge - Murrayfield Aerodrome

**W**ell, that's the end of another summer and I'm glad to say that February was the busiest month of the summer in terms of flying hours for Murrayfield. With plenty of good flying weather ahead of us in the Autumn, I hope that trend continues.



Congratulations to Jonathan Meade who recently passed his RPL flight test and thanks to Jarod Rowe for coming down for the flight. Jonathan first started training with us in late 2015 as part of the AAFC but took some long breaks to concentrate on his University degree.



On March 16th. we hosted an old friend, the TigerMoth, in conjunction with the Murray "Field" Day. Ten aircraft turned up for a flight over Mandurah & Crab Fest, with 20 people enjoying one of John Ridgway's famous yummy BBQ breakfasts...was a great opportunity to meet with fellow aviation enthusiasts and Inter Club Members. (Photos courtesy Danielle Briggs)



## Old friend & Club Member drops by YJPT



**M**urray Fletcher, pictured left with JD in front of the Sling, joined RACWA as a Club Member in 1968, and has known JD since he joined the Club as an Instructor in 1973.

Murray hadn't flown in 5 years, until he recently had the good fortune of winning, not 1, but 2,

of the Friday Members Lounge Bar Raffles. The first was for a flight in the vintage WW2 Trainer and Warbird, The North American TEXAN, the second win being a flight in our Sling, which was flown by JD.

Murray & JD had a good catch up during the flight, while breaking in the new aircraft!

## April Club Diary | April College Diary

5 Formation Fridays - Jandakot

14 Murrayfield Flour Bombing Challenge with Mustang Drive Through

19 Rottnest Island Bun Run

28 Instrument Circuit Challenge Jandakot

2 PPL Theory Night Course -Navigation

TBA CPL Systems One Week Night Theory Course

Following last year's success, join fellow club members and friends for

# The Stirling Ranges Great Western Air Race & Fly Away ~ May 4th-5th, 2019 ~

Jandakot ~ Wagin ~ Stirling Ranges Caravan Park (O/N)  
~ Return Jandakot own discretion.

Join us for some or all of the programme:

## Saturday:

- \* Air Race (Flight Planning and Navigation, approx. 2 hours)
- \* Lunch with Wagin Aero Club
- \* Time trial (approx. 1 hour)
- \* Dinner and overnight stay at the Stirling Range Retreat

## Sunday:

- \* Leisurely breakfast or walk up Bluff Knoll
- \* Scenic flight to Albany - approx. 30 mins
- \* Lunch with Albany Aero Club and Albany Flying Club. Return flight Jandakot (approx. 90 mins)



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Price: \$160 pp  
Based on double  
or shared accomm.,  
other accommodation  
options available



Why not get a group together to cost share aircraft hire to experience this outback weekend adventure! Please direct enquiries to Club Treasurer Ray Challen: 0408 321 262 or email: [ray@challen.com.au](mailto:ray@challen.com.au)