

# Plane Torque



**Tasmanian Aero Club Newsletter**

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*Out with the Old and in with the New*

*Well not really , its in with the New and the Old is still looking after itself.*

*The Committee feels the decision to enter in RAA was a good move and if the number of students starting up and the enquiries are anything to go by its obvious that its going to be a winner.*

*Whilst the Club teaches everything to CASA standard and we operate in the zone under CASA rules its heartening to hear people say when they hear the cost of obtaining an RAA Pilots Certificate just how affordable it is for the average person.*

*All relevant flying information will be shortly on the updated Website and if you have-*



Sure Flight Symphony Maestro, Peter Young giving MBE a final tweak

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are written, taken, compiled and or prepared by  
the Editor unless noted otherwise.*

### Operations Over The City

As a result of some pilot confusion the Club in conjunction with Air Services personnel have defined what is the City and the clearance limit.

North and North West out to 11 DME of an extended line between the Country Club Golf Course and St Leonards is classed as the CITY and in-bound beyond this point towards the airport requires a clearance.

The CBD is self explanatory and means just that. Thanks to Rod Irvin and his staff in the Tower for their input and assistance.

### Overseas Correspondent

We recently received an e-mail from John Bryan who resides a short distance from Biggin Hill Airfield in the UK.

John started his flying career at Launceston with Reg Munroe in 1948 after he came third in an Examiner Scholarship.

He was 15 years old at the time and working for ANA at Launie. He eventually went to the mainland then to Europe and finally Biggin Hill where he became an Instructor and CAA Examiner for 33 years.

John has since retired but still holds his Licence and for those interested produces a monthly Newsletter about Biggin Hill Airfield. ([pilotspals.co.uk](http://pilotspals.co.uk))

Anyone traveling to UK /Europe and interested in contacting John its [johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk](mailto:johnbryan@jbplstd.demon.co.uk)

### Airside Security

There have been several minor breaches of airside security which have originated through the Club.

Please bear in mind that where breaches occur it is the Club that cops the flack and any repercussion from reports forwarded to DOTARS

Pilots entering Airside must have and have visible their ASIC

Aircraft passengers **are not** to be taken Airside until after an aircraft is preflighted and ready for boarding in front of the club , hangar or tie down area. They can then legally be escorted to the aircraft by the pilot/ ASIC holder.

Visitors must have a visitors pass and be accompanied by an ASIC holder. These are available from the Club Office and must be returned after use



**TRAFFIC**



Traffic has been a bit on the light side again. Numerous visits from RAAF 737,s on VIP transport as well as a few. King Airs on training. A couple of Caribous were in the state for 4 5 days on low level and nav training and were well noted at Launie and in the Tamar area. 337 VMO made several missed approaches on training and stayed over for brief periods. King Air **IMP** flew down from Darwin via Mt Hotham, and overnighed for 4 nights before taking the same route home. Stuart Randall even managed a few circuits in WIX just to keep his hand in after flying the King Air

Having just spent a couple of days at Sydney Airport with the camera it was amazing just to see how many International flights lob in and out each day.



**Committee member Anna McFarlane has taken three months leave from the Committee and is about to undertake commercial helicopter training in Queensland**

**FLEET**



All aircraft up and running well . J 160 45-44 has had its first 100 hourly as well as a couple of mods and hasn't missed a beat. **LET** is back for the SAR training 16/17 September and remaining in the stable for a while.

**Spud Night**

Whilst the weather was too kind a few showed up for the Spud and Quiz night and those attending enjoyed the evening. Thanks to Tony and Anna for the arrangements

**Competitions**

The last Club Comps was held on a Saturday which proved popular for most. It is thought we may continue holding them on Saturdays if this is more suitable for most.



Stuart Randall home for a few days from Darwin in IMP





MIKE TEED GIVING PNX A DRINK

### Achievements

Congratulations to Mike Teed on achieving his Instructor Rating. Mike is an ex charter and Ag Pilot and will soon be a familiar face on the instructional side at the Club in both RAA and GA.. Mike completed his training with Maurice Duff and rating with Doug Chipman

Chris Clarke PPL 28/8/06

Danny Player has obtained his NVFR rating and APU is now often seen returning from Wynyard in darkness hours.

Ivan Binns PPL Cyber Exam 30/8/06

### New Members

We welcome new members Ian Tucker, Amanda Hudson, Amy Mizzi, John Ford, Peter Waterhouse and Byron Trump.

We hope you have happy flying and association with the Club for both you, family and friends.



Mike Propstings 182



### Out and About

Malcolm Moore has returned from Northern Queensland in WIQ after a reportedly pleasant trip through various centres on the way.

Maurice Duff and Mike Teed did a run down the southwest and in to Melaluka in the Jabiru.

Other than a few local flights weather hasn't been kind for general flying but it can only get better.

Rob White has just returned home from a Canada /Alaska trip and reckoned it was worth every penny.

Committee member Dave Barratt has also been away overseas for a couple of months also having got the travel bug again.

Paul Herron went nautical for a week and assisted Ian McFarlane to ferry his Riviera 43 from Sydney up to Maroochydore.

### BEREAVEMENT

Club member Ken Saxon passed away on the Northwest Coast recently. Ken was an Associate Member for many years and was quite active well known.

### 1st RAA Solo

80 Hours in the Jabiru and along came a maintenance check flight.

Downwind the realization suddenly hit home "God I'm flying solo for the first time in RAA" Well done Duffy.

### Housekeeping

**Just a reminder of a few things that keep showing up lately**

**Please ensure controls locks are in place when you evacuate the aircraft either on the tarmac or tie down area.**

**Fuel selector to either R/L to stop crossflow. Attach throttle lock on completion.**

**And if you are the last flight of the day put the aircraft away please don't just leave it out the front.**

**It is also a requirement that you sign the flying sheet prior to departure**

# 75th Annual General Meeting

## Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Aero Club will be held on Friday the 6th October 2006 at the Clubrooms Launceston Airport commencing at 7.30pm.

### Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 To confirm the Minutes of 74th Annual General Meeting held on the 7th October 2005
- 3 Receive and adopt the Directors Report
- 4 Receive and adopt the Auditors Report and Balance Sheet
- 5 Receive the Declaration by the Chairman of the names of the Committee for the ensuing year
- 6 To fix the remuneration of the Auditor
- 7 General discussion as may be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman
- 8 Close

Dated this 28th Day of August 2006

PA Herron  
President.

### Committee Nominations 2006

There are four 4 retiring members of the Committee and 2 non retiring members leaving six (6) positions vacant.

Retiring members are eligible for re-election

Any Flying or Life Member who wishes to nominate for a position on the Committee should do so on forms provided at the Tasmania Aero Club and such nomination must be returned or posted to reach "The Secretary" Mr. Joseph Miller on or before the COB Friday 22nd September 2006




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***Ed***