

NEWSLETTER

President's Report



Time flies when you're having fun the old saying goes and I can't believe it's time to sit down and write another report for another newsletter! Where does the time go?

April was another month full of flying activities, the biggest of which for me was the Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia National Fly-in held at Echuca over the weekend of 13-14 April. As many of you probably know, in addition to being the President of the Kyneton Aero Club, I'm also the

Vice President of the Antiquer's. While there's a fair bit of work involved in both roles, it's very rewarding being involved in both these organisations and seeing the success of events such as the National and the upcoming Biggest Morning Tea which we'll be hosting once again in a few weeks time.

The best aspect is being part of a group of like minded folks who are all keen to ensure the membership get the best value possible. The Committee works hard to continue to improve the Club as well as grow the membership to ensure the future sustainability of the club. While we're still a few months away from our

AGM, it's never too early to start thinking about joining the Committee and giving something back to the Club. It's the membership that makes a club what it is and with a growing membership, I'd like to see more of you getting involved in the running of the club to continue to improve it for everyone.

Talk to me if you're keen to get involved.

Until next time. Safe flying.

Cheers, Matt.

Special points of interest:

- Working Bee will be held on Sunday 5th of May.
- Cancer Council
 Biggest Morning Tea
 will be held on
 Saturday 18th of May.





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CFI Report

Mike Bourke is keeping busy with 20 students on the books at the moment and another couple of potential students and members enquiring about flight training. CASA are currently looking at changing the rules around Aeroplane Flight Reviews and having them become a "notifiable event" which essentially means that CASA are notified when you undertake your AFR.

Highlights and milestones over the past few months include:

First Solo:

 Rogan Coyles (first landing pictured right thanks to Gini Dalton)

GFPT:

- Bruce Greenwood
- Mark Hardwick

PPL:

- Pete Swan
- Mal Greenwood
- Mark Dromgool





Event Report: AAAA National Fly-in



The Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia held it's 37th annual National Fly-in at Echuca on the weekend 13-14 April. Over 120 antique, vintage and ex-military aircraft attended the weekend including many "one of" types in Australia. The Kyneton Aero Club and AAAA share many members and it was great to see so many of our members attend the weekend. Many awards were presented at the Saturday night dinner including our own Kim & Chris Yoannidis winning the Lance Fletcher Memorial Trophy for Best Tiger Moth. This award is judged and presented by the team at Luskintyre known for their amazing restorations of Tiger Moths. Grand Champion award went to Guy Bourke's Custom Cabin Waco, which if you haven't seen yet, is an absolute masterpiece and a credit to the folks in the US who restored this 1938 executive aircraft to better than new.

KAC Supports ANZAC Day

Once again, Kyneton Aero Club was honoured to support the Kyneton RSL ANZAC Day March & Service with a formation fly-over at the end of the ceremony. Pilot's Warren Canning (Yak52), Murray Wallace (CT4), Andy Morris (T-6 Airtourer) and myself (CT4) flew a diamond formation over Malmsbury, Tylden and Trentham before conducting two passes over Mollison Street, the second pass concluding with a "bomb burst" to close the ceremony. Next year the team is hoping to extend the tour and include other towns such as Woodend and Gisborne.









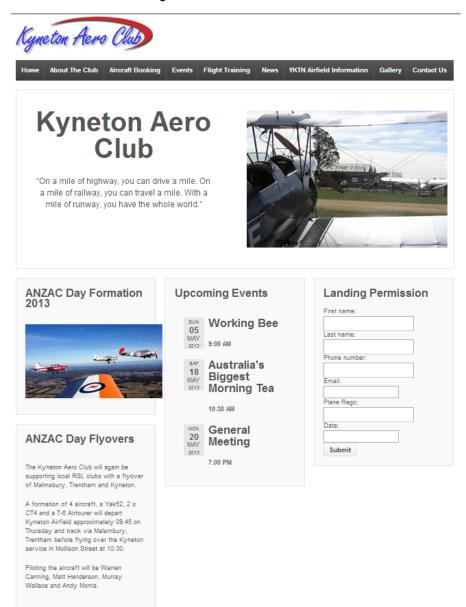
New Kyneton Aero Club Website

After many months of discussion and work, we are happy to announce the release of the new Kyneton Aero Club website. One of our younger members and recent solo student, Rogan Coyles, is an experienced web developer and has spent many hours deciding on the best platform to meet our requirements and help me with content development. We've included links to Instagram so you can tag your photos and they're instantly uploaded to the website gallery.

An online aircraft booking capability will be coming in the next month or so which will hopefully put an end to booking conflicts and give greater visibility on aircraft and CFI bookings.

Your feedback on the new site is welcomed, so don't hesitate to contact me to if you have any ideas for improvement.

Thanks also to Richard Warren for maintaining our old site.



Member Profile: Cameron Ross

When & why did you join the Kyneton Aero Club / what attracted you?

I live in Melbourne and joined the Kyneton Aero Club in January of 2012 which coincided with me bringing my Auster Mk III down from Scone, NSW. Through Kyneton-based friends, I met Warren Canning who kindly assisted me in joining the Club. In addition to the location, the immediate attractions to me were the liveliness of the Club, accessibility to Rob and

Is flying a hobby or day job or both?

Since departing the military I have been involved in managerial, advisory and flying duties in resource sector aviation operations globally. Aviation safety supporting resource sector flight operations is a big part of my job, and extends from offshore helicopter activity, jungle externalload and seismic work to onshore flyin fly-out activities in often remote parts of the world.

Kim's Auster expertise and of course the grass strip which the Auster particularly likes.

What inspired you to get involved in aviation and become a pilot?

My father (the good looking one on the right) first went solo in an Auster at the start of his Army aviation career. His career in aviation meant it was a big part of my growing up. After going solo in gliders at 15 I joined the Army and did my training and operational flying on helicopters. I ended up finishing my military flying at the RAAF Aircraft Research and Development Unit flying both fixed and rotary wing. With non-aviation related staff postings on the horizon I moved to the commercial aviation world in 1995.



Tell us a bit about your aircraft...

Auster Al1-49 was first shipped out from the UK in 1945 to the RAAF and assigned to 16 AOP flight. It had an accident in 1955 (crewed by Army Aviation greats Harry Benson and Alf Argent) which concluded its military service and was subsequently reregistered VH-MHT in 1960. I first saw it in storage in Armidale in the late nineties and was drawn to its warbird heritage. My Dad had served with 16 Army Light Aircraft Squadron (which grew out of 16 AOP) and I had spent 3-years with 161 Reconnaissance Squadron (which grew out of 16 ALA Squadron) prior to my time with ARDU. So the family historical ties were a good match for the affordability scale when the aircraft came up for sale in 2004.

That, plus the fact I simply enjoy flying tail-wheel aircraft has meant many enjoyable hours in the aircraft.



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Kyneton Aero Club was established in November 1966 by a group of like minded individuals that saw the potential of general aviation in regional areas. Strongly supported by the Kyneton Shire at the time, the Kyneton Airfield was established with responsibility for its management in the hands of the Kyneton Aero Club. This arrangement is still in place with the Kyneton Aero Club responsible for the operations and management of the airfield.

Coming Events



The following events are coming up in the next month:

- 5 May: Kyneton Aero Club Working Bee @ 9AM
- 18 May: Biggest Morning Tea @ 10:30AM
- 20 May: Kyneton Aero Club Committee @ 7PM, General Meeting at 8PM.

Reminder: Preferred Circuit Patterns at YKTN

In order to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbors, a fly neighborly policy has been in place at Kyneton for some time. In order to continue to improve on our operations and address noise complaints and other concerns raised from time to time, we have prepared the plan below which shows the preferred circuits to be flown at Kyneton Airfield. These circuits are approximately 1nm (1.8km) in lateral displacement from the runway in use providing for safe operations in the event of an engine failure in circuit. They also track directly overhead major roads / rivers and avoid homes / properties where possible.

- RWY 18/36: Northern boundary is the road that runs east-west to the north of Sunbury Lodge. Southern boundary is the Old Calder Highway. Western boundary is the Campaspe River.
- RWY 27/09: Northern and Western boundaries as per RWY 18/36. Eastern boundary is Edgecombe Road.
- These are preferred patterns only, ultimately the decision for safe operation of the aircraft rests with the pilot in charge.

