

# TEMORAAERO CLUB

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### WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi!

Since our last newsletter much has happened. Most importantly this season is off to a perfect start with regular rainfall, the best we have seen for many years.

Our Annual General Meeting in April was well attended with numerous nominations for the ten committee positions. We have two new directors namely Leah Wells and Terry Wright with Lindsay Wallace and Paul Harmon retiring. My congratulations and thanks to each of them.

The next twelve months is going to be challenging with some major changes. Recently the aviation museum announced changes to the format of its flying display weekends back to a one day event called Aircraft Showcase Days. This event will showcase three aircraft and operate twice a month. My expectation is that numbers will significantly be reduced and our previous roll with aircraft parking and welcoming and assisting fly in visitors will probably not be required in the future.

Unfortunately we have seen Temora Flight Training withdraw its operations from the aero club. I have always considered Temora Flight Training in conjunction with the aero club as being a great team, offering student pilots ideal training facilities

together with the social interaction a club offers, culminating in a very special experience during their pilot training.

It's important now that we make a positive effort to utilize both the Cessna and the club Tecnam, and it is up to the members as the financial viability of these aircraft may be brought into question at some time in the future if not utilised. To fly these aircraft, bookings may be made through the club's booking officer, Geoff King: Hm 02 69 774424, MOB 0428847322 or email the club and Joan Westman, the club secretary, will make contact with Geoff and assist with bookings.

On a more positive note we hope to run an Temora Aero Club Open Day in September for members and friends. We hope to have as many aircraft out on display as possible. Much planning has to be done and we want this to be a very special day.

Coming events will see Model Jets in September, Aerobatic Championships in late October, Scale Models in November as well as TAFE classes during school holidays and Wheelies With Wings later in the year.

Finally don't forget Friday evening drinks 5:30- 6:00 pm to 7:30-8:00pm at the aero club as well as Wednesday Morning Tea with Col's special cake!

**Sam Richard's Report From the Fly-Away** (See Photos on back page)

Here are a couple of shots: First is me and Lindy Morrow checking out her husband, Ryan's landing in a C-172. The second is Bill Pike's Bird Dog in front of the lodge at Middlebrook Station, Scone.

Middlebrook Station has been in the Henderson Family since the 1920s and runs sheep and cattle. Suzanne and Alan Henderson, aside from catering for visitors, are also about to host a wind farm to help meet the energy needs of the Hunter Valley.

Due to local wx at YTEM, I drove up to Scone on Friday night in order to host our various guests from around the area. We had 11 visitors fly in, mostly from Cessnock and Wallsend. Alan and his son, Hamish, demonstrated their Super Cub's short field abilities, as well as those of their early model, straight tailed C-172.

Among other aircraft in attendance were: Steerman, RV-7, Bird Dog, C-172 and gyrocopter.

The venue was perfect for celebrating a day's good flying with Middlebrook's freshly-rolled 1100M strip. Our accommodation was comfortable and the New York steaks, catered by Jamie Campbell, were superb.

The Hendersons would like to welcome our group once again when weather conditions improve.

Good flying,

Sam

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### **Temora Aero Club History**

The follow article was written by a club members, Merv Macauley and published in the book, Temora Yesterday and Today 1880-1980 (Page 189)

The Temora Aero Club was first formed after World War 11 (1939-1945) Organisation began in 1946 whilst the Temora 10 E.F.T.S. (Elementary Flying Training School) was breaking up and most were returning to civil life.

Aircrafts were purchased from the unwanted aeroplanes of the R.A.A.F. and DH82's (Tiger Moths) were a natural choice. Application was made to the then Minister for Air. Mr. Drakeford, and one aircraft hangar was retained from the R.A.A.F. Station at Temora and is still used on the all weather civil aerodrome today. The first President was Mr. Bill Porter and his own private aircraft was a Hornet Moth. The first instructors were Mr. Allan Hayes of Mirrool, who had been Commanding Officer of the R.A.A.F. Station at Bairnsdale, and Mr Harry Nicholson of Temora.

Set backs occasionally occurred such as the Aero Club's Tiger Moth aircraft VH-ALL being flipped onto its back by a solo trainee at one time.

The officers' mess was used as a club house when vacated by the R.A.A.F. and many a pleasant social was held.

Flying cost only 2.10.0 pounds(\$5.00) per hour with the use of the two honorary instructors up until interest waned in 1950. The interest in flying remained dormant in Temora until 1963 when Mr. Jack Masling came from Cootamundra to Temora on Sundays to conduct flying training, and shortly after, the Aero Club was reformed. In 1965 Masling stopped coming to Temora and Mr Nail Whybrow continued on the flying training with his own commercial flying school.

The Temora Aero Club then joined the Temora Ex-Services club in 1966, and became known as the Temora Ex-Services Club Flying Group. This group was disbanded on 12th November, 1967 and the Temora Aero Club was reformed.

In July, 1968, the Club purchased a Cessna 172 VH-CBC.

The next period of flying training came in October, 1972 when "Skyways" came across from Cootmundra. This arrangement ended early in 1974.

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In June 1975 the Temora Aero Club became a Limited Liability Company registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission and became known as Temora Aero Club Limited. A couple of months later, a flying school licence was granted and a flying instructor was obtained. Twelve months later the instructor left and the licence was lost. Mid 1977 brought another flying instructor and a renewal of the licence. This arrangement also only lasted twelve months and the licence was again lost due to the instructor taking out his own flying school licence. He then continued training at Temora with his own licence for about six months.

In September, 1979, our current instructor arrived and our flying school licence was once again renewed and we are at present conducting flying training at Temora. Young and West Wyalong as well as a private pilot theory course at Temora. 3:30pm and all those interested are most welcome to attend.

### **From The Secretary**

Our club membership continues to grow with over 325 social and flying members. More than 200 of these members have email addresses which facilitates communication. If you are not receiving mail this way and you have an email address that I don't have, please email it to me at temoraeroclub@gmail.com. If you have not received a membership card that reflects your current club membership: name, years/years paid and receipt number, please let me know as there are still a few memberships that have been paid by direct deposit but haven't attached a name in the transaction identifying yourself.

On behalf of the Temora Aero Club, I would like to extend our gratitude for all those members who helped out at NATFLY in April. Your help was greatly appreciated by the committee and also from many emails that came through from visitors thanking the club for their hospitality.

As most of you know, the Temora Shire Council has constructed accommodation on the airfield this past year to allow people a place to stay who wish to be close to the aerodrome. If you book through the council, you need to request the above preference if that is what you wish.

The newsletter format has been changed somewhat and I would especially like any items of interest from members to include in the newsletter that comes out three times a year.

Those members who have an email address receive club news and other items of interest as they occur.

### **Coming Events**

#### **July**

17th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

#### **August**

7th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

21st Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

#### **September**

4th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

3-4th Jet flyers Association at Temora Aerodrome ( to be Confirmed)

18th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

#### **October**

2nd Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

16th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

30th—1st Nov NSW Aerobatics Championships at Temora Aerodrome

#### **November**

5-7th Scale Model Display at Temora Aerodrome (to be Confirmed)

6th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

20th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

20-21st Temora Aviation Museum Flying Weekend

### **December**

4th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

18th Temora Aviation Museum—Aircraft Showcase Day

26th Gliding Camp at Temora Aerodrome

### **Temora Flight Training**

Well we all survived and I hope enjoyed Natfly over the Easter weekend. This was a great result for the Council, the town and RA-Aus and not possible without a huge volunteer effort from many residents, visitors, pilots and pilots partners.

The regular Human Factors course has been well patronised over the past few months, and remember if you have an RA-Aus Pilot Certificate you will need this qualification by September this year. If you haven't attended one of these courses, you are in for a pleasant surprise, with favourable comments received like "I thought it would be a waste of time, but Brad's presentation was interesting and informative." "I thought it was just an extra useless requirement, but I learned a lot about myself and my decision making and I know I will be a safer pilot now."

Just contact me on 0412 409171 to add your name to the list for the next course.

Congratulations go to new Temora residents Brian and Jo Croft, who tied the knot recently, Brian also recently achieved his unrestricted Level 2 maintenance authority, as did I. This gives additional flexibility and opportunity for maintenance on the Tecnams as well as widening the pool of experience and availability at the airfield. Once Brian and Jo have their house finished Brian is eagerly looking forward to getting back to flying training.

Welcome to new students Barry Keir of Quandialla, Adam Richards of Cootamundra, Robbie Ford of Barmedman and Roy Garland of Tullibigeal, while Rod Lambert of Canberra also recently did some conversion flying.

Congratulations also go to Jim Haines of Werribee Vic and Shane Barker of Gerrin-gong NSW, who both recently achieved their RA-Aus conversion from a PPL.

Other recent visitors include the CEO of RA-Aus, Steve Tizzard who undertook a Biennial Flight Review and Instructor Renewal, along with Operations Managers Mick Poole and Lee Ungermann also undertaking Instructor Renewals while visiting Temora.