



TEMORA AERO CLUB

NEWSLETTER July 2007

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NEW OFFICE BEARERS - 2007

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

2006 has proved to be yet another busy and successful year for our club with improved financial returns, enjoyable social activities, as well as great flying conditions. Our support for the aviation museum on Flying Weekends has been ongoing.

Other events during the year included the AOPA Fly-in and AGM, the Aerobatic championships, the Gliding Club Christmas Camp and a number of other social and flying events.

This year we installed reverse cycle airconditioning and replaced the carpets throughout the club. Our Club rooms are now first class and something to be proud of.

The club aircraft JHO has seen a significant drop-off in utilization, which is of great concern to us, reflecting the decline in general aviation. We will be trying our best to turn this around in the coming year.

Our efforts to retain the Aero Club's caravan park have been futile as Temora Shire council's unreasonable requirements just won't allow the park to operate viably and serve our members. Council have committed to establishing a new caravan park on the aerodrome and have advertised for "expressions of interest" from persons interested in leasing the new park.

On the bright side, the new Tecnam Sierra aircraft has arrived and many members have flown it already. Enquiries from members interested in acquiring their RAA license have been very encouraging and it is hoped this major venture will revitalize flying and club activities, as has happened in many other Aero Clubs who have taken up this challenge. A big thank you to Alec Bayne, Lyndsay Wallace and Alan Powlay for picking the aircraft up from Moree.

The new fuel installation is yet to be completed but when it is, we will have a twenty-four hour self-service fuel availability, which should reduce our work load significantly, particularly with callouts and administration. A card system, with credit cards or a fuel card, will operate the fuel bowser.

The coming year will be most challenging with a number of changes requiring positive and prudent management and support, and I look forward to this.

I would like to thank all our members, particularly my fellow directors for their help and assistance throughout the year. It has been a great year and let's make 2007 even better with new initiatives.

We have hosted a number of events recently with an overnight stop and special dinner for the Megafauna Flyers with their wide range of RAA type aircraft and trikes. Over fifty people attended and a great night was

had by all. More recently we had a two day visit from the Commander Group Flying Rockwell Commander Aircraft. We catered for around forty people at a special dinner.

Next year we have two VERY major flying events with the National Gliding Comps in January and in April the Antique Aircraft Association of Australia will hold its annual fly-in at Temora. These will be BIG events. In the next few months we have the Model Jet flyers on September 21st, 22nd, 23rd. and the associated airport closures that will occur. This will be followed by the State Aerobatic championships on October Long Weekend.

A big thankyou to all those club members who has assisted with a number of jobs through the year: catering, cleaning, aircraft parking during museum flying days and ground control.

Robert Maslin(President)

FLYING TRAINING NEWS

The club's new Tecnam is a big hit! According to Al Powlay, all who fly it are suitably impressed! Most local members have had a fly in it and step out beaming. At the moment Al and Quincy Maxwell, also an instructor at the field, have four new students under their wings: Nathan, a 17 year old, Mark Crutcher, Finney and Michael Anthony. Rod Luke will soon be working on his RAA Instructor rating, also. Robert Maslin has filled in the appropriate paper work and will be responsible for maintaining the engine and aircraft. Lyndsay Wallace has been trying to do his bit in keeping it shiny and clean but has complained that it's always in the air when he comes in to do this job! As a manner of interest the Tecnam has accumulated 70 hours flying here at Temora plus the 13 hours already on it before it arrived here. That makes a total of 83 hours thus far in a little over six weeks!

Not Bad!

NEW AIRCRAFT ARRIVING

A few local club members are awaiting the arrival of their own aircraft: Pete Franke has almost completed his Zenith XLS taildragger, Terry Wright has been patiently waiting for his Brumby due soon, Lyndsay Wallace has enjoyed his recently acquired Jodel, Wally Rudin his Jabiru 230 and Carol Richards her Jabiru 160 soon to arrive. Geoff Moore has also completed his Zenith and building up hours flying.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Karime Andrea Parra, Mr Shawn McIntyre, Barbi May Osborn, James Crozier, Robert Irwin, Tony Elliott

RAFFLE TICKETS - GPS FOR TECNAM

Now that the club has acquired the Tecnam, we are fundraising for the purchase of a Garmin 296 GPS to finish it off. We have a raffle going with some great prizes. 1st – Garmin Street Pilot Car navigation System value \$700.00, 2nd – Smart Nav Car Navigation System valued \$550.00, and 3rd – Trial Flight in our new Tecnam Sierra Aircraft. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets can be obtained at the club or by posting in your money and we will send them out. 400 tickets need to be sold and the draw is on 17 August 2007.

If you would like to help with the raffle by either buying a book yourself or buying individual tickets, please fill out the request form below.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

The aero club has made changes to the way in which it can best communicate news of club events to its members. The web site has been updated and is being managed by a club member, Grant Booth. On this web site members and interested people may be informed of current happenings in the club and other associated activities at the airfield. The web site will inform people of news associated with flying, gliding, parachuting, museum activities and the Temora Estate developments. The web site will have other relevant links to information of interest to all members and people interested in flying generally.

We would like to encourage all club members of the Temora Aero Club to visit the Temora Aero Club web site and to keep up with current news through this medium. We would also like to change the way in which we send out correspondence to members. We would like to encourage all members to establish an email address to receive "news item/letters" and to keep up to date with club happenings. In this manner, they will receive information more frequently and easily. Through email, members may also contact club committee members with queries and receive immediate feedback. We recognise that this might not suit all members

who do not have access to computers so we will continue to send newsletters to those members who request this.

Following are addresses that will assist you in keeping in contact with the Temora Aero Club activities:

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Could all members please send us the follow information below stating the manner in which you wish to receive club information.

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As a member of the Temora Aero Club, I would like to receive newsletters and information through the web site and through email.

Surname(Print)_____

First Name(Print)_____

Email address(PRINT)_____

I would like newsletters and information sent through the mail only.

Surname(Print)_____

First Name(Print)_____

Confirm current
address(PRINT)_____

RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST FORM

I would like _____(number) tickets @ \$10.00 per ticket sent to the above address.

Enclosed amount of money:_____

SIGNED _____

Please mail to: Joan Westman either through email or by above address of club.