



Tumut Aero Club

Newsletter Autumn 2011.

I am sure that you have all heard our Prime Minister Miss Julia Gillard talking about “Moving forward”, and all I can say is that she must be talking about the Tumut Aero Club. I am really pleased to say that all the news regarding our club at the moment is all good news. The committee this year has been working extremely well together, with plenty of fresh ideas, as well as some spin on some old ideas, and all I can really say is that the club has a real sense of direction and unity at the moment. The committee has been working hard on all aspects of the club, one of the main things we are focusing on is getting everything back up to scratch, in particular the paperwork side of things. Some of the paperwork has not really received a major update since the early sixties and we feel this is an important part of modern day business, and we are taking the opportunity to get everything tidied up and all together. Along with the paperwork and legality side of things the club is looking at becoming an Incorporated Association. This is something that the club looked at doing a few years ago but was told by our auditors at the time ‘Adams Kennelly White’ that this would be difficult to set up and expensive. However this is not the case at all. This will help in many ways, including no requirement for our books to be audited, therefore saving both time and even more importantly – money. You will be kept up to date regarding this over the next two months, as we are hoping to get the basis of this done prior to the start of the next financial year.

As well as the paperwork side we are working on updates to plenty of our facilities including the hangar, terminal building and of course the new fuel installation. The development application is still with council, and subject to approval we already have a construction schedule so things can get under way immediately. The fuel installation will have both an Avgas installation owned by the Tumut Aero Club and a Jet A1 tank owned by Skyfuel. Please keep in mind that we need plenty of workers to help complete this task, as the less work we have to outsource means cheaper fuel, and cheaper fuel means cheaper running costs on even our club aircraft.

It's Home!

The club's Jabiru 170 arrived back in Tumut on Thursday afternoon after repairs were carried out at the Jabiru factory in Bundaberg. There have been plenty of delays with the aircraft, including the flooding in South Queensland which





Club aircraft at the Jabiru Factory

delayed the aircraft getting to the factory, then the flooding at Bundaberg, and more recently the insurance side of things. We had been waiting on the hull release paperwork from the insurance company as the person in charge of our claim had gone on leave. We only received this just prior to Easter. Then the final delays due to weather in the week following Easter and early last week.

Please note that there are some significant changes to the aircraft due to the nature of the repairs and the modification required to the J170 Aircraft Directive. So prior to flying the aircraft everyone needs to be briefed on the weight and balance requirements, as well as a few other various things. If you wish to fly the aircraft Please contact Graham Smith to arrange a briefing. Graham can also do BFR's if you require one. Graham can be contacted on (02)6947 2349BH, 0427 472349M, or email flying@tumutaeroclub.org.au

Flying Training

The Tumut Aero Club will be continuing to carry out flight training in the club aircraft. Senior Instructor Graham Smith will be operating at Tumut, as a satellite of Narromine Ultralights, with Barry Hanchard as the CFI. Graham started flying in the late 1960's and was a gliding instructor in the gliding wing of the Tumut Aero Club in the late 1970's and into the 1990's. Graham then took some time away from training whilst building two Jabiru aircraft. He is a Life Member of the Tumut Aero Club, and began R.A.Aus training in about 2002. Anybody wanting to continue their flight training, or would like to learn to fly, contact Graham as per the details above.

Festival Float and Bila park display.

Recently the TAC had a float in the Festival of the Falling Leaf Parade, and a stall at the Gala day in Bila Park. Our displays included Mike Roodt's bumble bee aircraft which is currently under construction, some photo boards of some of the aircraft constructed by our club members, a few historic photos, flight training information and a few videos. It was a great way to show that we are an enthusiastic and approachable club, happy to work with the community and promote flying to all.

The Tumut Aero Club float included a Pedal Mustang pulling a Tumut Aero Club banner, a TAC hangar, a windsock, and a control tower. The plane was piloted by Hugh Baker, the tower operator was Courtney O'Rourke, and Ground Marshall Marianna Smith.

According to the WIN TV news, the Aero Club float was most popular with the crowd.



Tumut Aero Club display in Bila Park.



The 2011 Festival of the Falling Leaf Float.

I would like to thank everybody involved with the float and stall, with a special thank you to Mike Roodt for bringing his plane in for display and to Doug Martin for allowing us to use his truck for the parade.

Hosted Events

Earlier in the year the TAC hosted the Airtourer Association and the Bathurst Aero Club. Both groups enjoyed the day along with our Aero Club members.

As part of the Airtourer Association's 33rd Convention at Corryong, the group travelled to Tumut and were hosted for lunch by the Tumut Aero Club. Some of the group even drove from Corryong to participate. The Airtourer Association also held their 8th Annual Convention at Tumut in 1986. The TAC President of the club at the time was Danny O'Sullivan who was one of the Tumut Club members helping on the BBQ for the day. However there was even more history in Tumut than the Airtourer Association was aware of. Members of both groups made the most of great weather for a fantastic social day.

The following weekend the club also hosted the Bathurst Aero Club for a social lunch. The Bathurst Club members began arriving at around 9:30 am for morning tea and a chat. They had a look around at all that is happening here at Tumut, before everyone sat down for lunch together. After lunch the Bathurst Club members began departing. Our club is planning a visit to Bathurst later in the year.

Ground Marshalling Course

On the 7th May in conjunction with Peter Mclean from Yarrawonga flight training, we ran a Ground Marshalling Course at the club house. Peter was very interesting; explaining about his time in the Air Force and Navy, with just the right balance of seriousness and humour throughout the day. Peter began with the safety aspects of Ground Marshalling, followed by airport layouts and safety. We stopped for a quick coffee break before getting stuck into the important part, the signalling and procedures. Then while lunch was cooking on the BBQ, Peter took a group out on the tarmac for some walk through operations. Then after an enjoyable lunch, the second group did a few walk through operations before a briefing and then into

practicing with an aircraft, swapping positions around the tarmac, so everyone had a turn in various areas.



Louie Doon handing off the South African Airways 747.



Glenyce marshalling in Phil's Sting to park.

After engine shut down there was a debriefing and a quick afternoon tea, Peter presented the certificates. Everybody had an enjoyable day, and walked away with a good understanding on what is required to be a Ground Marshall. If you would be interested in doing this course we may look at running another one later in the year. Please let me know if you would like to do this.

Club Shirts and Hats

We will be soon organising a bulk order for TAC embroidered shirts and hats. If you are interested in getting some of the club attire, be sure to grab a form and fill in which ever you require and receive a discount off the normal price.

Upcoming events

To keep up to date with all our upcoming events make the Tumut Aero Club your homepage. The page is being constantly updated, which will allow everyone to get all the latest info regarding our club.

The club web page address is www.tumutaeroclub.org.au

Don't forget that the club also has a facebook page. There is a link on the club webpage to the facebook page, or you can click here

<https://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=139752456039998>

Please keep in mind that the club is looking at a big clean up in the Airport Lodge and also working bees for the fuel installation which we are aiming for completion before the Tumut Valley Fly in.

Canberra Aero Club Spot Landing Competition

On the 19th of June the Canberra Aero Club is looking at running some flying competitions here at Tumut. Apparently it is a little hard to run an event like this on the main runway at Canberra with the RPT traffic there. At this time the event is a provisional date but we are expecting confirmation soon. The Canberra Club are also inviting us to compete in their activities so I expect to see a few of you out there

practicing over the coming weeks. You can also visit the Canberra Aero Club website at <http://canberra-aeroclub.com.au/cac/>

Tumut Valley Fly In

The Tumut Valley fly in is fast approaching folks, and there will be a few changes from previous years. For a start this year will be the first time that the event will be a full weekend event. In the past the event has been a Sunday event and arrive Saturday if you wish. Now we will be catering with a BBQ lunch Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a Dinner in town on Saturday night for all. There will be other things to see and do around town including the Show and Shine Hot Rod display on at the Riverglade caravan park on Saturday. There will be activities for the ladies as well as the kids, so keep checking the web site to keep up to date with all things regarding the TAC.

The Tumut Aero Club's
Tumut Valley Fly-In
The last weekend in August
27th & 28th August 2011



Saturday Night Dinner In town
Bring the family All ages welcome
Activities for Everyone On and off the field
Look at planes All forms of Aviation
Talk to Pilots Always approachable
Prizes Up for grabs

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If you would like any more information on anything in this letter, or anything else regarding our club; be sure to contact me president@tumutaeroclub.org.au

Happy flying to all,

Regards Simon Smith.

Tumut Aero Club President.