

GYMPIE AERO CLUB



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CHANGES AT GYMPIE AERO CLUB

Since our last newsletter in December there have been some changes happening at Gympie Aero Club. Unfortunately our President Jennifer Beck tendered her resignation early in the New Year, citing insufficient time available to give the many varied duties of the office of Club President the amount of attention they require. In the absence of Club Vice President Graeme Alexander, who was overseas at the time, Treasurer Bob Crombie stepped into the breeches and did an admirable job.

At the first general meeting for the year in February members voted to have Graeme Alexander

assume the role of President and leave the Vice President position vacant until the AGM when all seats will be declared vacant.

The other change is the decision to hold bimonthly meetings instead of monthly in the hope that more members will attend if the meetings are spaced further apart.

We were treated to a talk by the founding President of the Club, Mr John Allen, after the close of the February meeting. A write-up of his talk will appear in the next newsletter when hopefully we will have some photos from those days in the mid '60's and early '70's.

Remember - start sorting out your trash and treasure and brush up on the flying skills ready for the Interclub Competition Day and Trash & Treasure sale, Sunday May 16th



Proud father and son combination Brian and Adam Kane with the fruit of their labours for the last 32 years - their beautiful home built Piel diamant VH-FXA, ready to hit the skies at Gympie.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The committee wishes to acknowledge the invaluable contribution by Jennifer as immediate past president and for her continued support for the Gympie Aero Club.

Competitions Day - Sunday, May 16:

We look forward to our next competitions day where we need as many volunteers from club members as possible. Following the success of our last event, we expect the event to be bigger than last year.

Club Pavilion/Club House:

The committee is putting together a proposal for a club house. We hope to have a proposal to put to club members prior to the next annual general meeting.

Fuel Bond:

The committee has decided to leave the fuel bond system as it currently operates for the immediate future.

We are exploring the idea of having the swipe card relocated to a position close to the fuel facility.

Financial matters:

Following concerns expressed at the last general meeting, the committee has unanimously decided that no new expenditure will be authorised without the support of the full committee. This excludes on-going expenditure such as fuel, rates and insurance payments.

Happy flying and keep the sunny side up!

Graeme Alexander

A/g President

FUEL REPORT and TREASURER'S LAMENT

Our sales are suffering because of the inclement weather, non VFR conditions caused by stratus and strata cu form with the odd CB followed by RASH and severe frontal activity - to put it simply it's been too f***ing nasty to fly and burn fuel resulting in a tearful Treasurer who is finding it extremely difficult to show a profit at end of month.



In response to our request for members' flying stories, Mike Oulton has put together a great yarn about his and Annie's trip to Lake Eyre in their C-170. I've reproduced it in its entirety as a separate document - please download it and enjoy. I'd love to receive more tales from more members please - Deb



Another new plane on the airfield. Recently licensed and new plane owner Blair is congratulated on his purchase by Treasurer Bob, and checks to see if it came with oil.