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From The President

So glad you're here; I guess you know what I am talking about, the long awaited rain. The forecast appears to be looking good at least for the next few days.

I felt it was pleasing that the Club was able to hand over a sizable cheque to the Scouts at our last meeting as they appear to need the money as was the case with our previous helpers the Army Cadets.

I can remember the days when in my youth, our Cub and Scout groups were always looking for ways to raise money, so nothing has changed. We also had a scout Group in Halls Creek for a short time of which my son was a member and continued for a time when he went away to School. During that time we took him to a Jamboree in Sydney of which he has fine memories.

I received a Email from our secretary [Frances] advising us that she is resigning from her position. Frances and Mike are taking some long service leave and will be traveling. Frances advises that she will be not even be at the August AGM.

At the last AGM, Frances warned that this may be her last time as secretary. On

behalf of the of the Club I would like to thank Frances for all her dedication she has given us over the years, and from me personally, I'd like to thank Frances as she has been the best secretary for me to keep me on the strait and narrow.

Thank you Frances.

I received a phone call from Jenny May [Airport manager] for a meeting last Tuesday which Mike Grimwood and I attended. Discussions were held about landing fees, club's position, noise and training times. Jenny has invited us to travel to Jandakot next Tuesday 26th to meet with her, with the organisations that train at Busselton .

Jenny is offering some training times that might work for them and intern trying to keep our two main protagonist happy !!!!! By the way Mike and I have advised that we will be available. We have offered that we could fly her to Jandakot, but I hear that Jenny does not fly.

At the June 14th meeting we have a guest speaker is from St Johns, Stephanie is one of their training people. She will being arriving at 6pm for an hour talk and will be joining us for tea.

If things should change you will be advised by email.

Happy Flying,

Geoff

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Editorial

I have heard around the traps that since Peter has gone, the club is like a morgue. OK, expected. Now is the time to start planning for the future. The future for the club at the moment is not that clear. It appears that the Bunbury Aero Club has offered to provide instructional services for our GA needs. We are yet to be advised precisely what form that will take. Peter has left JZU here for private hire and bookings for the aircraft are in the hands of Noel Wellstead. There is a booking form on the notice board near the main entrance to the clubhouse. To use Peter's words, 'use it or loose it'. I certainly hope that members avail themselves

of Peter's offer otherwise the club will loose a valuable component of its activities.

Regarding RAA, the operations manager, Mick Poole and his assistant, Brett Matthews visited the club last week to conduct its annual inspection. Despite receiving little notice of their arrival due to a communication problem and the administration being in a bit of a mess just after Peter's departure, we managed to get through it OK. Mick is appointing an new examiner in our area very soon and when the ends have been tied up, we should be ready to start. Unfortunately, this will be in the start of winter so we will have work hard to get things up and running. We will obviously need some brilliant ideas from the membership to help in this regard.

Dick

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**Our Secretary,
Frances is on holidays.
Unfortunately, we do
not have a photo
of Mike Tonks!
(No comments Please)**

From the Secretary

Director's Meeting

Meeting commenced 1606hrs
Apologies Terry Old, Clive Croxford, Francis Matthews.
The previous minutes were not read because the president could not find a copy.

Correspondence in:

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Moved Mark Leaversly seconded Michael Grimwood that a letter is sent to the Shire accepting the conditions of the lease, carried.

President is hoping to organize talks by St Johns Ambulance and the Fire Brigade at future meetings.

A discussion followed about members using the club rooms for private functions. A letter is to be sent to Brand Passmore apologising for any offense that may have taken from a recent newsletter about this matter.

Next meeting is to be on 14 June at 4pm. The meal for the evening is to be home made pizzas.

General Meeting.

Meeting commenced 1718hrs

Apologies Terry Old, Clive Croxford, Francis & Michael Matthews, Cathy Miligan, Ian & Sally Sephenson, David Minetti, Emma Biddle, Lynda Grimwood.

The previous minutes were read, moved Mike Tonks seconded Jo Batley that they be accepted, carried.

Business arising,

Bruce Anderson has done a great job painting the outside benches.

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Treasurers report see attached. Sausage sizzle made \$868, Mooney \$1800, Expo \$3995 plus raffle takings, the gate took \$1969 which is down on the previous year at \$2900 and the previous to that at \$3700. Bank balance is \$24,000 with a fuel bill to be paid.

Bruce Anderson made some comments about the distribution of the gate takings. President replied that a decision had already been made about the distribution

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NPRMs and NFRMs etc.

Its the old story, monkey see - monkey do. What ever the Americans do, we have to follow. Several years ago, you may have come upon NPRM - that means Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Of course, that had been around for some time in the USA and we usually heard of it in conjunction with proposed changes to the FARs (Federal Aviation Regulations) These days CASA has opted to follow suit and provide their own NPRMs while the back room boys wrote legal jargon well into the depths of the night.

Many years ago, our CARs (Civil Aviation Regulations) were about the size of a comic book but now they are so thick you can barely jump over them.

Enter a new term NFRM - meaning Notice of Final Rule Making. It does not mean that this will be CASA's last rule (Oh, if that would be true) but it means that once the NPRM has been edited, it becomes a NFRM and the printers are inking up their machines.

Now that we have sorted that out, lets have a peep at CASA's most recent NFRM - it will be called CAR 166. When it is published soon it will change the radio procedures at non controlled aerodromes that we have just got used to. Although the CAR will have dozens of pages, it will basically make it a requirement for all aircraft to make a radio call:

- Prior to entering the runway for departure;
- Prior to 10nm or 8 minutes inbound from the aerodrome;
- Either entering downwind or turning base; or
- If conducting a straight in approach, on final at 5nm.

Although this in itself seems pretty innocuous, the wording states that this applies

to **all** non controlled aerodromes. Lets draw up a scenario. Farmer Fred decides to run a set of harrows up the middle of his pasture to smooth the surface then proclaim that it is his private airstrip. According to the regs, it becomes a non controlled aerodrome and if you happen to fly over it in the course of a nav and didn't make the appropriate radio calls a CASA policeman hiding under a tree may drag you to the magistrate and you could be fined 25 penalty units. (By the way all the requirements of CAR 166 are covered by 25 penalty units.) Penalty units are a clever way of preventing inflation gnawing away the value of a fine. At the moment one penalty unit is worth \$110! So a breach of CAR 116 will cost you \$2,750!

So, it will be most interesting to read the full version of the regulation - better still read the training notes that CASA will inevitably send out before 166 gets assent in Parliament.

Still on the subject of CAR's and CAO's take a look at a few pages from them - at the end of each statement there will be the usual penalty unit, so whenever we fly, and we decide to stretch the rules a tiny bit, there could be the possibility of a part of your bank account being transferred to CASA. Well, someone has to pay for those chaps in the back rooms.

Here is a small excerpt from CAR 166

It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subregulation (3) or

(4) that the pilot had a reasonable excuse.

Note 1 A defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in

subregulation (7) — see subsection 13.3 (3) of the Criminal Code.

Note 2 See also Part 2.3 of the Criminal Code.

Examples of matters that might give rise to a defence to a prosecution for an offence

against subregulation (3) or (4) in relation to a flight

1. The failure of radio equipment during the flight

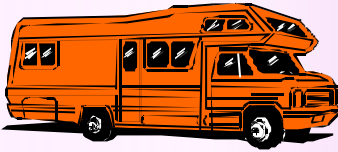
2. An operational exigency during the flight.

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More from Shane & Elise. *We're sorry we didn't last month's report in but we placed it on the notice board.*

Hi Everyone,

Can't believe that another month has passed, we must be having fun for time to go so quickly. Either that or we are getting older !! A bit of both I suspect. When we last emailed ,we were about to leave Melbourne but not until we had been to an AFL game at the MCG . As most of you know, we are not footy freaks & we haven't been converted but it was certainly a great experience to be in the hallowed grounds of this famous arena & to soak up the atmosphere.

Melbourne had been great [think I forgot to say last time that we also snuck off down to Wilson's Prom for a night...what a magical NP & so close to the city] but it was time to move on. We pretty much made a beeline for the Grampians NP, stopping in Ballarat overnight. Interesting to see the history of the Eureka Stockade, the lovely buildings of the area & to be grateful for the freedom that those protesters brought to all workers. The Grampians were beautiful & interesting to see their recovery from the 2006 fires. Great camping areas & yet more lovely walks. Amazing vertical drop with views over the whole valley below & out to the surrounding plains. We had 3 nights camping in the park so had a good look around before heading off. A variety of walks thru' all different landscapes & even to some Aboriginal art sites. . It had been eye opening driving from Melbourne thru' the amazingly dry, drought affected areas...beyond brown, just grey & SO dry, so quite refreshing to reach the Murray River & the oasis type areas along it's edges. Lovely parks & walk trails & houseboats galore as well as a few of the old paddle-steamers. Reckon we'd like a house boat trip one day ! Enjoyed an Anzac Day Parade in Mildura before heading off & crossing back into SA & continuing to follow the Murray as far as near Burra. Had some rather cool & wintry weather at

Burra whilst we took a self guided tour of this historic Copper Mining town. One of the best National Trust things we've seen so far...great guide to the whole town & key provided to enter various locked sites. The inclement weather really made us understand how frightfully tough life in these towns must have been back in those days.

Whilst driving towards The Flinders NP we were again reminded of how difficult lives were & how our climate has changed so dramatically over the last 100 years or so as we drove past many areas that are now only remnant ruins of once prosperous stations & farms. Of course, it would have helped greatly to have saved some of this land from ruin if we had had a better idea as to how to manage it...so many areas were just simply overgrazed until they were bare !

What can I say about The Flinders Ranges NP ? This amazing area must surely be the jewel in South Australia's crown...so vast, so picturesque , so fascinating. Certainly a geologists paradise with such a vast age range in the rock formations here. Did a great self 'Corridor Through Time' drive where each layer of the various rocks is evident & appropriately signed, 650 -450 million years old !! Walks were in abundance & we managed to do our usual fair share of them. Some were through gorges, others were up mountains, some were just to pretty vistas overlooking the lovely ABC or Heyson Ranges. The camping was beautiful with well set up grounds & nicely spread apart sites. Actually not many people around so had some very peaceful places to stay.

The busy spot was Wilpena Pound...did a great walk up Mt Ohlssen to look into the pound & also a walk into the bottom of it to see the Halls Station Homestead...1880 farmers who overran sheep & failed at wheat growing, but certainly had a pretty property. Favourite area & camp was around the Aroona Springs, yet more ruins but the most beautiful views over the Heyson Range [named after famous landscape painter, Sir Hans Heyson, it isn't hard to see why he made so many difficult trips to this area, so enchanting.]

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one of our campspots, view over the Heysons, gorgeous endangered Yellow-Footed Rock Wallaby that we chanced upon at an empty campground, us at the summit of Mt Ohlsson & dusk at the Heyson Range lookout.] Can you tell we loved it there !?

Reluctantly we left there & headed again to Port Augusta to prepare for some time in the desert ! Stocked up, washed etc & headed for the Red Centre. Lots of the areas & stops reminded us of our Aeroclub Trip 18 months ago. Coober Pedy is no more attractive than last time, certainly a dusty & bizarre place to live. Made our way to Uluru [Ayers Rock] & Kata Tjuta [The Olgas] enjoying some beaut free campsites along the way. We made full use of our 3 day pass into these amazing areas & again, couldn't get enough of them. Pretty much did all the available walks including a fascinating Ranger Walk. There really is so much to do without feeling the need to climb 'The Rock'...simple mark of respect for their simple request really. We were treated & delighted to witness a full moon rising over both Uluru & Kata Tjuta, so beautiful, amazing colours.

Whilst in the general vicinity, popped out to Kings Canyon [Watarrka]. Another fascinating rock formation in the middle of nowhere ! Did the Rim Walk with great views down sheer cliff drops as well as the Canyon Walk with the ranger. Beautiful red beehive looking formations , all so hard to capture in photos...yet we continue to try.

Now here in sunny Alice Springs where we are enjoying a relaxing few days exploring the sights & culture of the area as well as stocking up, washing etc in readiness for our next leg of the trip. Have some gorgeous rock wallabies in the park, black footed & certainly not endangered...there's heaps.

About all for now, heading off tomorrow to explore The McDonnell Ranges & then north & west into the Kimberley. Van going great, still very comfy & just loving life on the road. So simple, so easy, nothing to be stressed about, just enjoy what we see & do. Thanks to you all that have been in touch with us, we love hearing news from home, even the every day stuff is great ! Hope this finds you all well & happy, think of you all often.

Cheers, Love & Hugs, Elise & Shane xxxx

The Happy Wanderers



Pictured is the Hales' home for the next few months! It contains just about everything. They had to remove the bowling alley to fit the home theatre, Laundromat and bar in. They departed on Sunday, 17th and spent a couple of days in Bridgetown with Raeleen's parents before moving on to Porongurup. The next day, they pressed on to Esperance where they stayed a couple of days before challenging the Nullabor. As we go to print, they should be leaving Ceduna.

Peter tells us that they may be back for a short spell around August to do his usual contract of acting as an airborne relay station for the annual car rally. After that - who knows? We will certainly keep you informed.

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Mark then briefed the members on the proposed trip to Kalgoorlie and Lake Ballard on the long weekend of 26 to 28 September.

Fly to Kalgoorlie Saturday 26 Sep motels/hotels 2 nights, day trip by bus to Lake Ballard and other locations Sunday 27 Sep cost \$230 (\$210 seniors) meals are included for the bus trip, return on Monday 28 Sep. If interested advise Mark on 0427576600 or 97587882.

Nils Hansen wanted to know why the CASA lectures were advertised as starting at 7pm on the Club web site when they actually started at 6pm. It was admitted that the web page was incorrect.

Nils made the point that all Club activities should be listed on the web page.

Ross Beatty asked what was happening with the proposed RAA flying training school and instructor training. President said that several options were being explored and that a resolution should be found in the not too far distant future.

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Next meeting is to be on 14 June at 5pm unless advised otherwise.

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**Peter
Hales
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Great photo - Great Caption.

Of course, everyone knows Peter and Raeleen have left the state (now officially) and are now, according today's message, in Ceduna. Their stay there will be only for a day or two before they again press eastwards, possibly via Broken Hill to Sydney. So far they have had a good trip marred only by continuous rain.

When will they be back? Well that is a good question but we can tell you that they will be back at the end of July for a week or so. You see, Peter has secured the contract again to overfly the car rally in August and be an airborne radio transceiver. We hope to give you more details about this next month.

Now about the flash photograph and caption. It hasn't been acknowledged before, but just before Peter and Raeleen left, he passed his check flight and is now the holder of a First Class Instrument Rating! Pete has been studying the theory for quite a while and passed it a few months ago but the flight test was another matter. Anything can go wrong on a check flight and usually does but on this occasion, Peter proved history wrong and passed with flying colours. Well done.

Now that he has the rating, he can now legally operate the planned contract with the car rally people. We hope it all goes well for him.

Minutes of General Meeting continued.

could now not be altered. He made the point that the Expo was advertised as being a fund raising event for the 2 worthy organizations and that the gate takings would go to them. Any variation to this would direct criticism at the Club.

Bruce also made a comment about the conduct of the raffle that members should not be obligated to sell raffle tickets.

An account has been received from the Shire (Ann Grove) for \$349 for advertising Peter Hales commercial operation from within the club rooms. This was done in December when the Club knew that Peter was going and was done without reference to the Club. There were a number of comments objecting to this account and that the Club (president) should approach the Shire with a view to withdrawing the account.

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Brian Bately asked whether there was any point drawing up plans for an extension to the Club and getting planning approval for such. Ross made the point that planning approval once obtained only last for 2 years and if the work is not carried out within this time, the approval then lapses. President still wants to proceed with the plans and permit.

General Business

Mark Leavesley read out items from the suggestion box as follows:

Shorten the business section of this meetings.

Have the annual dinner at the Tides.

Members be invited to give 10 minute talks at meetings.

Have a theme for the meetings ie fancy dress.

Please the last one to leave, lock up.

Bring back the chocolate wheel.

Sorry, we are full up this month. Please go back to page 6

**The next meeting will be
On Sunday 14 th June at 5.00 pm
The meal will be a home made pizza**

Lake Ballard Trip 26 - 28 Sept.

Director's Meeting Sunday, 14 th June 1600 hrs.

*Don't forget our Sundowners at the clubhouse every
Friday evening around 1700 hrs.*

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