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From the President

The good news is that Sue and I are off to Avalon for the Airshow and also that we are flying in a 767 not a 330.

I am running a bit behind with this report so as not to hold Dick up too much with the magazine I am writing this on our flight to Melbourne and will email on our arrival tonight.

February has been a busy month with a few extra meetings at the Club and of course not far away from our Expo of which is coming together with a lot of help from Ian.

The main big thing that is happening of course is Peter Hales departure and that means the RA flying training has to be finalised. I would like to wish Raeleen and Peter all the best and hope they enjoy the next stage of their lives.

A big thanks must go Van and Preston for their annual flyin, Van puts so much effort into the food and is much appreciated by those that attended.

For those of whom did not attend our last meeting I am pleased to say that Mike Grimwood and I had a very useful meeting with Jenny May our Airport Manager and it appears

that the door will be open for us to discuss things that may affect us and the Club.

See you at the Hales' farewell

Happy Flying Geoff.

Editorial

A short time ago, I encountered some health issues. These may or may not have a significant effect on my ability to pass my annual medical exam. Since my medical expires at the end of this month, I have cancelled my appointment with an examiner and also cancelled my appointment to get a CFI's rating. (This was done as a precautionary measure to avoid unnecessary expense to the club).

Naturally this will have a dramatic effect on the club's plans as they are centered around my ability to hold a CFI's rating. It must be realised that the club itself should not be financially affected to any great degree as it has not gained significantly from flying training in the past. But one problem remains and that is to cater for those who are already training with us. Hopefully, the club's present attempts to manage this problem will bear fruit in the not too distant future.

All that remains to say that I hope that future tests will clear the path for my return to active flying and members will be advised from time to time of any changes to my health status
Dick

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Peter Charles Hales, Busselton Aero Club, 1999 - 2009. This looks like an epitaph doesn't it? Well, in a way it does for we now begin to consider what will soon to be the passing of one of the modern architects of our aero club. Peter, as we know will soon be leaving our town together with Raeleen on a journey to parts unknown. Although we will regret losing him, we will also wish them both a great break and holiday hoping that they will return to us soon.

It will be difficult to say in the limited space available in this issue what Peter has done for our club over the past ten years. I first met him when we had one of our first meetings in the old railway building opposite the shire in early '99. His intention was to set up a flying school at Busselton. Soon after, the aero club realised that a marriage between them could be mutually advantageous. Soon after, Peter's training began and by the end of the year, he had his own training aircraft, VH-BXB.

From there, the pages of history were written. In ten years of flight training much can be reported about the club's fledgling re-entrance into flying training.

But its not the actual flight training we will miss - it will be that usual smile, even when things weren't working out that enticed members into his office even when we knew we were disturbing his office work. We will miss the clean toilets that he and Rae kept in perfect order, the night excursions to the clubhouse when the alarm sounded or even the refuelling, often out of hours and the general maintenance of our building and gardens. Yes, we will miss all that and the friendship of Rae too. Their shoes will be hard to fill.

But I do not think any one will miss them more than Kath and I. Kath has found a true friend in Rae and Pete can be called one of my best mates. I've learnt a lot from Pete and we have had some great times together. Both of you come back soon. Do you hear?



Minutes of the General Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club Sunday March 8th 2009

Present : 27 members (see list)

Apologies : Hilary Tonks, Alan Snell, Preston Boley, John Purdue, Ray Grant(?)

Minutes : Minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted. Moved : Brain Batley 2nd : Kath Jackson.

Matters arising : Nil.

Correspondence

In: . Craven's Foods re. credit.

SWDC re. sponsorship

Out : Peter Hales. Re . rent

Treasurer's report : for January attached.

There were no questions.

Moved by Mike Ancliffe and 2nd by Ross Beatty.

Accepted.

General business ;

Preston Boley's fly-in; Income from this \$350. Great day. Thanks to Preston and Van. Secretary to send letter of thanks.

Meeting with Jenny May ; generally this was positive and helpful. It is the larger aircraft that are causing greatest grief. Some turbo-prop training to be reduced. Cost of cameras could well be prohibitive. Hope to retain no landing charges for a'craft under 2 tonne. Told Jenny that the club is willing to carry out future maintenance etc for the council (e.g re-lining of runway). This should be a 'win/win' situation. Taxiways were mentioned but there is no money in budget.

Jenny will follow up change of road name.

Keys to the office kept in terminal building. This has proved very useful in emergencies and can

be continued. Shire wanted confirmation that we will be using trained groundsmen for the Expo.

RA training : Dick going to Wyalcatchem this Wednesday (11th March) for checks. Will Owen taking his plane for checks. Another meeting of the management committee to take place on Wed. 11th March. Need to establish Internet connection for access to B.O.M. site. Possibly need to purchase printer/scanner and overhead projector for training needs. Ian Stevenson mentioned that there may be some equipment from the Sea Rescue organisation that we could have.

EFTPOS machine now in use . Instructions for use will be written up by Mark. We will need to add 2 % to cover cost of machine and levy. Amex not accepted. Watch for ERROR messages. Debit card, no charge.

Weekend roster : Need more people for this. Please check website or notice board in club. Thanks to Clive for his work on the retic. system when he was here.

Storage shed : Ross Beatty to send application to shire for the shed he has obtained. Will need a working bee later. Rod Swallow not present for his valuation of club rooms.

Mooney visit : Terry has this all sorted. Awaiting deposit. BBQ/spit roast to be offered on the Friday evening (April 3rd). Kath will do a ring round for assistance.

Peter's farewell : Gifts for Peter and Raeleen organised. Farewell to be Friday 20th March @ 5.30 p.m. Please bring plate (hot/cold) to share.

Expo : Flyers will be emailed to all committee members. Please distribute to your network. Printed ones to be sent to Albany Aero Club. Motion that " We pay accommodation cost for one night for the commentator". Moved Ian Stevenson ; seconded by Brice Ellis. Carried. Road signs to go out in position on 12th April. James Harrington to provide tractor to pull Apex train. Brice to collect from Capel. Noel Wellstead to follow up Fire Brigade presence at the Expo.

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Secretary's report continued.

Airport users group: There was a meeting attended by about a dozen people. Worthwhile and to continue.

Ian Stevenson to approach council to graze cattle to keep the grass down and reduce fire hazard.

Sausage sizzle at Bunnings; This is this Saturday (March 14th) Terry will order sausages/rolls/sauce. Need plenty of cool drinks. If anyone wants to bake cakes/slices for sale this will be welcome. Terry thinks he has sufficient volunteers. Jo suggested that we approach Coles/Woolworths supermarkets re. donation of sausages or a deal over price.

Adjusting fuel price at bowser; we need written instructions for this and for use of fuel supply.

We all need to be aware that the onus of continuing the club from 1/04/09 will be on us as members. If everyone does their bit, then the load is shared and the fun can begin!

We have interesting times ahead!

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

Next meeting are on the 05/04/09 Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. and general meeting 5 p.m.

Meal will be a curry night. Please bring food to share.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club on Sunday March 8th 2009

Meeting opened at 3.45 p.m.

Present ; Mike Tonks, Mark Leavesley, Frances Matthews, Geoff McGlasson, Michael Grimwood, Ross Beatty, Karen Dorlandt, Terry Old, Mike Ancliffe, Clive Croxford.

Apologies ; Dick Jackson

Minutes ; Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Moved Mark Leavesley
2nd Michael Grimwood.

Matters arising;

Authorised bar manager forms. Karen has passed these to Noel for his signature. Awaiting their return.

User group meeting About 12 people attended.

Correspondence ; Inwards ; Aeroclub.com.au
Asking for our calendar.

Outwards Letter to Peter Hales re. rent.

Treasurer's report Report to be given at Gen. meeting.

General business ;

RA training ; Dick to go to Wyalcatchem this week. Flying with Will Owen who needs his plane inspected.

Weekend rosters; Need further volunteers. Still considered to be worthwhile. Clive Croxford attended to retic. While he was 'on duty'. Thanks to him.

Fuel prices ; Will be increased to \$1.50/L immediately due to price increase.

Storage shed ; Ross reported that shire is happy to receive a planning application from us. Together with fee. Ross has a suitable secondhand shed (7 x 4 ½) with roller door, windows in roller door and PA door. Will need to lay slab, bolt shed to slab. Cost of shed \$1199. Shire fees probably about \$200.

Farewell to Peter and Raeleen. To happen from 5.30 p.m. on Friday March 20th. All welcome. Please bring along a plate of food to share. Suitable gifts discussed and purchase arrangements made.

Re. Mooney Club visit ; . Awaiting confirmation of numbers. Terry will let Mooney Club know bank details so deposit can be transferred. BBQ/spit roast to be held at club on Friday night, otherwise no further involvement by club members.

Equipment for RA Discussion of equipment required for training took place. Motion that ; We use the money from Peter's rent payment to cover the cost of equipment. Proposed by Ross Beatty, seconded by Terry Old. Carried. There is to be a discussion with Dick about charges etc on Wednesday 11th March. Mark to clarify the situation for the RA committee and the club committee.

Club membership fees There was a short discussion about the club membership fees and whether we should look at offering a family and /or non-flying member membership. Generally thought this was not necessary but will be looked at next meeting.

Committee member As Brian Golding has been unable to attend many meetings we need to ask him if he can continue in the position. Secretary to 'phone Brian.
Meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.

Next committee meeting April 5th at 3.30 p.m..

Next general meeting Sunday April 5th at 5 p.m.

Expo meeting 24th March @ 7.30 p.m.

This is to avoid the Easter weekend. **Meal to be a curry night.**

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The Boley Fly In

On Sunday, 1st March a large group of members attended the annual fly in to Preston Boley's farm. With several locals and club members a total of over 40 people attended the meet. Although the weather in the morning was not exactly promising, those who flew ignored the threat and were treated to a fine afternoon.

For everyone, the treat of the day was the exquisite lunch that was provided by Preston, Van and their local helpers. Although the meal was donated by the Boley's, the "hat" was circulated which realised \$350 for the club's coffers.

The club is truly indebted to Preston and Van for their generosity in providing us with a very memorable afternoon.

The Expo report.

The Expo is now less than six weeks away. Stevo, the master planner has his organisational board erected in the clubhouse where everyone can view the state of play. Almost all of the essential projects are either completed or nearing completion and if all goes to plan, another successful day is assured. However, this does not mean that we can rest on our laurels as there is much work to be done, especially on the days just prior to the event.

The Bunnings Sausage sizzle.

Terry Old has been working hard on getting ready for our sizzle on next Saturday 14th. The operation is pretty easy in itself but has the capacity of bringing much needed funds into the club. Terry desperately needs assistants any time between 8:30 and 2:30 on Saturday, even only for a few hours.

The storage shed!

Members acquainted with the clubhouse will be familiar with our lack of storage facilities and our burgeoning pile of equipment such as records, boxes, cleaning gear and also a chocolate wheel that seem to clog up every nook and cranny. Well, after numerous applications to the Shire. It seems that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Our plans for a storage shed, complete with a roller door will be erected in about 6 weeks at the back of the clubhouse among the shrubs.

Fuel System Training.

When Peter departs, the club will be responsible for the operation of the refuelling system. Over the years and despite the fact that the fuel system has been owned by the club, Peter has, at most times done all the work.

Consequently, it will soon be incumbent on all members to be able to do a daily inspection on the system and conduct fuelling as required. For this to take effect, training courses will be conducted so that members will be able to maintain and operate the system as required. In order to ensure that correct records are kept and invoices are sent out, a small group will be given that job.

Don't forget!



At the next meeting, the BYO dinner will be a **Curry Night** so compose your own tinsil burner to share with others!

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Shane & Elise report on their travels across South Australia and Victoria.

Emailing from the very pretty little town of Penguin in Tasmania. Yes, named after the little fairy penguin, but no, an unsuccessful stakeout last night to see the apparent little creatures. Must brush up on these skills as we have had a previous failure at this task, both with platypus & penguins ! As I sent our last email , the Vic Fire Tragedy was just beginning...how overwhelming has that been for all concerned ? We were blissfully unaware until we got on the ferry to come back from Kangaroo Island & it has since been constantly in our thoughts. It has also altered our plans just a little, but really only to keep away from affected areas & heed any warnings & closures of Parks the authorities deem appropriate. I guess later in the trip we may travel to some of these areas. We hope & pray that none of your loved ones have been affected by these tragic events.

We left Kangaroo Island after that weekend...a lovely place that really cast its spell on us, one lady we met described the Island as a muse to the artists, I think she was right. South Australia was home for us for another week as we returned to Victor Harbour & then on to the Coorong district via pretty areas of Port Elliot & Goolwa...again browsing the lovely stores & old buildings. The Coorong, where Storm Boy was filmed, was beautiful but very obviously drought affected, & sad to see the water levels so low. Had a very peaceful campground here all to ourselves & another at Beach Port after a nice day of cool weather looking around Kingston & Robe. Then it was on to Mt Gambier, one of the bigger towns along the way & most famous for their volcanic history with lots of sinkholes & the famous Blue Lake. We loved this area, so beautiful with these amazing holes in the ground that are all full of great plants & gardens. The Blue Lake has the most amazing Blue water that changes colour over the year...I have attached a photo of this although

it barely does justice of it. You can walk around the rim but not into the lake area. Nearby was the Mt Schank area, again volcanic & could walk the rim & also go down into the crater, really gave an amazing perspective of how big these craters are. Onwards to Piccaninni Ponds & our last stop in SA, amazing clear, deep & divable ponds right near the coast & with springs popping out all over the beach. This is where the beautiful water of the Blue Lake drains to.

Into Victoria & almost instantly the landscape changed to become greener with much more vegetation & trees. Cape Bridgewater, Portland & then on to Port Fairy. What an enchanting little coastal place this is .Picturesque protected harbour & lots of little walks to take & shops to browse. Had my birthday here & enjoyed a great lunch at a Gallery/Cafe overlooking the beach...have attached a photo of us enjoying our decadent dessert, thought we should provide evidence of us being alive, well & indulgent ! On to Koroit & wait 'til you see the retro Mexican suede jacket I picked up for a bargain at a nearby Antique Store, Shane thinks it is yuk, but I fell in love with it, it is quite unique !! Through Warrnambool & on to The Great Ocean Road which I said we were not doing if it wasn't fine ! Fine & gorgeous it was & just like all the photos you see, I have attached one, it is an amazing place. Perhaps more amazing is the Disneyland like carpark & crowd at the 12 Apostles !! And really, the Apostles are no more amazing or gorgeous than any other of these limestone formations.

On to Princetown & then Johanna Beach which was probably the highlight of our GOR experience. Here we had a fab 4 nights of free camping right on this famous surf beach. Yep, Shane had a surf ! It was a great base for the area. We did some lovely hikes on the Great Ocean Walk Trail...15 & 13km in either direction & also headed inland on an ordinary weather day to do some walks in the Ottway NP. Amazingly treed & ferned walks with beautiful waterfalls & vistas to soak up. We have never seen as many blue wrens as we saw in this area, heaps of them.

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Shane & Elise's adventure continued

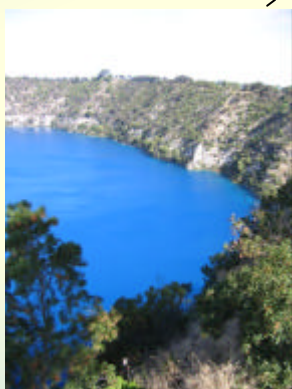
Couple of nights at Apollo Bay & then on to Lorne .. Have seen heaps of Koalas in the wild now so am very happy about that & at one of the stops to see them, we chanced upon a VW Club at a campground...so many Kombi's !! We went back when more arrived & are so glad we have kept ours. I think when we have sold this beauty , we will fall in love with kombi all over again, at least I will !! I am such a dag really !!! Beautiful peaceful night out at Lake Elizabeth, all to ourselves &, despite the failed platypus stakeout, just gorgeous. We know they were there, we could see them breathing ! Have also seen quite a few echidnas. They are amazing little creatures too.

From Lorne we continued along the coast as the weather was full of fire warnings. Stopped at Torquay, no surf at Bells but really enjoyed the great Surf Museum. Then on to the Bellarine Pen. & the home of diver Dan in Pearl Bay ! Well really it is Barwon Heads & had a bit of fun spotting the sites from the show. Very windy weather as we traveled this area to Geelong & finally Melbourne where it was just plain wintery for a few days.

So, there we are...in Tas now for a month & really looking forward to some beautiful walks & scenery. We're keeping well & have finally finished off all the goodies we headed off with.

Anyway, enough for now, thinking of you all, please pass our love on to all & also share this with anyone you may think is interested. Look forward to hearing from you.

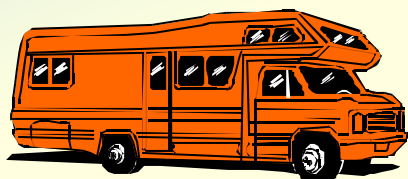
Lots Of Love & Hugs, Elise & Shane xxxxxx



A view of the Blue Lake



Shane & Elise obviously happy



The CASA info night on 6th May

Those who attended the last CASA info night a few months ago reported that it was a most entertaining, and informative evening. The next evening will be at the clubhouse on Wednesday, 6th May. (time tba).

Some of the subjects the team can discuss are: fuel management, VFR to IMC, situational awareness, runway incursions, OPS in and around CTA, air safety & human performance and organisational culture.

Now the above are the topics they **may** speak on but the topics they use are usually up to us. We will get a note from them soon asking for suggestions. If you would like one or two of the topics discussed, please notify someone on the committee.

The Mooney fliers invasion.

The Mooney fliers will descend onto Busselton on the 3rd April for a long weekend. They have arranged for us to entertain them with a dinner at the clubhouse on that night and also make arrangements for transport, accommodation and sightseeing while they are here. Terry, who is doing the organising plans to provide either a spit roast or barbeque plus salads and sweets. We expect the members to be in attendance to assist and provide hospitality.

Here's a little story.

A week or so ago, Richard Jackson (not related to the editor) took one of our new members, Jeff Loton on a navex. They planned to go Wagin and land there for a cuppa. On landing at Wagin on 06 they ran through to the runway end, stopped and had tea and biscuits. After their snack, they took off again and landed back home a few hours later. Landing right behind them was JZU with Peter and Mark who, on alighting with much ribbing pointed out to Richard and Jeff that after they had morning tea, they left a bag on the tailplane containing a thermos, Jeff's mobile and car keys! They then handed the bag over to Richard and Jeff before they realised the loss. Luckily Pete and Mark landed after they took off and found the bag on the strip!

**The next meeting will be
On Sunday 5th april at 5.00 pm
The meal will be a byo curry**

Expo meeting Tue 24 Mar 7:30 pm

***Farewell to Peter & Raeleen
Fri 20 March Clubhouse 5:30***

Director's Meeting Sunday, 5 th April 1530 hrs.

*Bunnings sausage Sizzle
14th March*

*The visit of the Mooney Club for their AGM
On April 3rd.*

EXPO: 19 April 2009.

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

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