



# The Busselton Aviator

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## From the President

It has been a busy month with meetings being held every week since the last general meeting.

We have been discussing the proposed yearly events calendar, RA flying training and generally the present direction of the Club.

The Nallan trip went really well thanks to Terry - very well done. We had good weather, good company and delightful hosts in Mike and Sandy. Mike has asked us to come back next year and dressing in period costume for the Sunday night meal. Mike recited poetry and their youngest a demonstration of his whip skills. We also had two planes from Bunbury and one from Karratha and all preformed well except maybe a little steam from one. Karen has been emailing Club members to seek help with our rosters for the Bussy show and manning the Club on weekends so please add your name to Mike Grimwood's roster list as is very important if we going to improve the Clubs image and prove that we are reliable.

I must give thanks to the members who have made their valuable time in the last month available to work on Club business and I think we have achieved heaps.

We have not yet worked out how we are going to manage the Club mobile phone but will advise you shortly and thanks to Mike for giving us his surplus Mobile Your Directors have decided to hold their meetings towards the end of each Month, this will give us more time to discuss business and keep the momentum going in between the general meetings. The next directors meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> October 7-30 at the Club if you would like to join us with something you would like to bring up please join us.

CASA night is 6 pm 22 October. Please make sure that you attend, and keep in mind if there are only a few people they might not consider us again and as we are trying to make a vibrant and reliable Club so we need this to be well a attended night.

I would like to wish Bruce a happy birthday and also wish Brain Golding a happy birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Thanks to Dick again for being penman for our last meeting.

Happy Flying  
Geoff

## Editorial

In 1529 there was the great Reformation of the Christian Churches of Europe. In 2008 begins the great Reformation of the Busselton Aero Club in Australia. The club now finds itself at the crossroads of its future. Already it has decided to venture in the direction of Recreational Aviation which, to all intents and purposes seems a good idea.

However, irrespective of which road we take, much work has to be done not only by the committee, but the members as well. President Geoff and his team have been working hard over the past few weeks in setting up plans for our future. Now it is the member's turn to respond.

Already we need members support in attending our show stand in a couple of weeks and also we are looking for members to occupy the clubhouse for a few hours each weekend. To be frank, Mike Grimwood who has been the driving force behind this is somewhat disappointed at the response. Lets face it, we will soon be on our own (our first solo) and we will need all the help we can get. We need members to keep our doors open and show the public that we are a club going somewhere. We need members at the show to advertise ourselves. I am sure that Geoff and his team will value as much effort as he can get.  
Dick.

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## Our Busy Calendar

Take a look at the last page and check out our calendar. On Wednesday 22 nd (I hope this gets out in time) we have the CASA Seminar. Not only is this a veritable source of knowledge, but it is a good source of income.

Two days later on Friday 24 is Brian Golding's birthday party at the clubhouse. Come along and enjoy it.

Two weeks later on the 7 th November is our annual Wings Night at the Goose. This is the night that everyone must attend but make sure you have paid before the evening.

On the following Sunday 9th November is our general meeting.

Looking further down the track is our annual Expo on April 19 th.

Now we have the type of calendar we are striving for - lots of action. And action is what we want at the present time. Not only do we need a busy calendar for our own purposes, but hopefully the new members we are striving to get will want to see a busy, vibrant club with plenty of get up and go members. If newcomers arrive at our doorstep and find the place closed or open with a couple of disinterested members hanging around, you can be sure visitors will not.

So at this critical stage of our development, it behoves us to make our club the friendliest and most vibrant one in WA.

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## Secretary's Report

*(As Frances is still away, Dick took the minutes)*

### Minutes of the Committee meeting on October 12, 2008.

President Geoff occupied the chair and opened the meeting at 1620 hrs. Nine members attending.

**Apologies:** Frances, Woody.

**Minutes:** The minutes were read by Mark. Moved: Mark, seconded by Brian that they be accepted.

**Business Arising:** Geoff Gave a brief report on the Nallan trip.

**Correspondence:** email to Shire regarding finalising of lease agreement.

Resignation from Dave Watts. Letter from NAS re alarm service.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was tabled.

**General Business:** Graham Laslett's application to join the club was approved.

*The following subjects were dealt with by the committee. Full details are available in the minutes of the General Meeting.*

**Discussion of revised dates and times of committee meetings.**

**CASA Symposium October 26.**

**Busselton Show 31 Nov.**

**Storage shed required**

**Mooney Club Visit.**

**Wings Night**

## Suggestions for week end rosters.

### Brian Golding's party.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1700 hrs.

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### Minutes of the General Meeting on October 12, 2008.

President Geoff occupied the chair and opened the meeting at 1710 hrs. Twenty Seven members attending.

**Apologies:** Mike and Frances Matthews, Cathy Milligan, Alan Woodward, Brian and Jo Batley.

**Minutes:** The minutes were read by Mark. Moved by Mark and seconded by Clive that they be accepted.

**Business Arising:** Geoff advised that the shire has been late in ratifying our lease agreement. The shire indicated that it is almost ready for signing.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mike gave a verbal report on the club's finances and tabled the document.

### General Business:

**Nallan Trip.** Geoff gave a report on the Nallan weekend. He indicated that a good time was had by all and that the owner of Nallan invited us back next year.

**Committee meeting venue and times:** Geoff advised that the present committee meeting times proved to be unsystematic particularly with the amount of work needed to be done. He pointed out that the committee agreed to change

the meeting time to the last week in the month. The next committee meeting will, be held at the clubhouse on Monday, 27 Oct at 7:30 pm.

**CASA Symposium:** This will be held on Wednesday 22 Oct at the clubhouse at 6:00 pm. Since we are asked to provide a meal for \$15, some discussion ensued. It was finally agreed that we provide barbeque packs and a salad. Due to time constraints, the barbeque would need to be pre-cooked and kept warm. It was also noted that the clubhouse would need cleaning prior to the function. This will be done on Saturday 22 Oct at 2:00 pm. **Busselton Air Show.** The club has accepted the offer to provide a stand free of charge at the show. A cover has been provided by Mark and Preston Boley has offered his aircraft for static display. Clive has offered to print photos at A1 size to decorate the area. It is essential that we provide at least two members in the stand during the time of the show. We have also been asked to provide a fly over during the activities.

**Future Training** Terry spoke at length on the advisability of the club embarking on training on Recreational Aircraft. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Hillary that the club proceeds with R.A. Training Passed unanimously.

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*General Meeting continued.*

Club Mobile Phone: In an attempt to make the club more contactable, the committee decided that it should have a mobile phone that could be carried by a rostered member for a week. This member could provide information and be able to organise fuelling and flights. As a result, Mike Grimwood has offered the club a free mobile phone. A new sim card and number will be required.

Storage Shed. Since the club has acquired a considerable amount goods and equipment, its present storage facilities are inadequate. This problem was discussed. The main problem was the need for shire planning approval. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Clive that we investigate the possibilities. CARRIED.

Mooney Club Visit. We have been approached by the Mooney Club to host their next AGM in April. It was decided to offer them a package deal which will include the clubhouse as a venue plus tours and accommodation. This was moved by Bruce and seconded by Mike Grimwood that we offer the Mooney club this package. CARRIED.

Wings Night. Details of the Wings Night have been finalised. Geoff emphasised that pre payment is essential as admittance without proof of payment will not be available. The club has invited Jenny May and her husband to the

function. See Mike Tonks for payment details.

Club Diary. Geoff advised that he would set up a club diary of events soon. This would be featured on the club web site.

Use of Club Premises. Member Brand Passmore has applied to use the clubhouse for a function on Friday 14 Nov. The club has approved this on condition that a donation to cover costs of power etc be made. Note: there will be no sundowner on that date.

Open the Club every Weekend: The committee decided that to improve its ambience, it needed to be open to members and visitors between 10 am and 4 pm on weekends. Mike Grimwood accepted the offer to persuade the club to support this idea. Mike spoke at length on the subject and circulated a paper on the subject. Briefly, he suggested a voluntary roster system to provide 2 members each day to open the clubhouse, ensure it is clean and tidy, prepare simple meals for members and visitors, refuelling and general PR work.

It was moved by Kath and seconded by Mike that the club adopt this. CARRIED.

Members Badges. The committee decided that we revisit the plan to have each member wear a badge. Karen provided a prototype of a badge that would cost about \$4.50 each.

Brian Golding's Party. Brian Golding will be celebrating his 60th birthday soon and wishes members to join him

on Friday 24 Oct in the clubhouse for drinks and a sausage sizzle.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Sunday 9th November at 5:00 pm. The BYO dinner will be a curry dish.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1835 hrs.

## A Son of the Club Revisits

Last Saturday, we had a visit from Des Hales, Peter's son. Des arrived not in his car or on his bike, but in one of the RAAF's new J model Hercules! Des has recently been promoted to captain and decided to drop into Busselton on his way from Albany to RAAF Pearce.

Whilst on the ground for a couple of hours, Des entertained the sixty or so members and other members of the public by showing them through his new toy. Naturally his proud mother Raeleen and other members of the family were there to welcome him and his crew in.

His departure was quite specky from runway 21 in that he rotated after about 450 metres!

Des is due to be posted back to Iraq in a few weeks and we hope to catch up with him before he goes.

Unfortunately, Peter was away on a charter during Des' visit so he missed out on the excitement.

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## The Nallan Weekend

The scene on the morning of Saturday, 27 September was one of excitement and preparation. Aircraft were being fuelled and loaded with most of the comforts of home while eager pilots and crew poised over half completed flight plans. For today, over half a dozen aircraft from Busselton plus others from Bunbury and Karratha were in readiness for an odyssey to Nallan homestead, some eleven miles north of Cue.

Between nine and ten in the morning, all of the Busselton all aircraft were airborne winging their way to their first stop at Wyalkatchem. The first leg proved uneventful even though most decided to fly low and avoid controlled airspace. Even at low altitude the slight turbulence was of little concern to amateur fliers.

At Wyalkatchem, several aircraft refuelled and crews partook of a light snack to dispel the hunger pangs. After take off for Nallan, all pilots chose a higher altitude where the air was clear and smooth.

The arrival at Nallan was orderly and unremarkable considering the gravel strip and dust, a product of years without rain. After parking on the short cross strip, crews met Michael Clinch and his wife Sandy who drove them to their allocated accommodation.

The couples were assigned to a large house with

bedrooms while the single men were shown to the shearer's quarters. Although these lodgings were as expected for shearers, they were clean and tidy with comfortable beds. A kitchen was also a well used facility for those wanting a cup of tea or a snack.

The afternoon was spent wandering around the station and inspecting the shearing shed and rubbish tip, a chronicle of memorabilia of many years of habitation at Nallan.

Late in the afternoon when everyone sat around the shearer's quarters quaffing on various nectars, Michael interrupted the proceedings by arriving with large platters of aperitifs as pre dinner appetisers.

Later, all wended their way down to the homestead where Michael and Sandy had prepared for a sumptuous barbecue on the lawns of the house.



*Dinner is Served.*

After dinner, host Michael turned out to be somewhat of a raconteur as he entertained all with some bush poetry. Later in the evening, it was reported that your scribe fell off his chair

much to the entertainment of those nearby. Embarrassed as he was due to the suggested reasons for this, he found next morning that he had placed his chair over a small hole in the lawn which caused the unceremonious upset.

Next morning breakfast was served on the lawn and nearly all were tempted to fill their plates with bacon, eggs, sausages and pasta.

During the day, John Purdue gave lessons on water divining and soon many were seen wandering around with bent pieces of wire in their hand joyously claiming there was water below the septic drain where they were standing.

Later in the afternoon, many embarked in cars to the town of Cue where, they believed the pub would open at 4 pm. Fortunately, their expectations were accurate and the doors of the pub were opened to a group of very thirsty travelers pleading for admittance.

On returning to Nallan, all revisited the lawns where Michael and Sandy had prepared virtually a silver service dinner. During dinner, Michael again entertained with more bush poetry and his young son gave an exhibition of double whip cracking.

Next morning, it was time to say goodbye to Michael and Sandy. What a magnificent weekend. Everyone hopes to be able to accept the invitation to call in again next year!

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## Weekends at the Club

As was mentioned in the minutes and in the editorial, the committee has proposed that the clubhouse be open and attended between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The purpose of this is of course to increase the club's ambience by being available to field enquires, make bookings and generally be a host.

Since we will be handing out many brochures at the show as well as talking to members of the public, we anticipate considerable interest over the coming months. Our efforts in alerting people to our presence and our facilities will be in vain if there is no one at the clubhouse to back up the information.

Regarding generally being a host, we will continue to provide visitors with tea, coffee or soft drinks as well as pies, sausage rolls or what ever we have. (At standard prices of course)

There remains the problem of manning the clubhouse during the weekends. Our only option is to provide a roster of members to offer the service. Although rosters are not the most popular choice, we must consider the good of the club. And the word 'Club' means its members. We cannot afford sitting around complaining about what we should and should not be doing if we don't jump in and do our bit as well.

Therefore, you are urged to put your name down or agree to do so when asked so that we all can enjoy the benefits of a really successful club.

## The Club Mobile.

As was mentioned elsewhere, the club now has its own mobile. This has been provided through the generosity of Mike Grimwood. The purpose of the phone is to ensure that the club is constantly available for messages when required. During the week when the clubhouse may not be attended, phone comms are essential. We plan to roster members for one week each to carry the mobile and receive any inbound calls. The 'Duty Pilot' will be able to provide any general club or training information and if necessary contact another club member who may be in a better position to help.

Again, we are looking for members to volunteer themselves to carry the phone for a week. It does not appear to be an arduous task apart for the need to carry two mobiles at one time. There is probably a way out of this for those who are effected by the problem.

For your interest the phone number is: **0437 658 043**. It may be a good idea to make a note of this number in case you need to call the club rep at any time.

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## Wings Night

Please do not forget our annual party. This year it is at the Goose Restaurant. Last year's party at the Goose was quite enjoyable so we decided to repeat the venue.

This year we will be inviting Marian McCall, the Bunbury Bishop's wife as our guest speaker. Marian is a noted aviator in WA and is certain to entertain us with her exploits.

The cost this year will be \$55 per person which will include our guests. Now, it is most important that you get your money to Mike Tonks before the dinner, otherwise you will not be admitted. Last year we had several people trying to pay separately which added to the confusion. The Goose has told us that the total sum be paid for before the dinner. (See Mike's contact details on page two). So pay up, come along and enjoy a great evening's entertainment.

**Don't Forget!**  
**Brian Golding's**  
**60th birthday bash**  
**at the clubhouse**  
**around 5 pm on**  
**Friday 24th Oct.**  
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**drinks and a**  
**sausage sizzle!**

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## The Aviator goes Hi Tech!

No doubt when you got an email asking you to click on The Aviator and up came our new web site, you were probably surprised. Now the reason for this lies in the Club's need for a higher profile now we 'are on our own'. It was decided that we need a proper web site which could be available to anyone who wants to see it. Fortunately, our current 'jack-of-all-trades' Karen offered to organise a new web site for us. (The address is on page 2) Once the web site was up and running, it was no problem to load the Aviator onto it each month.

The advantages of having an electronic version makes it cheaper to send and it can be sent in full colour. Other advantages include the fact that the reader can copy or print all or selected parts of each issue. Actually, why not with the press of a button burn each issue onto a CD or DVD. Considering the current issue is about 1 megabyte, imagine how many issues you could fit onto a 700 megabyte CD. For a DVD, multiply that by 6.8! You can also index your disc too if you like.

One cannot mention our bulletin without stressing our need for member input. Do you have a funny story, a recipe or an unusual experience you would like to share with other members? If so, please don't

## The New Web Site.

As you are probably aware, the Club has had a web site running for several years now. This was installed by Ron Spackman. The site contains lots of interesting articles and stories as well as numerous issues of 'The Aviator'. Ron made the site available through his personal site which costs us nothing. One of the problems with personal web sites (if you have an account with a server for email, then they give you a free web site) the address is not a 'dot com' and unless you happen to know the address, it is difficult to find it. With a dot com, search engines are able to locate you in seconds.

Now that we are a dot com, we are open to the world and a person living in Iceland can locate us almost instantly and perhaps decide to visit us.

Our main problem now is to load our site with as much information about our club and how to learn to fly so that viewers can inspect our services.

What about our other site? At the moment, we don't have an answer for that at the moment. The club and Ron will have to discuss that in the near future.

Finally, the Club owes Ron a debt of gratitude for coercing us into the electronic era and setting up the site by himself.

## The CASA safety Symposium

The boys from CASA will be in Busselton on Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for a briefing. The topics to be covered include:

- \*VFR in IMC
- \*Operations into non towered aerodromes
- \*Drugs and Alcohol.

Some who have attended similar briefings report that the evening is light, friendly and most entertaining. Of course, the main benefit is increasing your knowledge on these important subjects.

The programme starts at 6 pm and around 7 pm, we will stop for a barbeque dinner.

So here is your chance to have a great night, learn a lot and have a free dinner on CASA. If you haven't already booked your place, please contact Mike Grimwood.

## The Mooneys are Comming!

The Mooney club of Australia is coming to Busselton in April for their AGM and want us to organise the event for them. At the moment Terry Old, our incumbent tourism director is planning a package to accommodate them in the clubhouse for their meeting and organise motel, transport and tours while they are here. This could be an exciting time for the club.

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# Coming Events

## Next Meeting.

CASA Seminar 22 October. (Details tba)

Brian Golding's 60th: Clubhouse 24 Oct at 5 pm

Busselton Show: 31 Oct & 1 Nov

Wings Night 7 Nov at the Goose

Next General Meeting: Sunday 9 Nov at 5:00 pm

Private Function 14 Nov @ clubhouse. No Sundowner

EXPO: 19 April 2009.

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

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