

# **GEELONG SPORTS AVIATORS**

## **NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Members.

Welcome to our November News Letter. Its been a wet miserable October which has seen some lean flying times but hopefully November will bring some more favourable weather and more air time for us all.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Hi to all and hope you're getting some flying in - in between the showers.

Good news is the Gazelle is finished and as soon as we get it home, it is ready to go.

We are still after more aircraft for Avalon static display so if you can help out, please contact Mike or myself.

Fly safe and enjoy,

Bill Dickers  
President  
Geelong Sports Aviators

### **AIRPORT NEWS:**

#### **Robert Musgrave**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of **October** we had a memorial lunch for Robert Musgrove, a life member of the GSA. After lunch, Bobs ashes were scattered over the airfield by airport owner Gary Baum and Mike Pendergast. It went brilliantly and was a fitting send off to our dear departed friend. Marion bought out some of Roberts home-made whiskey and, for those of us that were game enough, had a drink of it in his honour. Wasif Bhatti made a video of the event and it was beautifully and tastefully done. A big thanks for Wasif for taking the time to make that video.

#### **North/South runways**

The North/South runway is still not usable, possibly for another month, however the south end of that runway may become usable soon. Please check with Gary first if you want to use that part of the runway.

#### **Commercial Operations**

A crop duster will be using the airfield as the base of his operations very soon. He will most likely not be flying full circuits however if you make the usual calls he will give you right of way every time and not interfere with the usual operations of the air field.

A PC-12 will be using the airfield quiet regularly as a stop over to King Island. It's a rather large plane and will most likely use a straight in approach. The pilot will use the regular calls so monitoring your radios as usual will avoid any conflict with the aircraft.

### **Recycle bin**

One of the best parts about aviation other than the flying itself is the socialising afterwards. We are requesting however that anyone partaking in social drinks after a days flying please use the recycle bin to dispose of cans, bottles and anything else recyclable. Apparently the Golden Plains Shire has started sifting through peoples garbage and fining people for not making use of recycling bins.

### **Avgas**

Good news. The price of avgas has come down by 3 cents a litre. These days it's becoming cheaper to fly than to drive anywhere.

### **Oven**

If anyone knows of an oven that could replace the oven in the club room please let our president, committee member Andrew Westland or Gary Baum know about it. The one we have is no longer usable.

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

We would all like to welcome our newest member to the club, Ben Davies who has joined us recently. I haven't met Ben yet but welcome to our enthusiastic group of aviators.

### **MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS:**

On behalf of the GSA I would like to congratulate Wasif Bhatti who on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October obtained his RAA Pilots Certificate. Welcome to the "flight Crew". Wasif has said his next move is to obtain his Nav endorsement. We wish him well.

### **FLYAWAYS:**

Unfortunately, the planned flyaway for **October** had to be cancelled due to rain.

**NOVEMBER – 5<sup>th</sup> November** Benalla Air Show has been postponed due to weather, new date to be advised. If anyone has any other ideas for a flyaway in November, if it ever stops raining, please let me know and we can get something organised.

**DECEMBER** – We are looking at doing a day trip somewhere possibly on the day of our xmas party in early December, location not yet confirmed. If anyone has any ideas/suggestions, please let me know.

**JANUARY** – Over night trip to Devonport or Barren Island. Destination to be confirmed as we get closer to the time.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

Committee member David Maruskanic has been working over time to find the best location for our Christmas party this year. We are looking at the 10<sup>th</sup> December and considering the Batesford Hotel as the venue. This is subject to change at time of writing.

**CLUB PLANE:**

The club Gazelle overhaul is complete and we are just waiting for a decent day to fly it back to Lethbridge. It is available for hire by club members and is not to be used for training.

**FOR SALE:**

Any members who have any aviation-based item you wish to sell this section is for you.

Please email me what you have to sell along with pics and I will add it here.

Jabiru SP500. \$30,000 ono

Contact Peter 0407 841 616 for more information



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