

# GEELONG SPORTS AVIATORS

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### **President's message:**

Hi everyone,

Hope you are all well and excited about the upcoming Avalon Air show, especially GSA involvement hosting at Lethbridge Airport throughout the event.

There is a lot going on so in summary,

#### At Avalon we will:

- Provide 30+ aircraft for the static display - (we still need a dozen or so more aircraft so please let me know if you want to fly into Avalon)
- Manage the marquee at the air show - fit out with our displays etc and manage as we have previously done

#### At Lethbridge we will be busy with:

- Hosting the incoming aircraft at YLED – marshalling etc.
- Provision for free camping to the public
- Breakfasts - Egg & bacon each morning with coffee etc
- Light entertainment, food and drinks also available in the evenings.

This event requires support from all of us to be a success and we will need your help to make this happen.

Planning is now under way, and we will keep you updated with more specifics as we get closer.

It's great to see a GSA newsletter again and thanks Peter for your efforts.

Fly safe and keep smiling 😊

Best Regards,

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## **AIRPORT NEWS:**

### **Robert Musgrave**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of **October** we will have a wake for Robert Musgrave, a life member of the GSA. After lunch, Bobs ashes will be scattered over the airfield and some of his Vietnam vet mates, and members of the glider club will be attending. Marion will be bringing out some of his home-made whiskey for those who would like to have a drink in honour of Robert.

### **Fly Friendly**

We, along with the shire council, have received an emailed complaint from neighbours regarding us flying over their houses. I should mention that the airport was here and active prior to the neighbours moving in. We are recommending that everyone fly the suggested circuit patterns as detailed on the website, but we are not too concerned about the complaints.

### **Wind Farm**

We have heard no more regarding the proposed wind farm, and we are hoping that it may be dead in the water.

### **Runway 16**

Due to recent excessive rain, the North end of north - south runway is not usable and is currently marked with an X.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

We would all like to welcome our newest member to the club, Wasif Bhatti who has joined us recently. Wasif is currently doing his flight training and we wish him well.

## **MEMBERS ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Nothing to report at time of writing however if you or you know of someone who has achieved some milestone, e.g., first solo, first flyaway, joined the mile high club, etc, please let me know so I can include it in this section.

## **FLYAWAYS:**

**OCTOBER – 8<sup>th</sup> October.** Fly Inn to the Ultimate Attitudes Airpark for a charity BBQ lunch, all proceeds going to charity. Anyone planning on flying in please go to the UAA webpage on face book, join the group page and register your interest. Due to rain, there is a slight possibility that it may not go ahead, and the Facebook web page will have that information.

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October** I am planning an overnight trip to Corowa. The schedule is to depart Lethbridge at around 10am and fly to Corowa (158nm). Lunch at the Corowa Distillery followed by a whiskey tasting, \$20 if you wanted to try all six of their whiskeys. Dinner at D'Amincos Italian Restaurant. The following day fly to Benalla (38nm) and visit the aircraft museum also obtain fuel for those who need to. No fuel is available at Corowa. Then fly back home, (123nm). For those

interested in coming along on the fly away please get back to me ASAP with numbers, room preferences and if you have an available seat for members who don't have access to a plane. I will need to book accommodation early as rooms fill up pretty quickly on the weekends.

**NOVEMBER – 5<sup>th</sup> November** is the Benalla Air show which a number of us will be flying into. For those flying in you will need to register via the website, Benalla Air show 2022, and you will need to be on the ground by 10:30am at the latest.

**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.

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

### **CLUB PLANE:**

The club Gazelle overhaul is coming along nicely and should be back online next month. It is available for club members use - not 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, and I will add it here.

Jabiru SP500. \$30,000 ono

Contact Peter 0407 841 616 for more information



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