



Occasional Newsletter of Walgett Aero Club Incorporated



## Annual General Meeting - Turns the Prop

At the AGM on 24 February there was a good mix of old and new members elected to the 'Executive Committee'. But let there be no mistake: the club is still being run behind the scenes by Chris and Jenny, even thou Chris is getting old and crotchety, Jenny still keeps him going.

Details of the committee members for 2013 are included in this edition. They're all a bunch of fruit this season.

### Save the Date!

**ANZAC DAY**  
**25 April**

Do NOT overfly the ceremony at 1100 in Fox St like Phil Lambie did!

**Trial Introductory Flight (TIF) & BBQ**  
**17 March**

Trial Introduction Flights (TIFs) – drop in anyway. Call Ken on 0457 811 627.

Door prizes include ½ hour TIF.

Check out both the C162 & C182.

### Being Presidential, ...

Congratulations to the members recently elected to the Committee of Management. Contrary to what the Secretary may think, this small band of dedicated members makes all the big decisions.

Last year was significant in that the committee took steps and the opportunity to modernise our fleet of aircraft. The acquisition of Hamish Kerr's C182S and a new C162 'Skycatcher' puts us in the modern era of aviation. The GA registered C182 is our workhorse and the RAA registered C162 our pleasure craft and trainer – and what a pleasure it is to fly both.

What we need now are more active flying members.

Coleen Delaney, President



## Committee of Management

Not all members of the Committee are pilots, or actively flying for one reason or another – all, however, are passionate about keeping an active aviation presence in Walgett – the Centre of Eastern Australian Aviation Flight Planning and Refuelling.

### President and Vice-President

Colleen continues as President unopposed for another year. Whilst not a pilot, she continues to apply her management skills passionately applied to aero club business. Jenny Perrin slides into Vice-President and is a life member after her long earlier stint as Treasurer. She has a PPL and has previously owned a C182 operating from Walgett.

### Treasurer

Chris Perrin remains Treasurer and is to be congratulated on the 11% profit growth during the previous year. Together with his wife Jenny, he is semi-retired from flying but actively looks after the Club's interest.

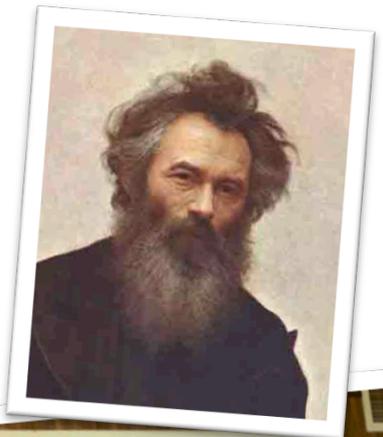
### Secretary

Jeff Austin continues as Secretary. He is a long time C182 pilot and recently added RAA certification to enable him opportunities to enjoy the C162 'Skycatcher'. He is a brilliant pilot and writes award-winning (pending) Newsletters for not only members but also aviation enthusiasts who may be tempted to pass through Walgett. He sees himself as a bit of an 'artist'.

### Committee Members

Continuing Committee members Barry Pettiford (PPL), Ken McDonnell (PPL & RAA), Roy Kerr (RAA student), are joined by old hand David Fleming (PPL), Grant Lillyman (PPL), Guy Yeomans (RAA) and recently arrived Samantha and Miranda Kerr (both CPLs).

The Committee is determined to get more flying hours on both aircraft and has taken the opportunity to offer the C182 to assist with Angel Flights.





## President's Annual Report

(Reprinted here because she was too slack to get it to the AGM in time  
... and thanks to Barry for cleaning the hangar & Chris for the Storage Container)

### Presidents Report Financial Year June 2012

Dear Members,

Another very satisfying year for Walgett Aero Club with a gross trading profit of \$25,135.00 & gross profit margin 11.4 %. A sales income of \$220,926 contributing to our very pleasing outcome.

The maintenance of our aircraft a priority as always.

The beginning of the year found the committee searching & researching possible RAA category instructors to facilitate increased membership & interest in the club & aviation.

In August WAC inc. joined RAA inc. & instructor Ken Flower from Narrabri Billabong Aviation agreed to bring his Technam to Walgett to undertake Trial Introductory Flights (TIF'S)  
We agreed on 17th September & set about advertising the event which was a resounding success. Our partnership with Ken continues & our students continue to succeed.  
The committee always seeking expressions of interest for potential students.

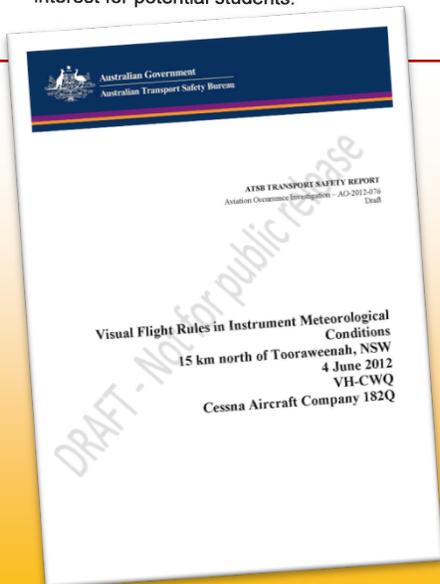
December brought the flood to Walgett & the Clubhouse was used as a base for emergency / rescue co-ordination.  
We sold 25,000 Lts. of fuel during that period.

January onwards saw the committee concentrate their efforts in a number of areas.

- . Discussion & research to purchase a RAA aircraft for our students & resolved to sell VH-WAC.
  - . Repairs/maintenance to the Clubhouse & surrounds.
  - . Runway maintenance.
  - . Advertising for the sale of the accommodation hut.
  - . Enabled the installation of a GPS Satellite receiving station, which transmits by landline to Perth the signals for correction, which is used by aircraft, ships & farmers just to name a few. This meant the removal of several trees to provide an unobstructed signal from the S/W.
- All in all a productive time.

The 4th June 2012 was a very sad time, with the loss of Hamish Kerr in VH-CWQ.  
Hamish will be remembered as a member and friend of WAC.

In closing, I would like to thank the committee personally & on your behalf for their ongoing efforts and commitment to a very rewarding year for the WAC.



## ATSB Investigation

AO-2012-076 is the investigation number referring to the crash of our old C182Q, VH-CWQ

The registration CWQ has already been reassigned, this time to a helicopter.

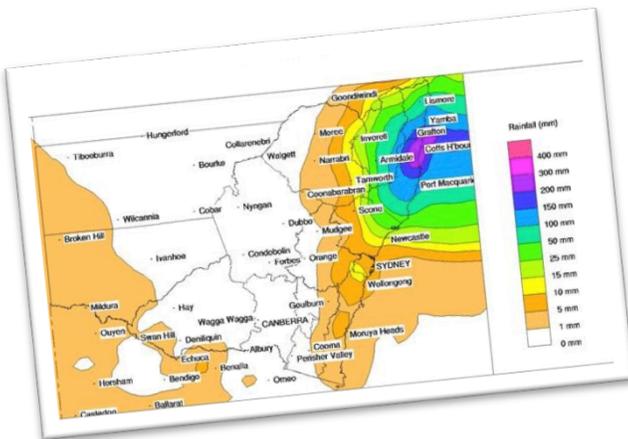
Contributors to the investigation have sighted the draft report. When finally released to the public, the report will be available on the ATSB website  
[http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation\\_reports/2012/aaair/ao-2012-076.aspx](http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2012/aaair/ao-2012-076.aspx)

# Tip Bits from VFR Flight Guide

## Recent Experience Requirements

Members may need a check flight before flying club aircraft. We are conscious that our low hours aircraft engines need to be kicked over each month to keep them in tiptop condition. Our pilots also need to be current (NB CASA advice that 10% of pilots did not have a current biennial review or current licence). **“A private (aeroplane) pilot must not fly an aeroplane as pilot in command if the aeroplane is carrying any other person unless:**

- If the flight is undertaken in daylight - the pilot has, within the period of **90 days immediately before** the day of the proposed flight, carried out at least **3 take-offs and 3 landings** while flying an aeroplane as pilot in command or as pilot acting in command under supervision, or dual flying .....



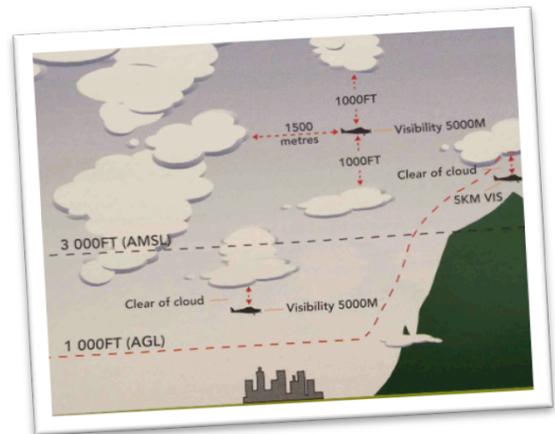
## Weather - alternate minima

... outside 50 nm ... arrival up to 30 min prior ... cloud more than 4/8ths below ... or ... **“ceiling of 1,500 ft and visibility of 8 km.”**

## VMC Enroute – ‘please explain’

Noone Smart may be stupid, but if the alternate minima is as stated, **how come** we are allowed to hug the tree tops ‘clear of cloud’ when flying over the Great Divide **above 3,000ft and with only 5km visibility?** (For example, Armidale is at 3,556’)

Befriend [Higgins Storm Chasing](#) on Facebook and get instant access to warnings, photos from a gaggle of storm troopers, satellite & weather interpretations.



## Aluminium Foil for your ELB

After flying around for some 1,200 hrs, Noone Smart finally noticed the suggestion in the ‘Emergency’ section of the *Guide* to use household aluminium foil to enhance ELB transmission. You can get the 1200mm square from one full extra wide (700mm) roll – but **why not use an emergency space blanket?** (1850 mm x 1300 mm - kill two birds with one stone – (so to speak). Comments invited.

## Introducing Samantha & Miranda Kerr

Newly arrived twins Miranda and Samantha Kerr (no relation) both have Commercial Pilot's Licences and are keen to get out and about in the C182S. Their Dad is a Virgin Airline pilot and their uncle a teacher here in Walgett.

Come out to the Clubhouse on 17 March when we will be having Trial Introductory Flights (TIFs) – be one of the lucky door prize winners and talk with Samantha and Miranda about opportunities for flying from Walgett instead of driving. They are keen to build up flying hours.

They were disappointed that they don't have enough hours yet to participate with Angel Flight after receiving the following advice:

Here's an overview of Angel Flight Australia:

Angel Flight Australia is a charity that co-ordinates non-emergency flights for financially and medically needy people. All flights are free and may involve patients or compassionate carers travelling to or from medical facilities anywhere in Australia.

We have now conducted over 13,500 flights helping financially needy people with kidney and liver failure, cancer, rickets, aortic stenosis, cystic fibrosis, leukaemia and more.

Angel Flight pilots do not carry aeromedical staff or medical equipment so do not act as an alternative to the Flying Doctor (RFDS) or Air Ambulance in that capacity. Angel Flight pilot registrations number around 2,600 Australia-wide. **Our pilots are**

**required to have a minimum of 250 pilot-in-command hours**, a current medical certificate, and accordingly a current pilot's licence for the type of aircraft they are flying.

After registering as a volunteer pilot, it will be necessary to provide copies of Pilot Licence, Medical Certificate and logbooks indicating currency/BFRs/IFR renewals.

There are no joining fees. It is more an association of people helping people. All our pilots donate their time, aircraft, and most of the expenses to fly a person in need of medical treatment to their destination. Angel Flight covers all fuel from the point of origin to

the destination and return.

If you don't own an aircraft, our pilots volunteer their services and the aircraft they fly.

Some pilots have either negotiated no charge or very good aircraft rental rates when

conducting an Angel Flight mission. Alternatively you may wish to co-pilot a mission and share aircraft operating costs other than fuel. Angel Flight covers your total fuel usage.

If you wish to register as a pilot, please go to our website and follow the pilot registration tab (<http://angelflight.org.au/volunteers/pilots.cfm>) to register your details and/or pass this information to other pilots who may be interested to register. Also on our website, you can find some stories about past flight missions and the people we've helped.

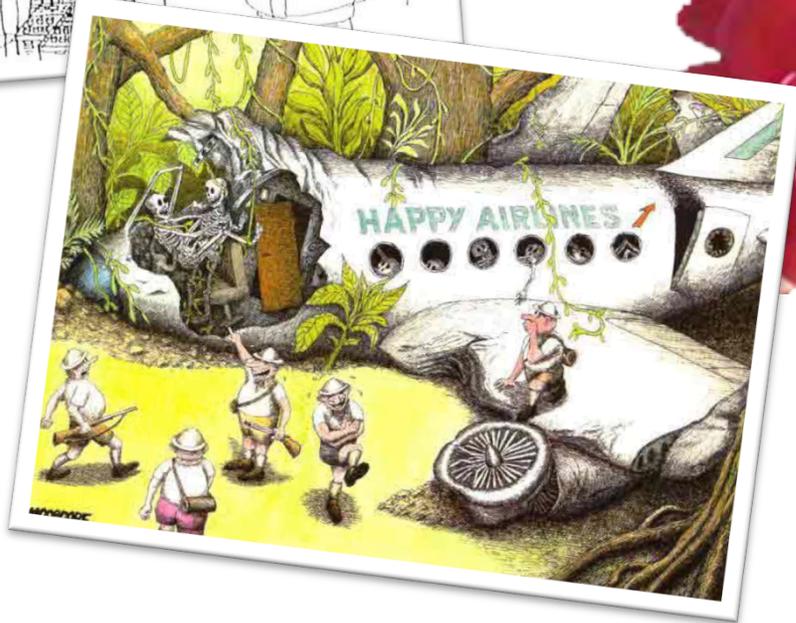
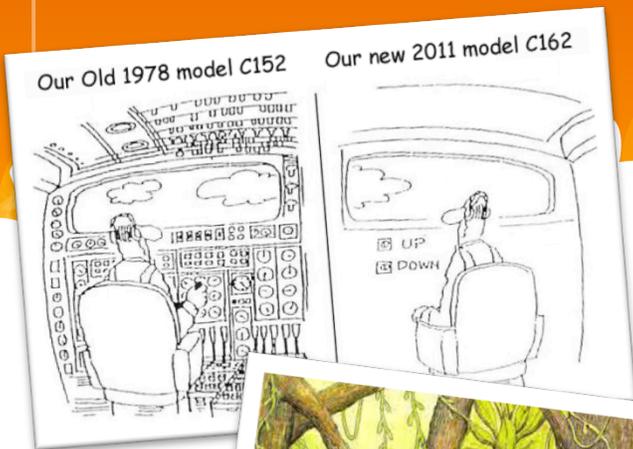
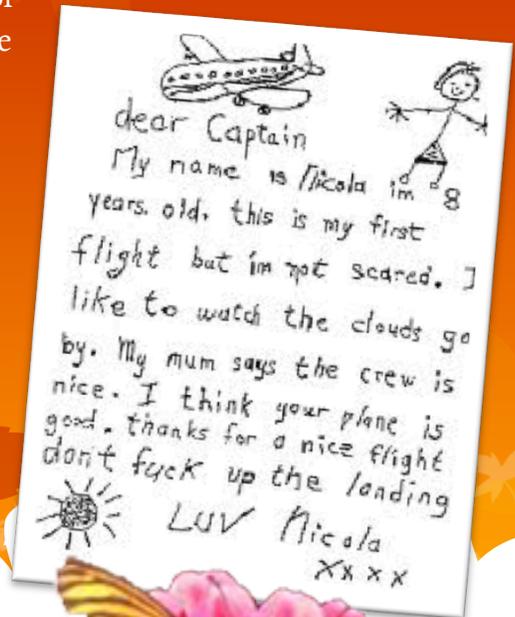


# Hiring the Aircraft

The club heavily subsidises the hire of the C162 & C182 through fuel sales. We are competitive for both aircraft. At \$264 ph for the C182, flying 100 hrs pa (which we don't), the rate is made up as:

- \$116 fuel
- \$ 80 insurance
- \$ 43 provision-annual inspection
- \$ 25 provision-repairs/replace

Many  
Happy  
Returns!



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