



Royal Newcastle Aero Club

90th Anniversary Celebrations, 22nd and 23rd February 2019

What a great night.... Over 100 members, friends and special guests attended East Maitland Bowling Club to celebrate the occasion.



RNAC President, John Tate was our M.C. for the night and guided us through the formalities of introduction, the relevance of RNAC as a community asset and an interesting insight into future aircraft developments.



Bill Hitchcock, RNAC Life Member and aviation historian, was our first speaker. Bill was able to share with us the early days of Broadmeadow and the relocation to Maitland. A very special thank you to Bill not only for his speech, but also for the many historic photos Bill provided for the rolling display that was appreciated by all.

Richard Morrissey provided a very spectacular display of the airport using hundreds of photographs and computer 3D graphic to create a "Flight Simulator" tour of the airport. Thank you Richard, a great supporter of our club.

Mark Trayling from RAAF Williamtown was our guest speaker. Mark shared with us his journey through the RAAF, the transition from CT4, PC9, Hawk and F18 fighter to the current day. On Saturday, he did a "fly-by" over the field just for us... Thank you Mark...



A celebratory cutting of the cake followed with all the Life Members and Special guests to carry out the deed...

Special guests pictured above from left to right...

- Federal member for Paterson, Meryl Swanson.
- State member for Maitland, Jennifer Aitchison.
- Maitland Mayor, Loretta Baker.



As a very special and important part of our anniversary celebrations, President John presented Lyn Kauter with the highest award our club can give, Life Membership.

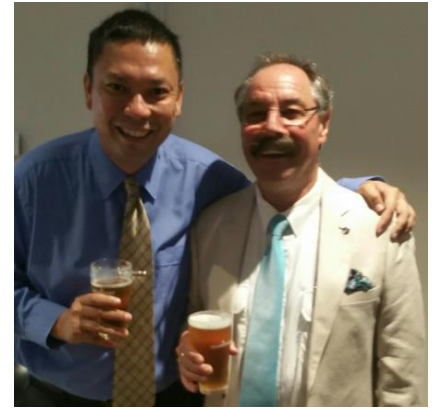
This decision was made by the board some three or four months ago, it's been the hardest secret to keep...

The following photos are just a collection of happy snaps from the night and the following day at the airport...



This is my flight instructor from 1979 through till 1982, Rob Glenn.

Two instructors enjoying a beer, I just cannot remember their names...???



Below, Pat Sarroff, Bill Hitchcock, Phil Unicomb and Bernie Sarroff.



Saturday morning at the club...





The AOPA bus provided several computer flight simulators that were setup in the social club hall. It was a big hit with a lot of people...

A very big thank you to AOPA, greatly appreciated...



In conclusion...

Many people were involved with the preparation of our 90th anniversary. Staff, members and friends... On behalf of the RNAC Board, I would like to very sincerely thank all involved for a great effort and a very successful weekend.

Thank you...

Trevor Bright.