

# Royal Newcastle Aero Club

Windsock Tales, #30



Hello Everyone,

**Welcome to “RNAC Windsock Tales” #30**

Lots to talk about in this addition so I hope you can stay with it and embrace the content...

---

## 2020 Annual General Meeting

As most members would be aware, the Royal Newcastle Aero Club Annual General Meeting was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. One of several points raised at the information session was the short period of time allocated to return a members vote.

I can share with you that I have been tasked to look at our Club’s Articles and investigate ways that this issue can be resolved. Please keep in mind that this time period is mandated within the Articles and cannot be changed without a formal resolution being passed by the RNAC membership at either an AGM or EGM.

More on this to come...

---

## The Tiger is Back...

Our famous Tiger Moth, VH-RNI, formally A17-111 is airworthy once again.



Grade 1 flight instructor [Andrew Brill](#) has completed his currency “*Check on Type*” and has reestablished his passion for this significant aircraft.

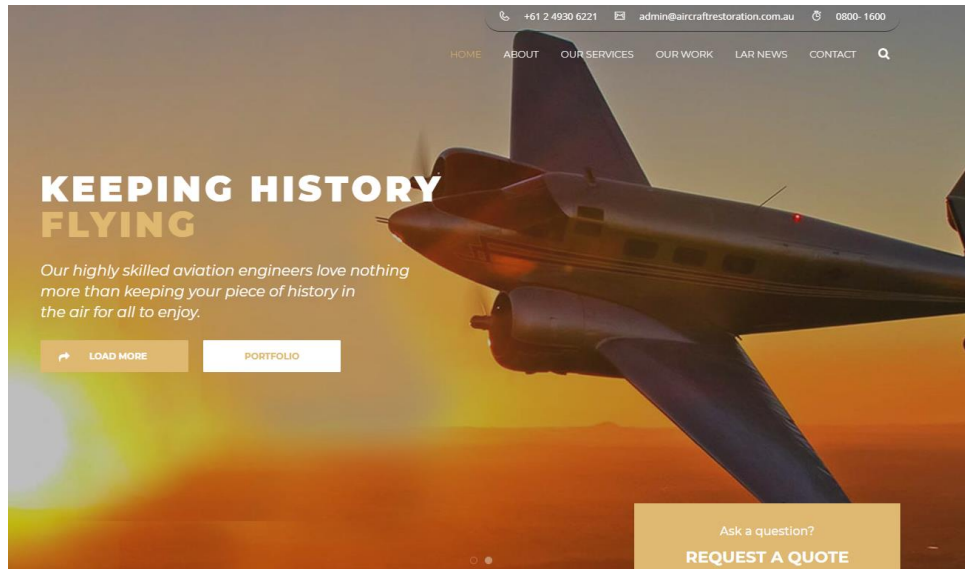
Well done Andrew...

RNAC Club member, [Matt Webber](#) and his Team from [Luskintyre Aircraft Restorations](#) have done a great job on our Tiger and I am sure the Club membership as a whole are pleased and very appreciative to see her back.

Thank you Matt...

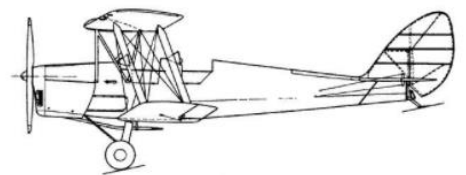


<http://aircraftrestoration.com.au>



## Quick Facts...

- In October 2028, the Royal Newcastle Aero Club will be 100 years old.
  - 8 years away.
- In October 2031, it will be 100 years since the first Tiger Moth flight.
  - 11 years away.
- In 2035, it will be 100 years since the Royal Newcastle Aero Club imported the first Tiger Moth into Australia.
  - 15 years away.
- In 2039, it will be 100 years since De Havilland Australia began production of Tiger Moths at Mascot, NSW.
  - 19 years away.



It's my opinion, and I would suggest similar to many more RNAC Club members, that our Tiger, VH-RNI be part of these significant anniversaries. As all of us know, time flies and these dates will be upon us quicker than we think. That being said, I intend to look at ways our Tiger can be protected within our Club articles.

I feel very strongly about this as it really does represent a direct link to our past. Our heritage, our Club forbearers, our Club culture and our Club core values, for me can be clearly represented by this aircraft. These are factors that we cannot afford to lose but indeed would be of great benefit to embrace and preserve for those who are yet to become pilots or RNAC members of the future.

More on this at a later date.

## RNAC - WEB Site Overhaul

In coming days, our brand new and updated web site will go live.



Club member, [Mark Jacobson](#) has dedicated a significant amount of time in revamping our Club web site with a number of significant improvements.

- New fresh look but maintaining a similar feel to the original.
- Pop up advertising.
- Designed specifically to be "Smart Device friendly".
- Higher level of internal security.

Once live, member feedback would be appreciated so please feel free to send in your thoughts...

Thank you Mark, great work, well done...

Mark's business contact details are below...

Hunter I.T Services  
M: 0478 297 800  
[mark@hunteritservices.com.au](mailto:mark@hunteritservices.com.au)



## On the Subject of Members Help

I am hoping that a dedicated Club member who happens to read this segment may have the resources and time to manufacture / donate the following...



Pictured above is VH-RNI's oil drip tray. As you can see its use by date has well and truly passed.

Yes, the Club could just go and buy one but I thought that there could be an RNAC member out there, with the time and resources to make and donate to the cause... After all, we are a Club, and our Club has survived over 90 years with significant help from the volunteer, member base.

Go on... Do something for nothing...

If you can help, please let me know, contact via the Club office or my phone details below...

---

## New Club Captain – Doug Brooks

Below is a repeat of an email sent to Members on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020. I should point out that these comp or fun days are organised by Club volunteers and they need your support. It's a great way to maintain currency, be socially involved with your Club and do that at an attractive price.



From Doug...

### **Greetings to all members**

We will be having a flying fun day on Sunday the 15th November at RNAC with a BBQ after completion of all flights.

All members are welcome to come along and join in regardless of your flying level or skills. Everyone is welcome from students to seasoned members. Please come along and introduce yourself to the new flying subcommittee members and myself.

We will be open to any new ideas for next year's format with regards to the fun days.

For catering purposes please respond to the office if you plan to attend

Kind regards  
Doug Brooks  
RNAC Club Captain

---

## Up Coming Changes to the YMND – General Conditions of Use

For those of you who do not know, the YMND-General Conditions of Use, or abbreviated to the GCU is a document to share the fundamental rules of operating at our airfield.

The document is freely available on our web site.

This is the link <https://www.rnac.com.au/aerodrome/community-operational-undertaking>

### Terms and Conditions

Home > Aerodrome > Terms and Conditions

The Royal Newcastle Aero Club is a public company, a club, a public space, a training organisation and an aviation hub for a variety of commercial companies and private operators. That being said, a number of standard protocols need to be followed...

- **Visiting Aircraft are welcome, however, landing fees apply to all aircraft including Gyro's and RA.**

All Aircraft Operators must exercise a high level of Airmanship at all times. Being situationally aware is a must. Have a clear understanding of the impact of your actions on others. Comply with all aviation rules, regulations and standard practice as required by CASA, ERSA and any applicable NOTAM.

All Aircraft Operators need to be "**Concessional**" and "**Mindful**" regarding trainee pilots. Low hour, inexperienced pilots, first or second solo pilots, trainee pilots often use the airfield under instruction or test.

All Aircraft Operators will at all times use radio calls in the circuit at RNAC. All Aircraft, unless operationally unsafe, will declare their position on "Base". All Aircraft Operators are required to use their legally assigned aircraft registration as their call sign.

#### Downloadable Files

- YMND – General Conditions of Use (GCU)
- Community Operational Undertaking
- ANEC – Noise
- ANEC Aircraft Circuit Tracks
- Noise Complaint Register
- Airfield – Wildlife Hazard

The document, (the GCU) was always intended to be updated from time to time. With current developments around our airfield being certified, and in conjunction with our recent Workplace Health and Safety inspection / audit, changes are inevitable.

An updated version will be active from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2021. This updated version will be available to members from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

I expect there will be two significant additions to the current document.

1. With the recent installation of remote gate access to airside and the distribution of FOB's to provide that access, a dedicated section will be created to clarify access understandings and process. Basically replicating the original agreement that FOB users have signed for when they picked up their individual FOB.
2. After recent airfield inspections by WHS and CASA, airside access needs to be formalised. Specifically for non RNAC members and those who carry out commercial activities on the airfield. This is very much a "*Work in Progress*", however I am confident a working model will be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

More communication on this once available.

---

Ok,, that's it for now.

I hope you are all well and looking forward to Christmas, family and friends.

Kind regards, Trevor.

**Vice President and Life Member**  
**Royal Newcastle Aero Club**



**Trevor Bright**  
0413 603 843