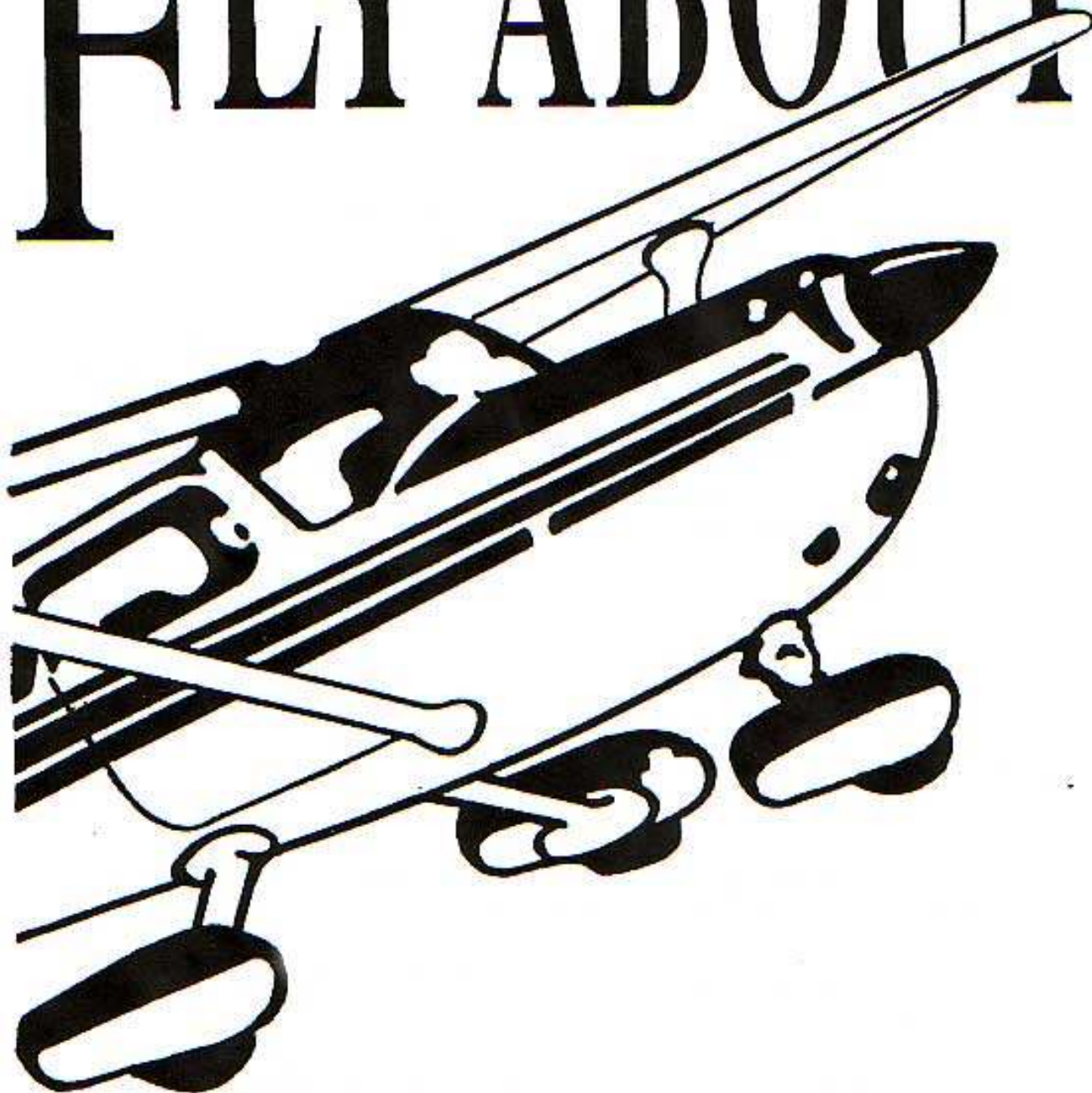


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President's report  
August 2011

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new committee, and some of old. Errol Croft is back as VICE PRESIDENT and CLUB CAPTAIN. Ashley Smith also back as TREASURER.

We welcome Heather Deegan as SECRETARY. Not an easy job, so thank you Heather.

Denis Beresford back as AIRCRAFT AND FLIGHT TRAINING.  
Gren Putland returns with his portfolio of AIRSIDE MANAGEMENT.  
New to the club and committee is Dave Beech for HOUSE AND GROUNDS.  
Peter Hill, also new to the club, has taken on SOCIAL.  
Steve Vette still with us for one more year thanks Steve I hope you get on top of your ailments.

And of course myself, still managing BAR and PRESIDENT.  
Debra still the editor of the FLYABOUT. Thankyou Deb.

Congratulation Ashley on your win at the club comp on Sunday, apparently there was a bit of divine intervention or Errol's version of "someone" on the hill controlling the wind, hard luck mate, at least you came second, well done & third place to Peter Hill, apparently his first Comp, there could be a few mugs coming his way in the future!

And finally I hope the weather is going to be good for the weekend, for the wild flower tour ENJOY!

Thanks  
Matt Bignell  
Northam Aero Club

## Club Captains Report

The August monthly comp was very enjoyable even with marginal weather & as always our pilots were given the choice of flying or not.

It was decided that we would wait for the weather to clear & while doing so Dennis Beresford, our judge for the comp, gave a very knowledgeable talk on the workings & use of the GPS. There was a variety of questions asked & answered as well which achieved a very informative discussion.

The comp was a Rate one orbit (120secs) timed with a straight-in approach with landings also being judged along with normal clearing of turns & radio calls being required. We had a new competitor in Peter Hill who mainly flies his own C150 but stepped up to the C172.

The crosswind offered a challenge on landing. Ashley Smith won the comp, having flown last & we all noticed how the crosswind blew straight down runway 3 2 on Ashley's landing. I still reckon Preston Smith was on the hill diverting the wind down the runway for him. Ha! Ha! 2<sup>nd</sup> was myself with Peter Hill 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once again thanks to Dennis & the 5 competitors who attended on the day.

**Dates to remember:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday next month for flying comp, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Dawn Raid Northam, 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Fly-in to Newman, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov WALAC.

Cheers,

*Errol*

## **CROFTY'S WILDFLOWER SPECTACULAR**

Congratulations to Errol Croft for organising a thoroughly enjoyable wildflower tour to Morawa.

A contingent of Northam Aero Club members and guests descended (literally) on Morawa's excellent airfield on Sunday, August 28, to be met by local farmer and pilot Lindsay Chappel, who did a great job driving us around in the community bus to visit numerous floral hot spots.

Those who made it were Errol and Sue Croft and Fly About editor Debra Donovan in Crofty's freshly-painted 172; Claude Meunier and Lila Tame in Claude's Robinson 44 ornithopter; Bruce and Shirley Rowley in their Maule; Phil Pusey and Wendy in Phil's Mooney; and Judy and Frank Kotai and Tony Rees in their Mooney.

Phil and Wendy nearly didn't make it because the aircraft had a flat battery. However, we were able to jump start it from Phil's car, saving them the disappointment of not seeing the bush in all its splendour. Keith Betty, however, was not so fortunate. He locked himself out of his hangar at Wongan Hills and rang to advise that he wouldn't get to Morawa in time for the tour. Better luck next time, Keith.

Two aircraft were scheduled to come from RACWA, too, but pulled out at the last moment because their Wings Dinner was on the Saturday night and they thought they might be too tired! We're made of sterner stuff at Northam.

The wildflowers, I'm sure all would agree, were spectacular. We were overwhelmed by carpets of pink, yellow and white everlastings contrasting with the deep greens of bumper cereal crops. Adding to this riot of colour were the brilliant gold of various wattles, startling blue of sprays of dampiera, the soft yellow of native buttercups (hibbertia) and deep scarlet of emerging grevilleas. In between were tiny pockets of dragon orchids (a large variety of the spider orchid) and a solitary donkey orchid (the only one we spotted).

If one species stood out from this floral feast it was the wreath leschenaultia, growing happily in the roadside gravel. These multi-coloured specimens, resembling as their names suggests a wreath, were a week or two away from full bloom but nonetheless stunning in their floral extravagance.

We rounded off the morning with a first-class lunch at the Morawa Hotel before flying back to Northam. All in all, a most satisfying flyaway, and our thanks go to Lindsay, who keeps a 182 on his home strip, for volunteering his services and being such a genial host.

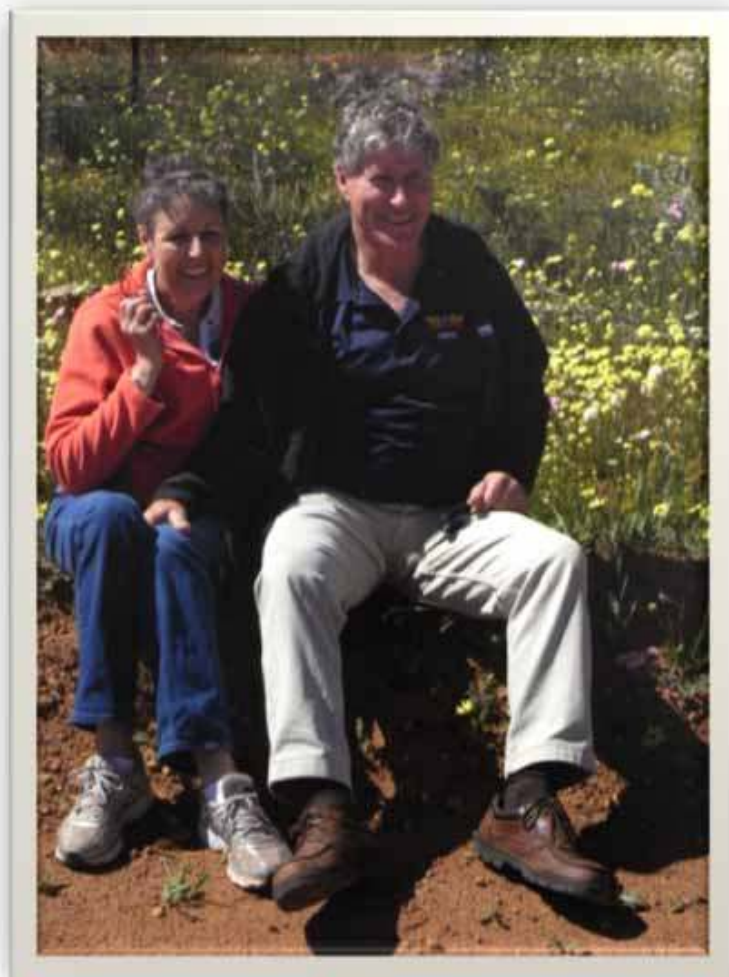
It's a shame the club's Cessna wasn't on the apron at Morawa. Crofty's enthusiasm for organising trips away is something we should encourage, but this requires member support. Perhaps the President and Committee could turn their minds to providing an incentive for members to share the hire of PGL for trips such as this. – TONY REES



Thanks yet again Errol for a wonderful day out !!!



Sitting in the wild flowers Morawa



Western Australian Light Aircraft Championships (WALAC)  
Saturday, November 26th.

Murrayfield

five events ;

Precision Circuit with a Spot Landing

Forced landing with a Spot Landing

Streamer Cutting

Aerobatics

Formation Flying (team event held 25/11/11 at Jandakot)

\$80 entry with \$15 for each subsequent event

Awards dinner afterwards.

C152 or C172 available for hire.

Contact Craig Hensley on 0439 528 733

## **Pilots Invited to FLY-IN**

### **Gnowangerup**

#### **Sept 24-25**

For the second year in a row, Gnowangerup is the destination of choice on the aviators' calendar as they host their FLY-IN on the long weekend of Sep 24-25.

Famous as the Gateway to the Stirlings, YGNW is one of these nice, uncomplicated and mostly undiscovered country airports, sporting a great bitumen runway and plenty of room for an overnight swag camp!

This Fly-In is clearly aimed at the whole family with plenty of things to do in and around Gnowangerup.

It's also the wildflower season with organised wildflower walks and mystery bus tours to the town.

Vintage cars are on display and games for the kids plus a bouncy castle.

Scenic flights in Albany Aviation's B58 Baron can be booked on the spot.

Food and drinks are available with a BBQ and a guest speaker for the early hours of the evening.

Bring your swag or tent and enjoy the camp atmosphere. There will also be an undercover sleeping area for those without a tent.

Plan to arrive on Saturday by mid morning with departures on Sunday afternoon. We're even trying to organise the weather so make this a red letter day on your calendar!

info: Michael Lance 9827 1314 Gnowangerup Progress Association

# FLY IN TO CERVANTES-WA PEARCE FLYING CLUB

**OCT 28TH, 29TH & 30TH, 2011**

Flying in Friday morning 28 th Oct. 2011

**Registration fee \$175 pp**

Which includes :

Sausage Sizzle on arrival &

Transport to and from Aeropor

Entry to Opening of Cervates Art/Photography Exhibition  
Friday night

Tour of Pinnacles on Saturday

Dinner Saturday night with Guest Speaker.

More information & registration forms :

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# NORTHAM AERO CLUB

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**SHIRTS \$35**

Mens sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL or 5XL

Womens sizes 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 or 24

breathable polyester jersey knit, snag resistant. 100% Knit collar  
 with contrast tipping. Ladies 215 GSM with open V with 2 press studs.  
 Mens 185 GSM standard 3 button.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Caps are available from the bar

Male/Female	Size	Name (on shirt)

P&H can be arranged @ \$8 per order

# Errols Club Calendar 2011

	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
<b>1</b>				BAR-DENNIS
<b>2</b>	BAR-ASHLEY			BAR-DENNIS
<b>3</b>	BAR-ASHLEY		BAR-DAVE	
<b>4</b>			BAR-DAVE	
<b>5</b>				
<b>6</b>				
<b>7</b>				
<b>8</b>				BAR-HEATHER
<b>9</b>	BAR-ERROL			BAR-HEATHER CLUB COMP 9AM
<b>10</b>	BAR-ERROL CLUB COMP 9AM		BAR-HEATHER	NAC.MEETING 7PM
<b>11</b>	NAC.MEETING 7PM		BAR-HEATHER CLUB COMP 9AM DAWN RAID NAC	
<b>12</b>			NAC.MEETING 7PM	
<b>13</b>				
<b>14</b>		CLUB COMP 9AM		
<b>15</b>		NAC.MEETING 7PM		BAR-ASHLEY
<b>16</b>	BAR-RYAN Presentation Dinner			BAR-ASHLEY
<b>17</b>	BAR-RYAN		BAR-GREN	
<b>18</b>			BAR-GREN	
<b>19</b>				
<b>20</b>		BAR-MATT		
<b>21</b>		BAR-MATT		
<b>22</b>				BAR-STEVE
<b>23</b>	BAR-LES			BAR-STEVE
<b>24</b>	BAR-LES		BAR-PETER	
<b>25</b>			BAR-PETER	
<b>26</b>				
<b>27</b>		BAR-ERROL		
<b>28</b>		BAR-ERROL		BAR-MATT Newman Fly Out ?
<b>29</b>	AGM			BAR-MATT Newman Fly Out ?
<b>30</b>	BAR-MATT			Newman Fly Out ?

31	BAR-MATT			
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## N.A.C.

### Bar roster

### 2011

#### Opening Hours

*Saturday 5pm - 7pm*

*Sunday 5pm - 7 pm*

AUGUST		
20th-21st	-	Matt
27th-28th	-	Crofty
	-	
	-	

NOVEMBER		
5th-6th	-	Crofty
12th-13th	-	Dave
19th-20th	-	Gren
26st-27th	-	Peter

SEPTEMBER		
3rd-4th	-	Dave
10th-11th	-	Heather
17th-18th	-	Gren
24th-25th	-	Peter

December		
3rd -4th	-	Denis
10th - 11th	-	Heather
17th - 18th	-	Ashley
24th - 25th	-	CLOSED
31st		CLOSED

OCTOBER		
1st - 2nd	-	Denis
8th - 9th	-	Heather
15th - 16th	-	Ashley
22nd - 23rd	-	Steve
29th -30th		Matt

JANURARY		
1st	-	CLOSED
7th-8th	-	Steve
14th-15th	-	Heather
21st-22nd	-	Matt
28th-29th		Crofty

IF UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTERED DAYS PLEASE  
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SWAP WITH SOMEONE

*Manager*

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