

# The Go-Around



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## Club Updates & Events

### BAC x RACWA BBQ

The Royal Aero Club of WA and The Bunbury Aero Club BBQ came together on 16<sup>th</sup> January for an interclub BBQ! It was a success with 30 RACWA members flying in 15 planes and a dozen BAC members attending.

Once the BBQ concluded RACWA members stayed the night at The Bunbury Hotel at Koombana Bay and enjoyed dinner at local Bunbury restaurant, Nicolas. On the Sunday before returning to Jandakot, RACWA and BAC members flew down to Busselton Aero Club for their monthly breakfast. Busselton had their greatest ever attendance with 25 aircraft flying in!

RACWA were very happy with this event, impressed by the club facilities and friendliness of all members and staff of BAC. They hoped they could return the favour one day with them hosting a similar event at Jandakot!

### Manjimup Training Collaboration

Calling out all want-to-be Pilots or current Pilots in Manjimup and surrounds!

Our collaboration with the Manjimup Aero Club to conduct training operations out of the Manjimup Airport is well up and running!

The Manjimup Aero club have a Tecnam Sierra P2002 and a Cessna 172N available for use.

If you are interested in completing an RA-Aus Pilot Certificate or conversion, or even need a Flight Review completed, please get in contact with us!

We typically have an instructor going down to Manjimup every second week.

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# Retire in Style

## Now is the time to spread your wings and take to the skies



One of the pilots at Bunbury Aero Club

by Allen Newton

If you are healthy enough to drive a car, you are healthy enough to fly a plane.

Catherine Forknall, Club Manager at the Bunbury Aero Club (BAC), says that seems to be reflected in an increased number of older people taking to the skies.

Established in 1963, BAC is one of the oldest aero clubs in Western Australia, so it seems appropriate that its members are not all young top guns

looking to get into the air. Among the significant numbers of older people who want to learn to fly is retired Process Engineering Technician with Worsley Alumina, Graham Evans.

The 66-year-old from Australind has been interested in flying since childhood and Graham says he is not alone.

"I know people who are approaching 80 years of age who are active pilots," he says. These are often people who flew in their younger days but are now getting back into it.

Club members come from a wide range of backgrounds and include medical professionals, trades

people, farmers, and business people.

Catherine says health concerns when it comes to pilot licences are pretty similar to those when it comes to driving a car.

"Medical standards now are a bit more flexible, even though you have to be fit and healthy, there are more options. For example, you might not be allowed to fly at night, but quite often people find if they do have a slight health concern they can quite often speak to a medical examiner about it and find a class of licence that still allows them to go out there and have fun."

As well as a focus on flying, Graham says the social element at the club is strong.

"The BAC is very welcoming with friendly staff and very experienced instructors. It's a great place to catch up with like-minded people," he says.

Club members often get together for beers on a Friday afternoon or will fly out to a club or winery to explore around the south west.

Graham's own flying journey began at Midland Technical School's Redcliffe Annex and he gained his restricted private licence at Jandakot in 1983.

He moved to Bunbury in 1985 and joined the BAC, staying for a year or two before flying club aircraft concentrate on paying down

his mortgage and consolidating finances.

He started flying again in 2015, when he had retired, had more time on his hands and had the money to pursue it, doing his navigation training at BAC.

Graham owns a kit-built Van's RV7A, a two-seat aluminium plane with a cruise speed of 150 knots and safe endurance of four hours.

He flies for fun and to get around.

"In two-and-a-half years of ownership my wife and I fly for fun around the south west and have flown to the eastern states twice and as far north as Broome."

He flies weekly and racks up about 120 hours in the air each year.

The club is a not-for-profit community-based organisation, which promotes and encourages all aspects of aviation as well as providing facilities for the community to enjoy. It offers recreational and career pilot training courses for young and old, as well as a range of ratings and endorsements for the beginner and for the more experienced pilot.

For people wanting to learn to fly, but don't know where to start, the Bunbury Aero Club offers free learn to fly seminars or a trial 30-minute introductory flight for \$125, which allows participants to take the controls of the plane.

Catherine says it could

almost be that a majority of newcomers to flying are people who are semi-retired or retired.

"They are people who have thought their whole life about wanting to do it but have had other commitments like work and kids that get in the way."

"Now they have more time and more cash they revisit the idea and go ahead and get their licence."

"There's definitely more older people than we've seen previously."

Catherine says part of the change may be down to flying becoming more affordable and flexible and people were looking for further training to add to their skills.

She says some of these people are also up for the idea of owning an aircraft because the way aviation is going it could be a bit more viable for them.

"People do it for a hobby, and we've seen a lot of that previously, but a lot of other people are finding ways to use it as a tool for their work as well and people with farming backgrounds use it as a method of keeping in touch and keeping close to people."

Catherine says people can buy a light two-seater plane for around \$40,000.

"Sometimes we see people driving cars that are more expensive than their planes," she said.

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## Club Updates & Events

### Big Breakfast

On Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our first Big Breakfast of 2021! In total we sold 43 plates on a pleasant but windy Summers day!

Then the most recent Breakfast on Sunday 7th February was miserable, you would have thought it was Winter! Not to mention the Perth and Peel regions still closed off To the South West due to the recent COVID-19 case. However, we still had 34 local members come in.

Our next Big Breakfast is *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021*, hopefully we can see you all there!

### CASA AvSafety Seminar

Our next seminar is to be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021! This seminar expands on some concepts covered in the previous one as well as:

- Dangers of flying into IMC as a VFR pilot
- Flight Planning
- Tips on how to operate safely as we emerge from the COVID crisis

The presentation will look at the dangers of flying into IMC as a VFR pilot and focuses on ways of preventing it happening through good flight planning and en route decision making. It also covers the potential safety implications of emerging from a low activity period during COVID, with tips on how to make sure you and your aircraft are safe to fly again.

Ensure you register your attendance at

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/avsafetv-seminar-bunburv-tickets-133797005445](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/avsafetv-seminar-bunburv-tickets-133797005445)

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## Student Achievements

We would like to send out a congratulations to all of the following students who have put in an amazing effort and completed an achievement during the end of 2020 & 2021!

### ***Recreational Pilot Certificate***

*Tony Whitting*

*Mac Baxter*

### ***Recreational Pilot Licence***

*Bryan Meijer*

### ***Private Pilot Licence***

*James Bondfield*

### ***Night Rating***

*Brad Mortimer*



## New Member's

Please give a warm welcome to the following new Bunbury Aero Club member!

***James Owens***

***Tony Ridders***

***John Hall***

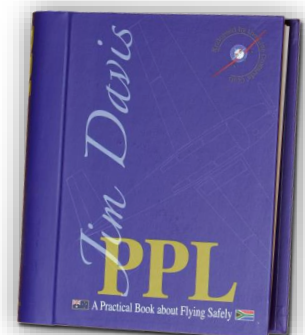
***Tony Cusack***

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## *2020 Wings Dinner*

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our 2020 Wings Dinner on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and made it a successful one! The weather became a bit gloomy in the afternoon with rain clouds rolling in but the Dolphin Discovery Centre still had beautiful views of Koombana Bay

A special thank you goes out to Bernice Butlion, our guest speaker, who graced us with her wild story of wing walking! It was definitely a talk to remember for all!

From all of us at the club we would like to give our congratulations to all of our students who have put in consistent dedication and enthusiasm this year while completing their license's, certificates, ratings and endorsement's.

Also congratulation's to Table 3 for their team effort and knowledge to win the Trivia Prize!

### **2020 Award Winners:**

**CFI Award** - Paul Morrissey

**Highest Academic** - Jack Sommerville

**Perseverance Award** - Mac Baxter

**Most Improved Pilot** - Vince Zampogna

**Club Person of the Year** - Linda Matthews



## Passenger Briefing

*“Even if you fly with us regularly please listen carefully as there may be differences in aircraft”*

We’ve all heard these words as a passenger sitting in an airliner waiting to go on a holiday but have you ever thought how it applies to yourself when taking a family member or friend in a Cessna 172? We can take it for granted a little when we jump in a plane, especially our own. We know where everything is and what’s going to happen but our passengers might not, even if they’ve flown with you in another plane before.

For example: My husband has spent many hours in a Cessna 152 or 172 with me and has flown them himself on many occasions, but if we were to fly a Beechcraft Duchess it’s something, he isn’t familiar with. Does he know how the doors latch or unlatch? Or the location of the fire extinguisher? How about the ELT?

It may seem a little scary or even unlikely but knowing these things may save their life in an emergency situation. This is why a passenger safety briefing is the **MOST IMPORTANT** thing you can do for your passenger. It’s even more important than getting those Instagram worthy photos from the air (#really?!).

But where do we start with our briefings?

Check out this guidance from CASA regarding safety briefings:

### Passenger safety briefing





S	<b>Seat belts</b> – fastening, tightening, releasing procedures <b>Seat position</b> – adjusted and locked in place <b>Shoulder harness</b> – fastened for take-off, landing <b>Smoking</b> – is prohibited <b>Special survival equipment</b> <b>Stowage</b> – of loose articles
A	<b>Action</b> – to be taken in turbulence <b>Action</b> – process to follow if oxygen is required <b>Altitude</b> – changes
F	<b>Fire extinguisher</b> – location, method of removal and operation <b>Floatation devices</b> – location, fitment and use
E	<b>Electronic device</b> – use; airside and onboard the aircraft <b>Emergency equipment</b> – location and operation <b>Emergency procedures</b> – and evacuation plan <b>Emergency/survival kit</b> – location, use and contents
T	<b>Exits</b> – location and operation of exits  <b>Talking</b> – and sterile cockpit expectations
Y	<b>Touching pilot controls</b> <b>Traffic</b> – scanning, spotting, notification to pilot  <b>Your questions</b> – confirm understanding—speak up

## *Passenger Briefing*

Have a think about what's on the list above and what might be relevant to your aircraft. The briefing doesn't have to be ominous, just a way to show your passenger around the aircraft or make comparison to something they're familiar with. For example:

“Hey Bec, I know you've flown with me before but let's go through some safety and creature comforts for this aircraft...”

*or*

“Just like when you get in a plane for a trip to Bali, we just need to take a few minutes to talk about safety for today's flight...”

If S.A.F.E.T.Y doesn't work for you, everyone has their own way of remembering things and that's ok! See what works for you and your aircraft and always be willing to learn or look at things from a passenger perspective, perhaps even literally? Before your flight sometime sit in the right seat and see how the world looks from there.

If you're ever unsure or need someone to practice a passenger briefing with, don't be shy. Our instructors are always willing to help. Feel free to sit in one of our aircraft and practice while on the ground without a passenger and see what's in the cockpit that will prompt you.

It's best to practice it and learn something new than not practice and find out you needed it!

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## **Committee Members**

*President* - Zaki Dorkham

Chris Forknall

John Borserio

*Vice-President* - Chris Jilley

Colin Matthews

Paul Morrissey

*Treasurer* - Wayne Fisher

Diane Cavanagh

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*Deputy H.O.O* - Steve Goodrick

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