

# Ballina Aero Club Inc

## Presidents Report 2009 (Financial Year Ended 30/06/2009)

It is with pleasure that I submit this brief report of the Club activities during the period since the last Annual meeting in February 2009.

### Clubhouse

Early last year the Committee were approached by Jeff Harris with the idea of building a new clubhouse rather than relocating the old one. The idea being to enlist generous support from various suppliers and contractors in order to minimize the cost. In this way a slightly larger and more usable building could be obtained.( Also, the current building is in poor shape.)

This idea had previously been considered but this time it was decided to proceed with the concept and an application went to Council with an amendment to the original development application and this was subsequently approved. The plan for the new Clubhouse was prepared by Arthur Colledge Tamar Street Ballina without cost to the Club and he has been thanked for this kind contribution..

In looking at the conditions of the development consent it became apparent that the block of land allocated by Council for the clubhouse contained water and sewer pipes which the Club was responsible to remove before being given the go ahead to commence the work.

A letter has recently been forwarded to Council in order to overcome this unfortunate extra cost by either relaxation of the requirement OR the minor extension of the land to enable the water main relocation to be avoided. A reply is now due and Graham Gordon Operations Manager is in agreement with the Club's request. Hopefully others at Council will agree also..

The Committee is endeavoring to expedite this to enable the work to start.

As members would be aware the old building has been located on the leased area of Faulks Richardson and Lord since 1990 without cost to the Club. This situation has been of no real concern to them until recent security issues and then the huge rent increase being paid by Faulks Richardson and Lord during the past 3 or 4 years. Once the clubhouse is removed from the site, the Council will hopefully reduce the rentable area to Faulks Richardson and Lord, but

Council has refused to reduce the rented area while ever the clubhouse is there. Bearing this in mind, the clubhouse was advertised for removal in October last year and an offer accepted for its removal. The building will shortly be taken away.

Thanks are extended to those who have made contributions to the impending new building and also to those that are yet to contribute.

Once the work starts members will be called on for any assistance that they can offer.

#### Commanche Club

In September, last year the club organized the Friday evening meal for the visiting Commanche Club annual meeting and this was a marvellous night enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to those who came along and assisted

#### General.

During the year the monthly BBQ's have been held on most months and although some were weather affected, others were quite well attended. Casino members have contributed to our activities and our members have attended activities at Casino and Evans Head again last year. Members again assisted at the Great Eastern where the attendance and displays were excellent. Congratulation to GaiTaylor and the Committee.

The annual Christmas function was held at the Wollongbar Tavern in Dec., 2009 and was enjoyable and well attended.

#### Banking

During the year the Treasurer Peter was able to obtain our frozen funds from the Richmond Mortgage Fund account which had been closed to withdrawals by the financial crisis. Our banker was also changed from St George to Summerland Credit Union. All cash funds are now held in Summerland Credit Union.

[ballinaaeroclub.org.au](http://ballinaaeroclub.org.au)

The Club website domain name has been changed from .com.au to .org.au. So please have a look at the site at [ballinaaeroclub.org.au](http://ballinaaeroclub.org.au) and make some comments.

#### Activities

The Club needs to proceed with the new building as soon as possible and will then be better positioned to conduct Club activities but is dependent on the members for its future success.

Activities involving partners and flying activities need to be looked at for the future success of the Club

Financial.

The year 2009 activity (to 30/6/2009) resulted in the following

Income	\$3510
Expenditure	\$2127
Surplus	\$1383
Assets	\$19113

Including cash \$13781

Annual Return

The Annual Return for the Club is lodged following the annual meeting each year and it is recommended that the Annual Return as tabled be approved and lodged with NSW Office of Fair Trading for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Thanks

I have enjoyed this year as the Club President. Thanks to Dick, Graham, Rae, Peter and Chris and other members for their cooperation and willing assistance during the year. All the best to everyone for 2010.

Safe flying.

Gary Faulks

President

21<sup>st</sup> February, 2010