

The Short-Field Take Off

August 2017 edition



Hello Members:

This is our latest August edition which has a number of feature articles for your interest.

Members Winter Flying Discounts Extended

As a result of a wet July and what appears to be the same in August the committee of your club has generously decided to extend the Member Winter Flying Discount to the end of September.

Details of the discounts available to members are reproduced below and a copy of this notice has been placed in the Aircraft booklets.

Please make yourselves familiar with the discounts on offer so you can ask for them should you qualify.

Any discounts given will be monitored by our book keeper/treasurer to ensure the eligibility criteria have been met. The more you fly Curtin Flying Club aircraft the more you will be rewarded.

Happy flying and hopefully a return to fine weather soon.

CURTIN AIRCRAFT HIRE DISCOUNTS :

NOTE: these discounts are only available to Curtin Flying Club Members

- 1. If a member flies two hours or more on the one flight docket between now and 30th September 2017 you are eligible to a 10% discount. This is for Aircraft hire rate only. Ask the counter staff to give you 10% off your VDO time. They must check you are a financial member.**
- 2. If your flight was for the purpose of conducting an "Angel Flight", as a member you are entitled to a 10% discount on the aircraft hire component of your flight.**
- 3. If your flight was conducted as participating in a "Club Sanctioned" Flying event then a 10% discount applies to the aircraft hire component of your flight. "Club sanctioned" flying events are advertised regularly in the "Short Field Take-Off" newsletter.**
- 4. Keep a copy of your flight dockets and review your accumulated hours. After 10 hours of hire and having paid the full hire rate you are eligible to receive a voucher for one hour's free hire of a Curtin Club aircraft. You must contact Peter Nosow at pnosow@westnet.com.au and present your dockets for verification. A flight voucher will be mailed out to you. For further information ring Peter Nosow on 0407 441 555.**

Note: It is your responsibility to ask for a discount if you fit the eligibility criteria.

RACWA counter staff will be aware of eligibility criteria and will check before granting the discount.

Peter Nosow

Member story

A look over the A380 Flight Deck

On my recent trip to Europe mid July I approached the flight crew and asked if I could have a quick look over the Emirates A380 flight deck. This of course was after we had landed in Amsterdam and passengers were disembarking. I had produced my ASIC which made it a bit easier to convince them I had a genuine interest in Aviation as a private pilot. The captain and co-pilot were very obliging and let me in to have a look around and take a few shots.



The captain was South African and the Co-pilot was an Australian from Sydney.

They said that basically they don't do much flying, they just monitor the computers and oversee that all systems are operating correctly. When you take a close look at the displays, panels etc, and break them down into individual units a lot of the systems are self explanatory and not too different from what we are familiar with, say in our G1000 equipped aircraft. There is just the added complexity of the extra systems required to operate this large aircraft capable of carrying in the vicinity of 550 passengers.

I informed them that I was a member of the Curtin Flying Club based at Jandakot and I would be happy to take them up in one of our C172's if the opportunity arose. The captain said he hadn't flown a small aircraft for nearly 40 years and wasn't sure he could still handle one. I suppose it is all a matter of what you are familiar with and maintaining one's recent experience.

Peter Nosow

Dowerin Field Day (Aug 30th to 31st)

The annual Dowerin Field Day is on again this year and members are advised that this is a "club sanctioned event" so you can make the most out of your 10% discounted rate on your flying component.

There is lots to see especially to look at how our farming methods have evolved and changed so much over the years. It is a pleasant flight with a standard Armadale departure through Canning Dam, Mt Dale, Northam, Goomalling and into Dowerin and a nice bit of cross country practice.

Dowerin has a dirt/gravel strip and I think that there will be a bus service from the strip to the venue.

One aircraft (KXW) is already booked for the 30th Aug.

Club Fly-In.

Jandakot to White Gum Farm picnic lunch.

The Committee are looking at holding the first of our Club Fly-Ins at White Gum Farm airstrip and we are looking at mid to end of September this year. The weather Gods should be a lot kinder and the country side will look at its best with the recent rains that we have had.

I have spoken to Andrew Cotterell who is running the Air Park and he is more than happy to accommodate us for the day. They do have BBQ facilities, picnic areas and there is also some museum aircraft to look at as well as the Sky Sports Flying School which is run by Gordon Marshall so there is quite a lot to do and see.



We will keep an eye out and when weather patterns look favourable we will advise Members of a more precise date. We will be looking at doing a sausage type sizzle so will need actual numbers who will participate so we can order enough food. Tea and coffee will be available on site, but any other type soft drink will be up to you to provide. This is an ideal three adult POB per aircraft flight, so give it some thought as this will be a great opportunity to socialise with other Club Members.

Rob van Hamersveld

News flash:

The committee is pleased to announce that we have renegotiated our insurance policy and removed some of the restrictions that have had a negative effect on membership. Particularly our ability to consider low-hour newly-minted PPLs and the ability to make our aircraft available for more advanced training, e.g., those with RPLs wishing to use CFC aircraft for their training in pursuit of a PPL. Whilst, the club reserves the right at all times to make the final decision on flying membership, we would encourage you to approach your colleagues, who may have been put off in the past or may never have known what they might be able to use the fleet for, and use this as an opportunity to increase membership and aircraft usage.

Malcolm Roberts