

## NEVHGC NEWS

### **President Paul's Preseason Preamble.**

To start with you need an explanation as to why I decided to re nominate for the position of president. To which I was re-elected in an unopposed land slide victory. Go figure.

Without going into the detail, the situation regarding Mystic acquisition changed significantly in the time between my sending out the notice of our AGM and the actual meeting. I felt that as I was now going to have to meet with and lobby the pollies I would be in a better position to do so as president. Cristine felt that if I was staying on then she might as well do so too, and there you have it.

We were not motivated by a lack of other willing members ready to participate on the committee. That being said the position of secretary did take some time to fill, thankfully Brian Webb put his hand up and then added to his workload by offering to be site officer as well. We should all be grateful, as Brian's experience has already proven valuable in both these roles. Isla Christian has taken over as treasurer, and is currently coming to terms with the requirements of the position.

We are fortunate to be able to welcome Sascha Moroney to the committee as assistant to the secretary. Sascha was not available for the AGM, but had expressed a willingness to be involved, and so she is. Thank you Sascha.

The NEVHGC Committee has had its first meeting for the year, it was a very productive meeting and we are getting on with the jobs well ahead of time.

### **Landing paddock fence**

Planning permission has been sought for a fence on the roadside of the Mystic Landing Paddock. Following a site meeting with the shire, permission will be granted at no cost. When I say fence I mean a low post and rail design with gaps between each 4.2 mt rail of 1.2mt thus providing a demarcation line separating car parking and the spectating public from the flying activities on the paddock.

We have taken this step with support and encouragement from the HGFA in an effort to reduce the likelihood of litigation by spectators who wander onto the paddock unhindered.

Of course they can still do so but having made an effort and short of erecting a chain wire fence this is the best we can do. We understand funding has been allocated by the VHPA from the site development fund to which we all contribute via our HGFA memberships.

This structure will also encourage nose in parking which will reduce the number of complaints I receive about cars parked in some cases with their doors opening over the bitumen, not safe, and not legal in an 80k zone. People have been booked so be smart, park properly.

**A new membership form** for this year is enclosed; you will see that it informs you of your obligations as a club member. Please take the time to re read your opps manual so that you understand fully about separation and reporting.

### **Road up-Grade**

We are currently talking with the Alpine Shire regarding the re topping of the infamous lower section of our access road to Mystic. We were successful last year in getting dust suppression

applied to the first 200mts of dirt, this will now happen on an annual basis. However this road is actually outside the shires area of responsibility to maintain.

That being said the shire do acknowledge that we as a sport are an attraction for tourism and in fact are part of tourism in the area, and so will continue to help where they can to provide shire machinery at no cost and share the cost of material to upkeep the road. Be assured that Alpine Shire is aware of our contribution to tourism and are supportive of our needs.

### **Speed costs money.**

#### **How fast do you need to go, if you then sit on launch for an hour?**

Remember the person driving any car down is a pilot's friend, they probably did not drive up, and you will want them to drive down again some day, which they won't do if you scare the crap out of them.

**The Out Door Inn.** Terry has mentioned that he has received bookings for the popular holiday weekends earlier than usual. If you are intending to stay and have not booked as yet, get on with it or miss out.

Terry the good bloke that he is really looks after his pilot customers. In this case more than he should be expected to. Last week a pilot whose name is not relevant failed to return to camp by dusk. Terry drove around town to see if he could spot this dills car, then drove to the paddock still no sighting, so Terry drove up to launch and found this silly solo flyer walking up the hill in the dark to retrieve his car. Terry pointed out as politely as the situation allowed that these were not the actions of a smart or considerate pilot.

Walk up to get your car by all means but tell someone who cares that you're safe first.

Terry at the Out Door Inn..... Thank you .....[Bookings on 03 5755 1154](tel:0357551154)

### **Not the Canungra Cup**

To be held on the 8, 9 and 10th of October. More details to follow. So far we can confirm that the weekend will start on Friday night with the swing and fling at the sports ctr bright. Joe Chitty will be in attendance to show you how to repack. Dave Russell is organizing this part of the weekend. There will be a limit on numbers so contact Dave NOW if you want to come and play on the swing. 0413 488 582

On Saturday morning early. Working Bee at Mystic launch same as last year but much less off it needs re fixing. We now have our own club tools for the job but we could use more. Be sure to bring work gloves. We hope to have more green matting to fix over the joins in the white stuff. If not we will make do with what we have. If anybody has a contact for old tennis court material Please call Paul on 0428 356 239.

If you have your own chain saw and are proficient with it you can cut down pine trees with Steve Thomson and myself, it's good fun really.

Saturday arvo an aviation challenge. Fly to Rob Mac Kenzies house and attend a BBQ the club will provide the BBQ and salad Foc you bring your meat and grog by air or by car we will be there, If you intend to be call Rob on 0429856014

On the way to Robs, Karl Texler will have arranged a comp task of sorts.

If the weather is not looking good for a fly, please come anyway, so we can get the work done prior to the Not the Vic w\e. Show up for this one, we are trying to make it fun and worthwhile.

### **Web Site.**

Rob and Brian are in the process of up grading the clubs web site. The aim is to better use this currently under utilized facility. We will be including, maps of all our sites with landing paddocks, do not land areas. Common thermal areas. Track logs showing how to get to sites. Any other suggested inclusions are most welcome.

### **Mystic is an intermediate site.....Up grade your licence now.**

That means if you are rated novice you **must** fly under the guidance of an intermediate or advanced pilot. Brian has kindly offered to coach two classes of pilots wishing to attain a higher rating.

Format 2 hrs theory 1 hr exam.

You can sit the exam before you have the required air time.

Intermediate .....Sat 23rd Oct time 7 – 10pm          Advanced..... Sat 06th Nov time 7 –10pm

Contact Brian to reserve your seat at      rsol@alpineinfotech.com.au

### **Weather station for Mt Emu.**

Will we or won't we? Well we are now. Dave Russell will be co-ordinating the planting of the pole and the installation of the equipment. We have all the gear ready to go all we need is a team to help Dave, let him know if you are willing to help install this very useful device. It will be handy on those Total Fire Ban days.