

MERCURY BAY AERO CLUB INCORPORATED

2021 President's Report

Welcome to the 73rd Mercury Bay Aero Club Annual General Meeting and thank you for your attendance.

Financial

In the past year, despite the frustrations of Covert 19, we had a good year with a very satisfactory financial result. I will ask Philip Hart to go into the detail shortly. The Club is now set up with revenue streams adequate to give stability to the operation for the next few years.

Membership

We continue to grow our membership with a total of 153 paid up members as at the end of February including 16 from the Model Section.

Club Aircraft

RV 12 MBA gave good service as our primary training aircraft and an extensive maintenance programme was carried out to rectify issues which accumulated over the seven years. With MBB coming on line after some unforeseeable delays, MBA has now been sold conditionally and we expect that to become unconditional in the next few days. The purchaser will operate the aircraft independently but is prepared to lease it to members on a wet hire basis subject to rules which they will draw up.

MBB is a little different to MBA and is performing well.

Hours for the year MBA 75.6 and MBB 43.2 for a total of 118.8 for the year. MBA has now totalled 1280.5 hours.

Airfield Maintenance

Lack of rain has been a major issue during the year and significant repairs were carried out to a portion of the runway to the beach side of the intersection on 04/22. It seems to be holding up well but has been of concern for some time. We are ever hopeful that the open drain near the intersection will be moved on to TCDC land adjoining and new pipework run across the main runway. Indications are that will take place early next year. Once that has been completed we can start work on extending the Western Taxiway to the north toward the threshold of 04.

Birds

Birds are still a major problem and a number of schemes has been discussed with involvement of TCDC, Waterways, DOC and ourselves. Currently a trial using a laser beam is being trialled by a farmer on the northwest of the airfield. It has only been in place for a short time so we will have to wait for an evaluation but it would seem to have promise.

Hangars

In the past couple of years Evan Wheeler has Project Managed the building of some 30 hangars mainly in blocks of 6 T hangars. Two of those are coming up for completion and a waiting list has been set up for further construction. Some of those will be purpose built for helicopters on the northwest boundary. Many thanks to Evan for the tremendous effort he has put into this project despite several other heavy roles including the Presidency of SAA National.

Evan is happy to elaborate on the hangar development.

Hangar Function & Cafe

Despite the limitations of Covid, there have been a number of functions in the Main hangar over the year and we are delighted that the Café is up and running after a period of closure. The food is great and it is growing as a popular venue.

Aviation and Club Events

A number of gaggles of aircraft have visited for lunch on an ad hoc basis and the Tiger Moth Club and Northern Air Race was diverted here due to the ramifications Lock Down rules.

Unfortunately, having run various very successful functions and competitions and competitions over the past couple of years, John Gemmell has decided not to continue as Club Captain and the new Committee will be tasked with finding a person from their ranks to take on that role.

Volunteers

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who have kept the Club alive over the past year in numerous and divergent roles, managing to do so despite the limitations of time due to family commitments, lockdowns, health issues, trips away and other constraints. We are all getting older and with very few younger people getting involved, makes the tasks for the future somewhat difficult to arrange.

I would like specifically to mention and recognise the tremendous effort on the Committee for over twelve years that Bill Beard has contributed including two terms as President. He now has decided to stand down before, as the Late Duke of Edinburgh said, he is still not able to stand.

I would urge Members to assist by volunteering to undertake projects as they arise. You do not need to be a Committee Member to offer assistance. Quite frankly, too much is done by too few.

Elections

Last year a rule change was made to assist with the problems we have faced with insufficient numbers on the Executive Committee and a rule change was made to overcome the situation. Unfortunately an oversight was made in that change which is to be remedied by remit.

I would like to thank the Committee of the last year for their tireless efforts in rather trying circumstances and thank all for your attendance and support. I feel your Club is healthy and in good shape for the future.

Brian Wigley

President

Notice of Motion – Rule change

Rule 13.7

13.7 The Executive shall consist of nine Members, made up as follows:

13.7.1 Officers:

The President, The Vice President, The Secretary Treasurer, and The Club Captain who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and who shall be designated as the Officers of the Club.

13.7.2 Section Representatives:

An individual appointed by each active Section, as it's Representative and whose appointment has been notified to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to each Annual General Meeting. Provided that if any section has more than fifty percent of total Ordinary Members on the last of the previous financial year it shall be entitled to appoint a second individual as a representative.

13.7.3 Ordinary Executive Members

13.7.3.1 If there have been less than three individual Section Representatives appointed and notified to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, as many Ordinary Executive Members shall be elected as may be required to bring the number on the Executive to nine.

Proposed	Brian Wigley	Seconded	Evan Wheeler
Passed	Unanimously		

Following the passing of that rule change, sufficient nominations have been received to fill the positions so that a ballot is not required.

The new Executive Committee will be as follows:

President	Brian Wigley
Vice President	Evan Wheeler
Secretary	Lydia Anthony

Treasurer

Bruce Turner

Club Captain

to be appointed by the incoming Committee

Model Section Representative

Tony Turner

Ordinary Executive Members

Michael Norton

Doug St George

Keith Skilling

Peter McVinnie