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STOP PRESS!!!

COWRA ACCOMMODATION DIFFICULTIES

A current update regarding accommodation with our 2010 Convention at Cowra.

Unfortunately for us, the Cowra Motel will now only take our bookings for Friday and Saturday. Although the Association had arranged for the Motel to hold the rooms for us, up to recently very few Airtourer bookings had been confirmed. The Motel therefore made a commercial decision when faced with another block booking.

If you intend being at Cowra for 3 nights and have yet to secure accommodation, check the Airtourer Association website, click activities, click next event, click Cowra Tourism-Motel list or phone Cowra Tourism on 02 6342 4333

Cover Photo: John Balch in Airtourer 100 MUP over the green fields of Western Australia. Photo taken by Beryl Marshall while John formatted on Lindsay.

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President's Pen



Continuing with our “moving forward” programs, for a number of years I’ve considered changes were needed with how the presentation of the Balance Sheet and Treasurer’s report has been tabled at Annual General Meetings of the Airtourer Association.

The reason for the changes is to bring the Balance Sheet presentation into line with common practice. It is to create simplicity, transparency and accountability.

As against previous times, the turnover for recent Conventions has been in excess of \$8000.00, a considerable amount indeed.

To “move forward” with the times the basic required changes are: -

- (1) The Balance Sheet and Treasurer’s Report to be tabled at future AGM’s shall be from the 1st January – 31st December, although the report for this year is a short one due to the changes being made.
This eliminates past confusion with the Convention profit and loss presentation, where Convention deposits have been presented on one year’s Balance Sheet, with the Convention balance being presented the following year.
This change enables all incomes and outgoings for a particular function to appear on only one Balance Sheet.
- (2) With the closing of the financial report being the 31st of December, the Balance Sheet to be presented at the AGM’s will be published in the February Newsletter giving members time to read and absorb it, then to ask an appropriate question (if any) at the AGM meeting.
- (3) To re-introduce an Auditor seeking a Balance Sheet tick.

Your Committee has considered these recommendations thoroughly and fully endorses them to create simplicity, transparency and accountability.

John Treble

**AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
COWRA N.S.W 12 - 15 MARCH 2010
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1/2/2009-
31/12/2009**

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE	
	\$	\$
Membership Fees	4,316	Bank Fees 73
AGM Wangaratta	8,660	AGM Wangaratta 8,290
Stock (caps/ shirts)	90	Fly In' Yarrowonga 2,115
Airtourer Co-Op Donation	2,000	Newsletter/stationery/postage 3,032
Presidents 'Fly in' Yarrowon- ga	2068	Public Liability insurance 591
		AOPA subs 125
		Trophies 440
		Flowers 59
		Stock (caps /shirts) 602
		Aardvark internet (fin year 08/09) 295
		Aardvark internet (fin year 09/10) 219
		Telstra mobile phone 249
		J Treble (bus fuel / stationery) 161
Totals	17,134	16,252

RECONCILIATION

Credit Balance C/F 1/2/09	14,482	Credit Balance C/F 31/12/09	15,363
Total receipts	17,134	Total Expenditure	16,252
Balance	31,615	Balance	31,615

Stock on hand \$500

Gerry Pels - Treasurer

Editorial

The Christmas / New Year period is called the “silly season” for good reason. In the editor’s case it was not so much the partying but other workload that was downright silly. It started with the publication of the last Newsletter and membership list. This was followed by a very productive Directors meeting at Tocumwal. Unfortunately an unexpected piston change on COI consumed valuable time and money. Boeing messed up my December by moving the delivery date of a new B777 from January but I still managed to arrive home at 1:30am on Christmas Day. Thanks to Jan for driving to Brisbane to pick me up.

I slept through the New Year before having to do my six monthly licence renewal simulator checks. Finally I got some time off with a family holiday in January, which is where the silliness really began.

We holidayed in New Zealand and the editor was silly enough to jump off a bridge with a rubber band tied to his leg. First time could be considered an isolated error in judgement but twice..!! For the record, once you feel the bungy start to take up the tension and you realize you probably won’t die, it begins to become fun. However, the editor did draw the line at jumping out of a serviceable aircraft, unlike his wife and son. Having done it on his own twice in the past, (once from an unserviceable aircraft), he saw no reason to submit to a tandem jump. It was noted that the jumpers were encouraged to jump by sending them up in the world’s ugliest aircraft, the PAC750 Cresco. It’s difficult to imagine how such an ugly aircraft could come from a company that can trace it lineage to AESL who produced Airtourers in NZ.

We look forward to seeing you all at Cowra. Remember that organizations like the Association and Co-operative are successful because members volunteer their time and skills. Prior to the AGM please consider how you may contribute.

Safe Airtouring,
John O’Halloran

Houdini – Centenary Air Show

(See Calendar of Events)

The organisers of the Houdini – Centenary Air Show at Melton on the 20th March 2010, invited the Airtourer Association to attend in an official capacity with a designated static display area, plus an appropriate short aerobatic display would be considered in their Flying program. On behalf of the Airtourer Association I accepted the Invitation. Members interested in attending please contact John Treble.

Beach Landing.

Jan 2010

Stan Tilley

The Victa Airtourer lifted slowly and gracefully from the sand, at first swinging gently but soon steadying to a balanced flying position as the rudder became effective.

This was the 'moment of truth' following the tragic event following a successful ocean beach landing just two days previously.



On Friday, Airtourer MTC had been hired by Mike Strudwick for a local, solo flight from Cambridge to Bruny Island. Mike was a popular and well liked professional who had been a veterinarian surgeon for many years, serving in many parts of Australia but eventually deciding that Tasmania was to be his homebase. Mike had retired from veterinary services some years previously and renewed his interest in flying, completing his commercial and instructor ratings.

Mike had then instructed for some years at the local Aero club, but about 12 months ago had decided to retire a second time, perhaps to go back to being a veterinarian, perhaps because of health reasons – but maybe just to relax.

Mike departed about noon for a flight estimated to be for an hour. The plane was booked for a 3PM flight so when Mike had not appeared, the alarm was raised and some Club members took a Cessna 172 and went looking. They located MTC safely landed on a beach, with footsteps leading away, but there was no sign of the pilot.

A helicopter was called and it was found that the aircraft was undamaged but eventually the body of the pilot was discovered in the nearby sand hills. What had happened? Why had Mike died at only 60 years of age?

Police and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau were notified and soon took over sealing the aircraft and site, which although only about a kilometer from Bruny airstrip, was very inaccessible.

With some effort, MTC was moved, with both engine and manpower, up the beach to avoid the possibility of it being flooded in the high tide.

It was decided that as the beach was not suitable for a safe take-off, the aircraft would be moved by helicopter to a safe place, with Bruny strip being the closest. It was at this stage that both as a part owner and the Airtourer Coop. representative I became involved.

By Sunday, several things had been decided:

1. Mike had suffered a fatal heart attack – after successfully landing the aircraft.
2. The aircraft could be moved to a safe situation (but not flown).
3. ATSB needed to completely check the aircraft to ensure that no possible problem related to this aircraft could have contributed to the landing.
4. The ATSB LAME would dismantle and check all the aircraft systems.

However, the ATSB does not replace any dismantled systems, so the owners would have to get an LAME to replace everything. It was explained that this was not a viable situation as Tasmanian inspections are done by Rex Keorbin from Merimbula because there is no suitable LAME readily available in Tasmania.

It was agreed that I could work with the ATSB. Cowls were removed, all systems were checked completely and the aircraft was given a 100% 'bill of health'.

Once fully checked, the aircraft was run up with

full power and static revs. As it was all satisfactory, it was released from the protection order by both the Police and ATSB and permission given for it to fly back to Cambridge.

This was a fantastic show of cooperation from the two members of the ATSB. They were excellent but tops marks must go to Mike as well. Mike apparently had known of some health problem and had advised some people that he did not expect to get his license renewed at the next medical which was due in a few days.

It is all supposition as there were no 'Mayday' or other radio calls but Mike must have felt really bad to decide to land immediately – having the fatal heart attack as he walked into the dunes to find somewhere where his mobile phone would work.

A couple of days later I flew MTC back to Cambridge where, because it was sitting in soft sand for 48 hours, it will be thoroughly cleaned, checked again and have the air-filters changed and the wheel bearings cleaned and possibly replaced – which is fine because it is almost due for a 100 hourly anyway.

So ended a sad chapter.



Victorian Branch Christmas Fly-In Lunch

Sunday 6th December 2009

John Treble

It was the perfect day to have a Fly-In as the weather couldn't have been better if we had ordered it. With arrivals at the beautiful Lilydale Airfield beginning at around 11.30, the build up to another successful Christmas Fly-In Lunch was now under way. It wasn't long before we began the five-minute car shuttle to the Croydon Golf Club by members who had already arrived by car.

Our lunch was arranged at the Croydon Golf Club that has been re-located from Croydon with a new Golf Course development to the area named Yering. The Clubhouse is built on the highest part of the property with a superb view overlooking the Yarra Valley including the Lilydale Airfield. An outlook with a beautiful setting just made for a very pleasant afternoon, with a range of nicely presented meals spiced with plenty of laughter, enjoyment and amusement.

We welcomed new member John & Rebecca Day with newly acquired VH-VRT.

We thanked Roger & Neroli for the use of the Lilydale airfield and allocated parking area for our aircraft.

I must make mention here (as I have

to them many times) that I continue to marvel that Stan & Bonnie are regular attendees to our Victorian Fly-In's, about a 6 hour return flight just for lunch. Marvels indeed.

Also good news is that after several years in Darwin, Jon Pels & Monique Gillett will be back living in Melbourne soon.

It was a great day just simply enjoying being with all the lifetime friends we have within the Airtourer Association.

COWRA, bring it on!!

VH-CRK John & Doreen
 VH-BNV Mike & Jackie
 VH-FVV Andy & Jane
 VH-VRT John & Rebecca
 VH-ECI Roger & Neroli
 VH-LVU Jon & Monique
 VH-MTL Stan & Bonnie
 VH-MVI Stuart
 VH-MKL Ian

Car
 Ian & Sue
 Gerry & Denise
 Lindsay & Georgina
 Dave
 Dot



Wanted.

Volunteers for your Association and Co-operative.

The Airtourer continues to fly and be well supported because of the efforts of the Association and the Co-operative. As is often the case, the majority of the work is accomplished by a small number of people. There are a broad range of skills out there, so please ask yourself how you can help your organizations.

Currently there are vacancies for the following skills.

Web Site Design. Doug Stott requires the assistance of someone with graphic design skills or someone who has, or is willing to learn, web site construction. Apply to the President, Secretary or Doug Stott.

General Administrative, Secretarial or Editorial skills (or just plain good old common sense and practical thinking.)

Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter design and style is getting a bit dated but the current editor is too inflexible and slack to change. If there is anyone willing to take on the task of editor or at least assisting the current editor to get into the 21st century. Please apply to the Editor or Secretary.

Committee Member. Being a Committee member doesn't require special skills but rather a willingness to contribute. If you can give the Association a year or hopefully two then please apply via the Committee nomination form in this Newsletter or the website.

Co-operative Director. Hector Blemings will be stepping down as a Director this year. The current Directors have a spread of technical, business and administrative skills and would welcome anyone with similar or other relevant skills. This position MUST be filled.

You can influence the direction of your organizations.

Apply Now!

Airtourer Co-operative News

New Zealand Type Certificates. The patient and methodical work of Lee Gordon-Brown has finally paid off with the NZ CAA finally amending the Type Certificates for NZ built aircraft to reflect ownership by the Co-operative. Along the way Lee has compiled a data package to satisfy the NZ CAA that the Co-op could fulfill the necessary responsibilities of a Type Certificate holder. It included a visit to Lee's facilities by a NZ CAA Airworthiness Inspector. The Co-op is grateful to the staff of the NZ CAA who have been quite helpful while completely thorough in performing their duties.

Four Men, a Hangar and a Video Camera! In late November, Alan Wood, Lee Gordon-Brown, Stan Tilley and John O'Halloran locked themselves in Lee's hangar with a video camera, 12 packets of cream biscuits and an unlimited supply of tea and coffee, (we won't mention the other beverages for fear of CASA's random alcohol testing). Nothing kinky, just the Co-op directors working together without distractions. The aim was to collect and document as much of Alan Wood's knowledge as possible. With the aid of two serviceable aircraft, one wreck, (useful to access otherwise enclosed areas), and the Co-op's supply of spares, the group worked from the spinner to the tailcone over two days. The discussions distilled into about seven hours of video recording. Now before members start asking for copies, the video is the same as rough working notes and only for the use of those involved. Lee has a list of 72 action items that are slowly being addressed. The first result the Co-op members will see will be Amendment 2 to the Maintenance Manual which is currently in draft. Some of the action items are more involved and may take years to complete.

Farewell YVV

With apologies to Lewis Carroll

The time has come the walrus said to talk of many things
Of ships and shoes and sealing wax of cabbages and kings
Why the sea is boiling hot,

Why do Pilots loose our wings? Its just happened to me, YVV has flown the coup,
and I'm devastated, I'm having withdrawal symptoms, be prepared, one way or another you will face the inevitable.

However, on the bright side for me the new owner Bob Sheehan has flown it to Bankstown Hangar and I believe hasn't stopped grinning, and hopes to bring it to Cowra also joining the Airtourer Association.

Hector

Committee News

The Committee has been active under John Treble's "moving forward" policy. The obvious changes have been to the accounting practises and John has described these in his President's Pen column.

The **Association message service** has been established as described in previous Newsletters. However, the following are some of the limitation and considerations for it's use:

- The service is only used for SMS messages. It cannot receive inbound voice calls.
- It is available to receive inbound text messages.
- There was no voicemail associated with the number.
- The number is **0458 247 160**, please enter it into your mobile phone's phone book as **Airtourer Association** so that you can easily identify any messages.
- It is important for members to keep the Secretary informed of changes to their mobile phone numbers.

The AGM is a legal requirement and primarily for the Committee to present their reports, in particular the financial report, and to elect the new Committee. Any general meeting is an appropriate venue for the membership to discuss important matters. However, if it's important enough to be brought up at general meeting then it's important enough to be notified earlier and researched so that any discussion can be fully informed. More routine matters should be dealt with at Committee level. In both cases the Committee should be the first point of contact. If you have any matters you wish to raise, please send an email to one or more members of the Committee. The email addresses are in the Membership Booklet.

Just Like a Bought One

10th April 1959

We waved our children off to school, loaded the baby in her basket into the car, climbed in ourselves and set off to drive from Laverton to Moorabbin. As we left some Sabres were making a low sweep over the airfield; Randall would not be with them today; he was on his way to take a new plane on its first flight. The Australian Airtourer prototype VH-FMM would take to the air for the first time.

Quite a crowd had assembled at Moorabbin and as I mingled with them I could see photographers, reporters and D.C.A officials. This was to be the first step in a long program towards the granting of C of A to the little plane.

Randall had disappeared into the hangar, ladies were preparing refreshments in a large tent, our baby was asleep on my shoulder and I made my way to a vantage point to watch proceedings.

All eyes were on FMM as the team proudly wheeled it into position; a gleaming yellow white bird, poised and ready in the morning sun. Randall in his flying gear and hard hat was helped up over the wing and into the cockpit. My knees were beginning to feel a little weak. Just at that moment Henry Millicer joined me, took the baby in his arms and said cheerfully, "Do not worry Lorraine, it will fly, I know that it will fly, I am quite confident." How right he was!

Together we stood and watched that lovely little plane take off, climb, bank, turn and circle for some twenty minutes, then with a proud pass over the field it came in for a perfect landing.

There were cheers and smiles and, yes, maybe a tear or two.

The team gathered around, eager with questions....

"How'd she go, Randy?"

"What d'you reckon?"

To their great delight he replied,

"It's just like a bought one!!"

Lorraine Green.



Approved Pilot Maintenance

The following was sent to the Editor by a number of members. It was sourced from the internet so it must be true ????

During a private “fly-in” fishing excursion in the Alaskan wilderness, the chartered pilot and fishermen left a cooler and bait in the plane. And a bear smelled it. This is what he did to the plane.



The pilot used his radio and had another pilot bring him 2 new tires, 3 cases of duct tape, and a supply of sheet plastic. He patched the plane together, and FLEW IT HOME !

A quick review of CASA’s CAAP42 reveals the following as Approved Pilot Maintenance.

Para. 2.1(1) Removal and installation of landing gear wheels, tyres and repair of pneumatic tubes.

Para. 2.1(5). The making of simple fabric repairs not including lacing or rib stitching or the removal of structural parts or control surfaces.

A clever lawyer could argue that use of duct tape was an ingenious way of avoiding lacing or rib stitching. We won’t go into the subject of approved data....

2010 AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION CONVENTION and 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12th, 13th, 14th, MARCH.

Accommodation has been arranged with the Civic Motor Inn and the Cowra Motor Inn.

Mention Airtourer Association when booking accommodation.

CIVIC MOTOR INN

20 Young Road. Phone 02 6341 1753. \$85.00 per room on a twin share basis.

They have a Restaurant that they have made available for our AGM on Sunday morning.

COWRA MOTOR INN

3 Macquarie Street. Phone 02 6342 2011. \$78.00 per room on a twin share basis. available for Friday and Saturday night only.

For alternative accommodation check the Airtourer Association website or phone Cowra Tourism on 02 6342 4333.

To satisfy all catering and function venue requirements, complete this Registration form on the facing page with the information required. (Make a copy of download from the web site.

“ESCAPE TO COWRA” PROGRAM OUTLINE

On arrival at Cowra Airport check into the Cowra Aero Club where facilities are available to us for the weekend. A detailed program of all the weekend functions will be available and make sure you have this program with you at all times thus enabling you to keep track of all the planned happenings for our Convention.

Here is a brief outline of planned events.

We start on Friday with a welcome dinner at the Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant.

Saturday will be airfield-flying day including a visit to the facility where the Brumby Aircraft is manufactured.

Convention dinner night will be held at the Cowra Services Club with Mike Fisher returning to the stage to host the evening. Tonight's theme is "INSPIRATION"

Sunday morning is AGM time followed by a full day coach tour of the district including lunch. Sunday dinner at the Cowra Bowling Club will conclude another very full weekend.

REGISTRATION FORM

Where you see “ I / We / will / will not ” cross out the items and functions you will not be attending. Also indicate your method of deposit payment, “Internet Banking or Cheque”

Captain & Flight Attendant’s name.....VH-.....

Arrival day.....Departure day.....Accommodation.....

I / We / will / will not / be having dinner at the Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant on Friday.

I / We / will / will not / be having lunch at the Cowra Aero Club on Saturday.

I / We / will / will not / be having dinner at the Cowra Services Cub on Saturday.

I / We / will / will not / be going on the full day Coach and Lunch tour on Sunday.

I / We / will / will not / be having dinner at the Cowra Bowling Club on Sunday.

\$50 deposit per person. Number of people.....X \$50 =.....Internet Banking or Cheque.

Bank A/c details: Airtourer Association, BSB: 032507, Account: 121510. Quote Name.

The approximate total cost will be \$110.00 per person, which includes transport, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday full day Coach tour with lunch.

You have two options on how to to Register and pay your deposit for Cowra.

- (1) Send by the 5th March your completed Registration form and deposit cheque payable to the Airtourer Association, to:

**John Treble,
P.O. Box 57,
Keilor, 3036.**

or

- (2) Pay deposit by Internet Banking then post the completed Registration form as above.

Registration forms and deposits will only be accepted by 5th March.

Return of deposits cannot be guaranteed after the closing date of 5th March.

Phone calls to register are unacceptable, or just turning up is *not an option*.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Airtourer Association Inc.

The Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association will be held at the Civic Motor Inn, Cowra, at 0900 on 14th March 2010.

Agenda:

- Presentation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. (Published in the May 2009 Newsletter.)
- Business Arising from the Minutes.
- Presentation of Reports
- Election of Office Bearers
- Other Business

APPOINTMENT OF PROXY - AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

(Use this form or separate sheet with similar wording)

I _____ of _____

(full name)

(address)

being a member of the Airtourer Association hereby appoint:

_____ of _____

(full name of proxy)

(address)

being a member of the Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 14th March 2010 at the Civic Motor Inn, Cowra, and any adjournment of that meeting.

Signature of member appointing proxy:

Date:

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Association.

Airtourer Association Nomination for Election to the Committee

I nominate _____

for the position of: *(mark appropriate position)*

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Ordinary Members (three positions)

Nominated by (Signature) _____

(Name) _____

Seconded by (Signature) _____

(Name) _____

I agree to being nominated for the above mentioned position.

Signature of candidate:

Date:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Airtourer Co-operative Ltd

The Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-operative will be held at the Civic Motor Inn, Cowra, at 0930 on 14th March 2010.

Agenda:

- Presentation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. (Published in the May 2009 Airtourer Association Newsletter.)
- Business Arising from the Minutes.
- Chairman's Report
- Presentation of Accounts
- Determination of Annual Subscription
- Election for retiring Board Members
- Other Business

Note: Only active members may vote at an AGM.

Nomination for election as Director

Airtourer Co-operative

The Airtourer Co-operative rules require that at the AGM two Directors stand down but are eligible for re-election without nomination. Additionally, other members may nominate for election if they are either, active members in accordance with Rule 18 or, are a person having expert knowledge of the requirements to maintain the air-worthiness of Airtourer series aircraft.

Hector Blemings has advised the Board that he will be retiring leaving a vacancy.

Any person wishing to nominate for election as a Director should do so in writing to the Chairman prior to the AGM.

Heard at the Hangar Door.

Anyone with teenage children will be aware of **Facebook**, a social networking service on the internet. **Doug Stott** has created a special interest group on Facebook titled Airtourer Association. If you are a Facebook member just do a search for "Airtourer" to find it. Doug is the administrator and you will need to submit a request to join.

Robert Zweck has found a website that makes searching for Australian registered aircraft easy. It uses the CASA register but has an easy interface to find particular aircraft. The web address is <http://www.16right.com/GetRegoNew.php>

It's best to use the registration to search for an aircraft. If TYPE is used then enter engine type i.e., 100, 115, 150.

Airtourer Co-operative PROXY FORM

(Use this form or separate sheet with similar wording)

I _____

of _____

appoint _____

of _____

or in that person's absence, _____

of _____

or [in that person's absence] the chairperson of the meeting, or a person nominated by the chairperson, as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-operative to be held on 14th March 2010 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signature:

Dated:

Note:

Rule 29 (c) No person shall act as a proxy unless the person is an active member under Rule 18.

Rule 29 (d) No person shall act as proxy for more than 10 persons unless the instrument appointing a proxy specifies the manner in which the proxy is to vote in respect of a particular resolution.

Welcome

Gary Coote from Deniliquin who is looking to buy a 160HP Airtourer or a T6.

Calendar of Events

2010 Convention and 32nd Annual General Meeting

The 2010 Convention and 32nd Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association will be held at Cowra NSW, on the 12, 13, 14th March. Details this Newsletter.

Houdini – Centenary Air Show Saturday 20th March 2010, Melton Airfield

On 18th March 1910, Harry Houdini made the first officially recorded controlled powered flight in Australia at Diggers Rest, Victoria. To commemorate the centenary of this historic achievement in Australia's aviation history an Airshow and Fly-In is being held on Saturday 20th March 2010 at Melton Airfield, close to the site of the original flight.

Moruya Aero Club Open Day

9th May 2010

Currently there will be Des's Aircruiser, an Airtourer and CT4, but more required.

2010 Victorian mid-year Dinner Night

Old England Hotel Heidelberg
6th June 2010.

2010 President's Fly-In

Yarrawonga
17th, 18th, 19th & 20th September 2010.

2010 Victorian Branch Christmas Fly-In Weekend

An overnight event with the location being the "Kyneton & Spa Country"
4th and 5th December, 2010