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THIS WEEKEND**

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RAA, Recreational Aviation of Australia is a new form of Aviation into Australian controlled airspace. The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania under an exemption given by CASA is the first training organization in Australia to be permitted to operate a Recreational Aviation Flying School in a control zone. "It will open up a whole range of new aircraft types members can fly and new Recreational Students can obtain their licence at a much more economical rate." said ACST Manager Peter Fenton.



ACST Manager Peter Fenton, Jabiru J160 Demo Sun April 22nd

"A new Jabiru J160 two seat trainer has been purchased by the Club and in conjunction with VH- ZMT which has now been reclassified as recreational with the call sign Fox 24 4569 will make the beginnings of our new Recreational Aviation Flying School based at Cambridge." Peter said.

DIARY NOTES

- NIGHT CIRCUITS START MAY 3 AND 17 5.00PM ONWARDS. Try something new with instructed night flying. Regardless of skill level you are most welcome. All circuits are flown with a qualified instructor. You fly one ride for one, cost is just \$45.00. Take advantage of the **LOW COST OPTION.**
- Wednesday May 10th **CASA Pilot Safety Night.** Fatigue management, Flight into IMC, Pilot maintenance. Clubrooms 6.00 for 6.30pm sharp start. BBQ courtesy CASA. Club Bar open following session.



Jabiru J160 in flight. ACST has purchased new for our RAA Flight School at Cambridge. Below A nest of Jabiru outside the factory in Bundaberg QLD. Photos by Sue Woods

The Jabiru J160 has an 85HP 4 cylinder engine with a cruise of 100knots and a fuel burn of 14LPH. This newly designed machine has a longer fuselage, than previous 2 seat models, for better pitch and directional stability. The undercarriage is from the 4 seater J2400 and boasts the new heavy duty nose wheel and larger tyres, the cabin interior is wider for more pilot comfort.

"Just looking at a few cost comparisons for Pilots. If you learn to fly General Aviation to PPL standard in a Cessna 172, you would expect to pay around \$9,500. Learn to fly Recreational Aviation Full Pilots Certificate with cross count endorsement expect to pay around \$4,900. These costs are based on a C172 at \$145per hour and the Jabiru J160 or Skyfox operating at \$97. per hour." said Peter.



The GA Pilot will need to undertake a transition course to operate the new recreational aircraft. Total five hours, four hours and a minimum of one hour solo. Even if you flew ZMT in it's old category you will still need to pass a test from the CFI of the Recrea-



VH - ZMT now FOX 24 4569

tional Aviation School, Albert Poon.

"The two levels of Aviation will operate together at Cambridge in a seamless manner, you will all be trained by the same instructors. GA or RAA the same high level of Pilot proficiency will be expected and maintained." Peter.

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