

MEET DAIN CAIRNS

Dain started flying with the Aero Club when he was 14 years old, then joined the Airforce in January 2005 returning to flying at the Club this year. Unfortunately Dain's Airforce career was cut a good twenty years short. "I was medically discharged because of a problem with my legs, it's something out of my control, I had surgery to try and fix it, and that didn't work out, so I'm back home." said Dain.

"Basically I got up to my GFPT when I was last with the Aero Club. I have been flying with Sam Merlo and I am about to go solo, so we're back into it. I'm aiming to go all the way through to my instructor's rating. I'm also doing a fulltime Bachelor of Business with the University of Tasmania, there should be a good balance between those two for the next year or so." said Dain

At the moment aviation is still the career



plan for Dain. He is not interested in going into the big airlines, he is looking to a career in General Aviation. At the moment teaching interests him and to combine a hobby with instructing could well become the career.

"I was studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra, a Bachelor of Technology majoring in Aviation so the change from aviation to business is a big step. The life goal is to become a millionaire!" laughed Dain.

"My aviation theory is fairly advanced having completed my GFPT theory and then my aviation study for a year and a half in Canberra has me well grounded. The things they taught in the Airforce were slightly different to the PPL and CPL and so on, but I'm going to put all the Airforce training in my back pocket, under the experience belt and study away here." Dain said.

Dain has 45 hours of flying in the log book, having experienced Cessna 150's, 152's, 172's, CT4B's, Cap10's and a little bit of time with the Victa.

"My introduction to flying came when



Dain Cairns started flying with the Aero Club when he was fourteen. "When you've got the bug, you've got the bug!"

my Grandfather, Robin Eaves, took me flying one day out here at Cambridge. I was eight years old, went up and absolutely loved it, got the bug. As I was growing up I found out more and more about aviation, which resulted in me getting into the Airforce."

"If you've got an interest in flying come down to Cambridge and try it and see if you get the bug like most people here did. It is definitely worth it, it is quite expensive, definitely worth slaving away at McDonalds or KFC or wherever you happen to be, so you can go flying every couple of weeks." Dain said.

PLANE SPOTTING



How's this for precision, this photo is not a paste up! Graeme Martin caught this frame from Mt. Nelson as the Roulettes were turning to make another run over the Hobart Regatta.



The much admired Roulettes Aerobatic Team flying the PC-9s during their aerial routine for the Hobart Regatta.



Spotted at Cambridge, father and son, the Tony Grays (left) Tony flying in from Launceston in his Tabago VH-XYG. Tony has owned the Tabago for three years, it was a trainer for Qantas cadets at Parafield in South Australia. VH-XYG has a total time of 7000 hrs, cruises at 115 knots has a 180 hp engine with constant speed prop and fixed undercarriage.



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