

FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

ACST members also got the chance to look over the new two story "Smoke House". Phil McGowan said "we have had a real training facilities boost lately, training to our organization is very important, we want to make sure our organization is the best in Australia, and we are upgrading our training facilities to do that."

Anything on Commonwealth land around the Airport the Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Services team are responsible for and therefore need to train not only



on aircraft but buildings as well. "These days Direct Factory Outlet shopping malls are at nearly every airport, and there is one proposed for Hobart, and that will become part of our responsibility," added Phil.

Back at the Fire Station the ACST group got to look over the Fire Tenders and associated gear, the Station facility itself, and the water rescue equipment, as the approaches to Hobart are over water.

Below: Back at the Fire Station L: Pilot **Len Rogers** who has just passed his GFPT and Student Pilot **Henry Jacobs** who is learning to fly in the Jabiru.



L: Fire Commander John Groves being thanked and presented with a "New Look" Aero Club cap by ACST President, Don Prairie. R: Fire Commander Phil McGowan also presented with a cap. There were plenty of prizes won from the lucky bus raffle tickets. Don and Flying Captain, Sue Davis, drew ten prizes in all as the group of over 40 (with the fire crews) tucked into a hot morning tea of delicious pastry snacks and gourmet sandwiches and cake.



A: Jesse won this DVD for parents Peter & Gail d'Plesse. BL: Top Gun Thomas Breaden, Dad - John and R: Paul Boland



A: Pat Cliffe Hickling, an apt title, Forever Young. BL: David Prince, R: RAA Pilot Georgie Boon and her partner Ashley Carr. Georgie has been learning to fly in the Jabiru the last six months. Ash, saw the Fire Station tour in Spinner and got Georgie to bring him.



The Fire Fighters postponed their regular weekday training and brought it over to the weekend to enable the ACST to get a good look at what happens. Throughout the early morning session Phil talked to our group and individuals explaining each stage of the demonstration.

