

# Lilydale PPP

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The theme for Lilydale PPP was Aircraft Performance & Flying in Controlled Airspace. The shorter 830m runway was used for the weekend with markers at 100m intervals so pilots could check their take-off and landing performance. The weather on Friday was perfect for flying and so some members took advantage of the conditions and did some flying sessions. The Friday evening 'meet and greet BBQ' hosted by myself and Tracey at our home was well attended with most participants present.



BBQ dinner at the Barlings'

On Saturday, Tony Smith conducted the ground component, and it was interesting to note that many newer aircraft's POH had the Australian P charts that include the CASA 15% mandated increase, while most older aircraft's POH had the original American P charts which need to have the 15% added to the figures.

Other topics covered were aircraft systems and emergency procedures with Tony including those priceless snippets of information along the way.

With the help of Colin Burns and Murray Gerraty, the flying sessions were completed on the Saturday as Sunday's forecast was not too friendly. The sessions covered aircraft performance, as well as systems and emergency procedures, and some members also found time to enter controlled airspace and carryout a Melbourne city scenic orbit.

The partners in flight course was not run due to insufficient numbers, however the 'Partners Touring Program' conducted by Cath Lincoln was a great hit.



The group at Cloudhill Gardens, Olinda



Lunch at Sky High, Mt Dandenong



The Christmas Dinner was held at Fergusson's Winery in the Yarra Valley and everyone enjoyed great food and conversation. Barry McCabe received the Duncan Morris Alternator Award from Tony Smith.

On Sunday morning we had Stuart Hills give a talk on avionics upgrades, including what questions you should ask of your avionics' workshop. Stuart has worked for most of the major avionics groups in the past and is happy to offer independent advice on your avionic needs. Also, Don Gordon opened up his hanger for those to inspect his rebuilt Tiger-moth and P51 Replica kit plane.

We then provided brunch including bacon & egg rolls or hamburgers so that those who needed to depart, did so with "Full Tanks"

In all 17 members attended the ground session with 10 doing flying sessions and 8 partners touring the Yarra Valley.

Big Thankyou to Lilydale Flying School, Tony Smith, Colin Burns, Murray Gerraty, Stuart Hills, Don Gordon, David Goode and Cath Lincoln for contributing to the event, and Sharon Maloney for providing some photos.



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