



AIRCRAFT photographer the Royal Aero Club of NSW clubhouse. Here are his of the club's course for

Interior of lounge and ballroom Seated (L-R): L. K. Jackson, S. G. Baker, E. S. Lowery. Flying Officer B. Bartlett and L. N. Schult have their backs to camera. The room is divided by curtains affording facilities for cinema, etc

At home with the RAC of New South Wales

THE Royal Aero Club of NSW has gone a long way with its accommodation and training plans since shifting its headquarters from Mascot to Bankstown. Today, it can confidently claim that no other aero club in Australia has so attractive a set-up. In the recently completed quarters at Bankstown, the clubhouse provides complete and modern bedroom accommodation, dining room, lounge, billiards room and library. The living service is in keeping with this accommodation.

Also, in the clubhouse block, are Link Trainer and lecture rooms. A few minutes' walk away are the club hangars. Thus, compactly grouped, are residential and training facilities. And a wide range of sporting amenities are soon to be provided — tennis, squash, swimming, bowls and golf.

The whole presents a pleasant picture, especially for the young man distant from the city who, while razor-keen to enter an attractive profession, had hitherto been balked by the grim problem of getting accommodation



Relaxing in the briefing room are (L-R): J. W. Whitworth, S. G. Baker and N. Svenson. The latter is a RAAF Reserve instructor.



This group shows (L-R): Comdr. W. Hudson, RN (Retd.), manager and secretary of the club; H. D. Wilkinson, chairman of the house committee; Miss P. Wilkinson; and M. M. Waghorn, club vice-chairman and well-known glider pilot.

At right is a north-westerly aspect of the clubhouse with the lounge (see top picture) windows at extreme right. Originally a service hospital, it has been converted to a residential clubhouse with accommodation for 12 pilots and one instructor.



MR RUNTING spends a day with the recently opened Bankstown Res together with brief details regarding civil air transport pilots.

close to his place of instruction, and the consequent financial and other difficulties.

Immediately available are air and ground training, both theoretical and practical, and day and night flying on single and twin-engined aircraft. The club is, in com-

mon with other approved State clubs, training private and commercial pilots, flying personnel for the RAAF Citizen Air Force, University Air Squadron, ATC, and also Reserve officers as flying instructors, and is also training National Service personnel on the RAAF Station, Richmond. For the young man interested in a commercial flying career the club has set out a special course of training in accordance with the standard required by DCA. Broad details of this civil career scheme follow:

Qualifications: Age 18-19, preferably with Leaving Certificate. Conditional on passing medical examination by authorised medical examiners in accordance with DCA requirements. Parents' consent is necessary under the age of 21.

Period of Course: Flying, lectures and ground training takes place five days a week. Allowing for exigencies of weather, the period of the course will be six months to obtain commercial licence. A full-time instructor lectures on the following ground training subjects: Theory of Flight, Meteorology, Navigation, Statutory Regulations, and engineering knowledge, practical and theoretical, is provided by competent licensed aircraft engineers.

Conditions: After about four weeks' training, the student pilot and/or parents will be informed of the progress and, in the event of the student pilot appearing, for any reason, unlikely to attain the standard necessary for commercial pilot, he will be advised as to whether he should continue training to reach the private pilot standard only, or abandon the course.

Should the student pilot fail to comply with the by-laws and regulations of the club, he will be subject to such disciplinary action as the committee may decide.

The cost of the course of training, residence and full board for 26 weeks is approximately £750, subject to a refund on completion of the course, amounting to a bonus of £10 and £1 per week, for which board has been paid.

Cost of medical examination, flying helmet, phones and goggles is not included in the above figure. Cost of all flying books, instruments, maps is included. Payment may be made in lump sum or monthly in advance.

Student pilots under 21 will be required to sleep in the clubhouse every night unless prior written approval from

parents has been produced to club secretary.

The foregoing is the basic picture only. Parents, guardians and others who require more detailed information can get it quickly and authoritatively by contacting the secretary of the club at PO Box 5, Bankstown (UY2540).

At the moment the club is equipped with Chipmunk, Tiger, Hornet, Leopard Moth and Dragon aircraft. Flying fees on the single engined types are: Dual, £4 per hr.; solo, £2/15; special cross country, £3; night flying (dual), £4; and (solo), £2/15. The Dragon costs £5/10/ per hour for dual instruction and £5/2/ solo.

The Link Trainer is now in use for 30 to 40 hours a week — its on the job every day, often until 9 p.m., apart from blackouts! — and costs £1 per hour. The permanent instructor is C. C. Mann, an ex-RAAF transport type. The club hopes soon to install a radio compass. This would certainly enhance the training value for commercial trainees.

Brigadier Denzil Macarthur-Onslow, CBE, DSO, ED, has been the club's president for some time. He chairs a committee comprising M. Waghorn, H. D. Arnott, H. E. Broadsmith, Dr. G. A. M. Heydon, A. E. King, L. N. Schultz, G. C. D. Warren and H. D. Wilkinson. **END.**



Snapped in the dining room (L-R): F/O. B. Bartlett, RAAF liaison officer with club; S. G. Baker (back to camera); L. N. Schultz; and S. E. Dodd, chief flying instructor.



This chiefly feminine luncheon-time discussion group includes (L-R): Misses Margaret Whelan, Pam Cleaver and Rosalie Moxham. Newcastle Aero Club visitor J. Hazelton is second from left. The dining room seats a maximum of 75 diners and is in daily use by residents and visiting members and friends. All meals are available at reasonable cost. It is a well-supported amenity.



These two feminine flying members recently obtained their Private Pilot's Licence. Above is Miss Rosalie Moxham, with instructor L. K. Jackson; below is Miss Pam Cleaver with tarmac asst. Jenö Marozeky, a New Australian with over 7000 hours of European flying.

