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### PERSONAL NOTE

This Newsletter will be very brief. Following my protracted absence from home prior to and after the death of my Mother (aged 99) on 28 January and her funeral on 2 February I have had little time to devote to Club activities. Club matters should now quickly return to normal.

### FUNDING NEWS

I forwarded all the material and our request to the Justice Department, Consumer Affairs, for a ruling on the legitimacy of the actions of the HGFA/VHPA regarding the handling of Trike Pilot State Levies. Consumer Affairs declined to give a ruling and suggested we take Court action. My personal view is that this would be far too expensive and not in the best interests of our Club or the VHPA or HGFA. I expect lively discussion relating to this topic at our meeting on Tuesday next.

### FEBRUARY'S MICROLIGHT TRIP – WESTERN WANDER

The 'Western Wander' planned and organized by Gary Wheeler is almost upon us. Don't forget to 'slime' your tyres and check out your flying machine thoroughly before departing on this exciting adventure.

The Mallee has never been so green in February and even the Yarriambiack Creek has been in flood. Lake Corrong at Hopetoun is overflowing for the third time in over seventy years. Sights from the air will be unique.



The usually dry Yarriambiack Creek at Hopetoun

## INTERESTING

<http://devour.com/video/worlds-fastest-helicopter/>

<http://users.skynet.be/fa926657/files/B29.wmv>

## READ BEFORE WATCHING THE FOLLOWING VIDEO

For non-pilots, these controllers are in Nevada and each is flying a drone thousands of miles away in the combat zone in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their left hand is on the throttle controlling the drone's engine. Note all the buttons which perform various tasks without removing the hand from the throttle. The right hand is flying the plane.

Watch how it's done. Turn the speakers on & watch on full screen.



zzdronepilots.wmv

## NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, March 8 at 1900hrs.**

## CONTRIBUTIONS

**I welcome contributions from members and thank those who do contribute. Any story or item of interest adds to the pleasure we all get from our association. Do not be shy – Nobel Prize for Literature standard is not expected.**

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*Last Tuesday of the month.***

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