



The Old Fliers Group

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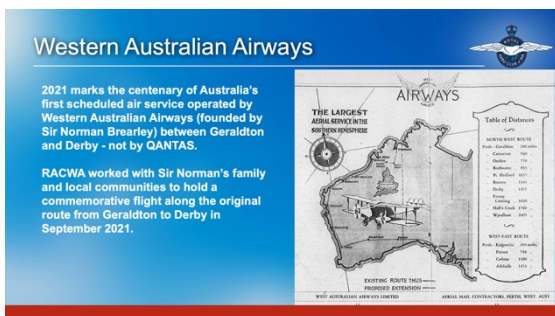
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A well-attended meeting, our last for this year.

A notable guest was WA President of the Women Pilots Association, Kay Barker.

I have offered Kay's group membership of the OFG for 2022.

President of Racwa, Ray Challen, spoke first about the Club's participation in the Centenary celebration of Sir Norman Brearley's Western Australian Airways 1921 first flight between Geraldton and Derby.



Ray spoke about the challenge faced by those pioneers...and the tragedy of an early fatal crash.

A total of 23 aircraft took part in the re-enactment.

Local communities became involved.

The success of was a testament to the professionalism of organisers and pilots.

In the break Christmas pudding was served and each person was given a free \$1 Scratchy for luck.

We resumed by introducing Flt Lt. Sue Freeman to our group.

Sue was 18 years old, living in Yorkshire with her parents when she decided to answer a newspaper advertisement to become a RAF pilot.

She spoke about the selection process, training and progression through various aircraft starting with the Chipmunk and finishing up flying the Tornado F3!

This is Sue flying a Tornado, north of the Shetland Islands, shadowing a Russian "Bear".



Two of these "Bears" were intent on flying to the North-West coast of Scotland where a naval exercise was being conducted.

Our audience was spell-bound!

In the New Year, on January 28 we will recommence.

A yearly membership fee of \$25 can be paid on the day.

Regards

Steve Rogers.