



## The Old Fliers Group

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Today the new format for future luncheon meetings was trialled. We required prior registration of attendance and payment of a modest \$18 for sandwiches, pies, sausage rolls, sweets and a soft drink. Attendance was capped at 60. Several did come along without registration but were happy to pay. Alas, we couldn't accommodate anyone who chose not to have a meal or would buy a meal from the cafe. This was to keep it simple for the cafe staff.

I asked for a show of hands to gauge member's happiness with these new conditions. Overwhelming support by show of hands. Coordinator Taylor King did a splendid job in setting up and ensuring everything went as it should.

Our presenter was Mr Hilton Wilson. Hilton was an insurance assessor tasked with determining the causes of aircraft accidents.

Was it pilot error, mechanical failure, weather or any number of other things that caused the aircraft accident?

Hilton had plenty of photos to share with us of aircraft that had come to grief.

The take-away from this was how to stay safe.

Don't fly beyond your capabilities (e.g. flying night VMC when your instructor says you aren't competent).

Flying tired or drunk?

Then there was the teenager who stole a plane and took off with the control lock in place!

What about a newly erected hangar installed to house a plane in the North-West that the wind dumped onto that aircraft!

We look forward to your attendance at next month's Old Fliers Group luncheon on the 24th.

Steve Rogers