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The Atherton Aero Club is an organization of aviation enthusiasts who promote the sport of aircraft building and flying. The organization is associated with *Recreation Aviation Australia Inc.* The Club meets at Atherton Airport every third Sunday of the month. Food and drinks are available and visitors are most welcome.



Photos: Jabirus Up North Down Under courtesy John Martin



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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 339. In this issue, links to other interesting aviation sources, adventures of our local flyers, news from other clubs and upcoming events. Keep those flying adventures going and remember to send us your photos and stories.



A thank you to John Martin, Martin Boyle, Jack Cross, the NQAC, FNQAM and other Clubs and Flying Groups who contributed content to this edition. Please contact me with your newsletter contributions on any of the following: (07) 4036 2868 or 0408 073 142 or email at -

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Watch the AAC, NQAC, Burdekin Flyers, FNQ Flyers, Donnington and Innisfail Facebook Pages for details of calendar changes and other short notice events. Check out the AAC Website for the YATN weather-cam and older AAC Newsletters.



The next **AAC Club Meeting** will be our regular monthly social get-together and BBQ Lunch on **Sunday the 17th of September 2023.**

From **10:30am** to around midday at the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** facility.

Visitors are most welcome.



NEW AIRCRAFT BUILD

A few snapshots from our recent visit to Ian Graham's hangar where the assembly of his new Savannah aircraft is well under way. An interesting feature of the build is the EDGE engine, based on the Rotax 912, it incorporates fuel injection and other modifications to bring the maximum power output up to 120HP *without* turbocharging!



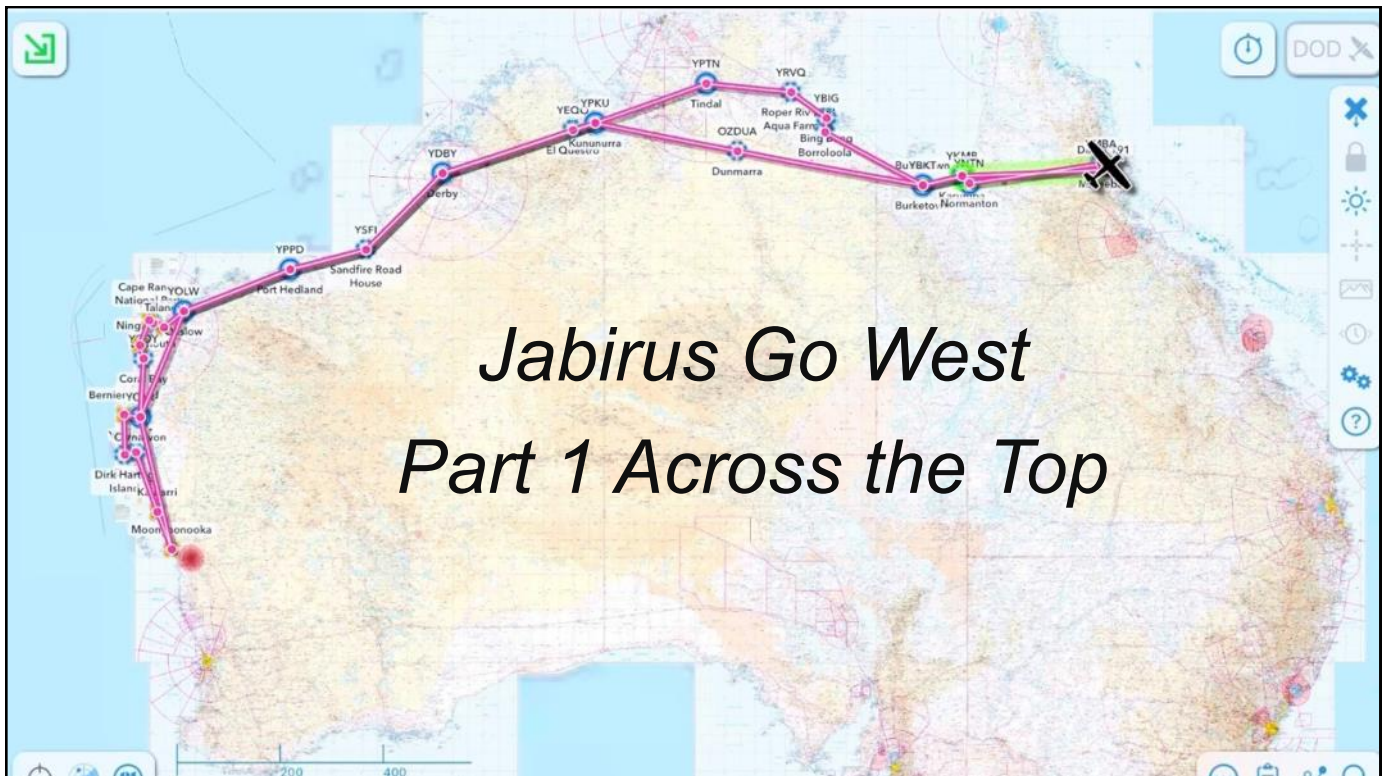
Nice work Ian. We look forward to seeing the finished aeroplane.



The neat tailor-made instrument panel.



AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE FAR NORTH



From our 2023 flying safari - Atherton (QLD) to Derby (WA)

Our original plan was to fly an almost complete circumnavigation of Australia however bad weather conditions over the southern part of the continent caused us to retrace our steps.

Jabirus Up North Down Under

Follow John, Martin and Dave on their journey via this YouTube link:

[Jabirus Go West - Part 1 Across the Top - YouTube](#)



AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE FAR NORTH (AND EVEN FURTHER AWAY)

Aussies to Oshkosh AirVenture 2023

A bunch of us from Far North Queensland Australia made the journey to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA for the world's biggest air show - AirVenture

Jabirus Up North Down Under

More from Oshkosh via this YouTube link:

[Aussies to Oshkosh AirVenture 2023 - YouTube](#)



AROUND AND ABOUT IN THE FAR NORTH



We missed the previous Jabiru Fly In at Donnington due to bad weather at our home airport. So three pilots and three Jabirus decided to make up for it by going there the following weekend. We flew via Pinnarendi Station for brunch and then on to Donnington. Christian Smyth at Donnington played perfect host and the weather turned out perfectly.

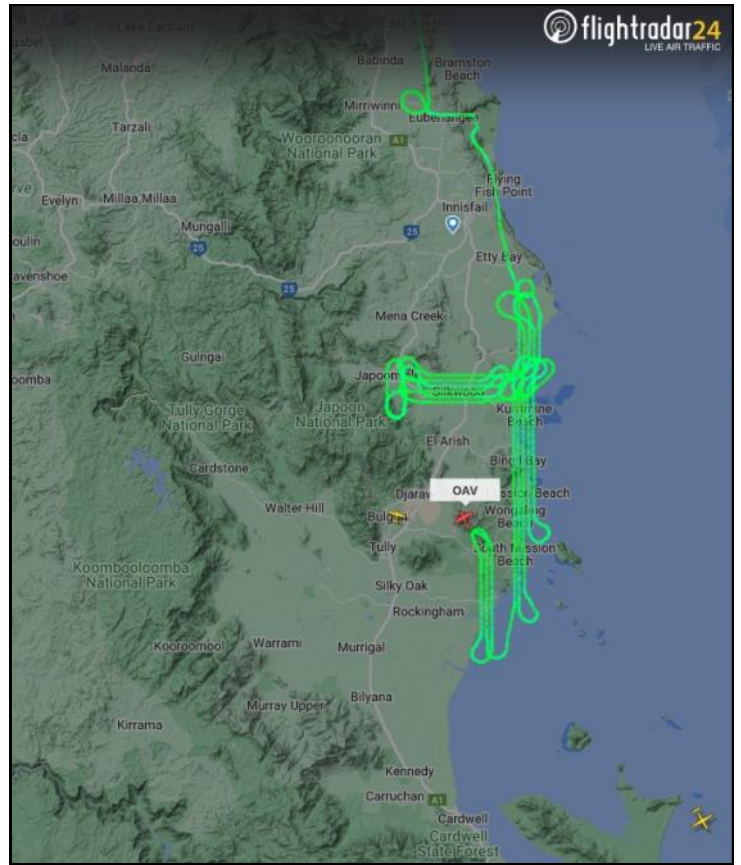
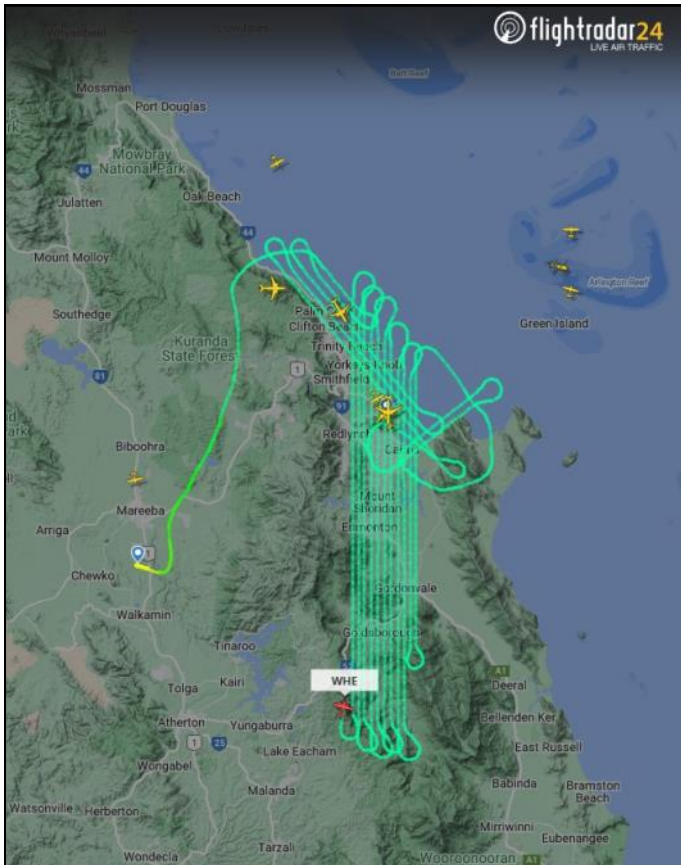
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[Flying Camping at Donnington Airpark - YouTube](#)



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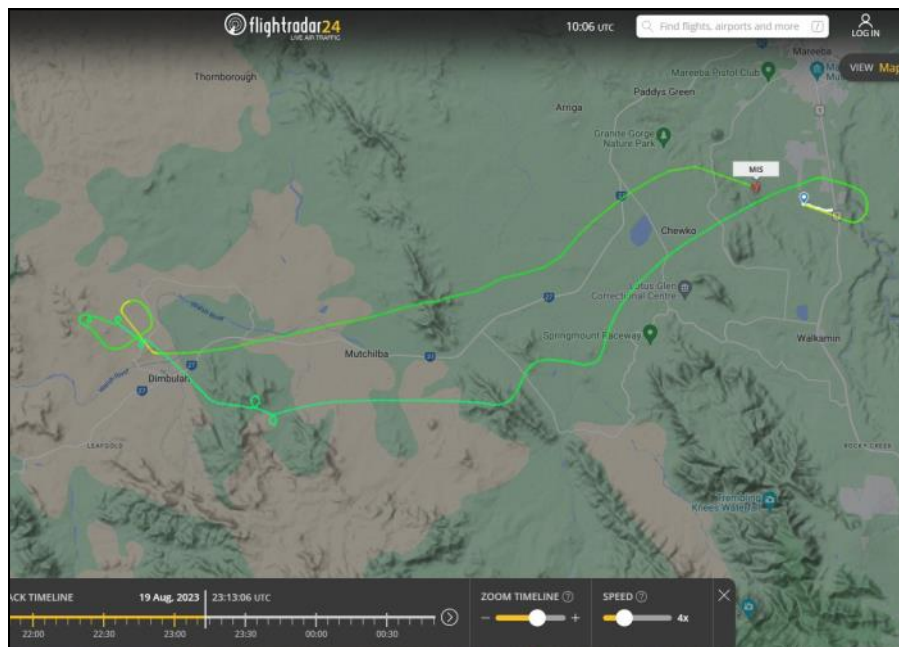


So what is going on here?

Known to all of us in the aerial surveying fraternity as “mowing the lawn” Don’t ask me what they were looking for but most of our country has been surveyed multiple times. It seems that there is always some new emerging technology that can do a better job and pick up a bit more of what is hidden under the ground or added to the surface

Interesting to see just what is going on around us now that we have the tracking ability available with programs such as Flightradar 24.

A handy facility for a post-flight review of your own travels, provided of course that your aircraft has an operating transponder.



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE FAR NORTH

There have certainly been some interesting developments in Propeller Design.

Atherton pilot Jack was so impressed with the extra performance provided by the new E-prop narrow bladed propeller fitted to his Trike that he has now fitted one to his SkyArrow.

E-props is a French company specializing the manufacturing of carbon propellers for various types of aircraft, ultralights, paramotors etc. See www.e-props.fr for further information.



Aircraft For Sale

SKYFOX GAZELLE CA25N



1997 Skyfox Gazelle 24-3432

1589 airframe and engine hours.

Rotax 912 80 HP. Bolly 2 blade propeller. Recent 100 hr check.

Well maintained, tidy reliable aircraft with standard Skyfox instruments.

Always hangared, currently located in Atherton QLD.

Folding wings (ten minutes) for storage at home.

A 450hr (approx), 80 HP Rotax 912 second engine is included.

Second engine will require checking as required. Ideal for parts.

Call for enquires and more details and photos if required.

STEVE GORDON. 0408308065

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NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Above: Heidi and Sally at the St Andrews, Redlynch Careers Night

Below: At the Aviation Careers Expo, Heidi and Zane met Hugh, a budding aviator complete with ep-aulette's and all!



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



**SAVE
the
DATE**



WINGS NIGHT

11.11.2023

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**Cessna 170 VH-CAS****Now Available for Tail Wheel Endorsements at
the North Queensland Aero Club**

Come and experience the simple joy of tailwheel flying in this lovely vintage Cessna. Improve your 'stick n rudder' skills and gain another design feature for your pilot licence!

The training will be conducted mostly at Atherton, on its rolling grass runway. However for crosswind practice and all round experience we will venture further afield!

An average pilot can gain a tailwheel endorsement (TWU) with 5 to 10 hours of dual training. Contact Jack for further information: jack@nqaeroclub.com.au

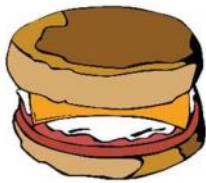
NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Please come along on Saturday 16th September at 8:30am. We will be providing a breakfast of bacon and egg rolls to make sure everyone is fuelled up and ready to go!



WORKING BEE 2023

**Saturday 16th September from 8:30am
HELPING HANDS WANTED!**



Breakfast will be provided!

**Lots of cleaning and tidy up work to be done to
keep the Aero Club looking as great as ever!**

Any and all help is greatly appreciated.



LINKS TO INTERESTING AVIATION ARTICLES:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheProjectTV/videos/6482081223604813>

The Female Pilot Soaring High For Her Remote Community

When Tyeisha Clark turned up to her first flying lesson she was barefoot, and although she has since found some shoes, her remote community in Cape York are proud to call her their Barefoot Pilot.

[Stalls in the circuit | Flight Safety Australia](#)

Pilots are instinctively and correctly cautious on the base-to-final turn but examination of accident numbers reveals another dangerous phase of circuit flight

[When friends drop in | Flight Safety Australia](#)

After an unsettling experience, Angela Stevenson decided to get familiar with parachute operations – and took the plunge.

[Safety topic: Look before you land | Civil Aviation Safety Authority \(casa.gov.au\)](#)

Flying into an unfamiliar airstrip will bring with it lots of unknowns.

A precautionary inspection of an unfamiliar airstrip before landing is a logical and effective way to reassure yourself you have chosen a suitable landing area. This is not only good for your aircraft but also for your skill level.

[AirVenture 2023: Arriving At OSH - AVweb](#)

Thousands of aircraft flew in to Wittman Regional Airport (OSH) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for AirVenture 2023. Mariano Rosales was onsite to check out some of the arrivals.

[HOW LONG DO SLINGS LAST? – SA Flyer](#)

Our fleet of six Slings have accumulated in excess of 35,000 flight hours. Some very interesting facts for Sling and Rotax 912iS owners and operators.

[The first and the last | Flight Safety Australia](#)

Graham Murphy's sixty-year career began in a wood and canvas biplane and took him high into the flight levels, behind the glass displays of intercontinental business jets. Many things changed, but the fundamentals stayed the same. What a varied flying career. (Graham checked me out on the MU2 many years ago and told me the full story of his almost crash at Essendon, plus how on another occasion a subtle build up of ice caused the aircraft to stall at 170 Kias—Editor).

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND AVIATION MUSEUM



VOLUNTEER RUN | COMMUNITY BASED | NOT FOR PROFIT | LOCALLY OPERATED

The FNQ Aviation Museum is a brand new facility due to open in the near future showcasing the incredible contribution that aviation has played in Far North Queensland's history. The Museum will create employment, volunteering, educational and training opportunities that will benefit the community and boost tourism.

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ARTEFACTS

Preserve aviation items that will be of educational or display interest.



VOLUNTEER

Variety of roles available - admin, grants, social media, design, curation, research and history



SERVICES & MATERIALS

In-kind support to assist with building construction and restoration.



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It was a great morning at the Aviation Careers Day at the Cairns Aviation Skills Centre & Jet Aviation @ Cairns Airport. There was plenty to see, great opportunities in aviation and cool goodies and information on offer! Thanks to everyone who stopped by our stand & got to check out the latest instrument restoration for the Dakota by Mick! Feel free to drop by any Thursday or Saturday morning to Mareeba Airport - no cost or commitment. We'll draw the list on Friday so make sure you confirm your emails. See less

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worth of flying with an instructor. Additional launches and flying at club
rates.

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Hot Air Balloon Cairns

As the sun rises over the Atherton Tablelands, Cairns hot air balloon pilot Bob begins his meticulous pre-flight inspection of the balloon envelope. With the utmost care and attention to detail, he ensures that every inch of the envelope is in top condition for another breathtaking flight.

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Hi Everyone,
 Pinnarendi Cafe re-opened at Easter for the 2023 season.
 We look forward to seeing you. Please ring ahead for airstrip status.
 Ronnie, Nadine, Joy, Carol, Stacey and Kids

Pinnarendi Station Stay & Café

<https://www.facebook.com/Pinnarendi/>

Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622



An advertisement for Azure Photography. It features a grid of six photographs showing various family portraits and group shots. The top left corner has the "Azure PHOTOGRAPHY" logo, which includes a camera icon. The bottom right corner of the grid contains the "aipp ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER" logo. Below the grid, there is a line of text: "Affordable & fun family portraits & wedding photography by award winning professional local photographer". At the very bottom, a pink bar contains the website "www.azurephotography.com.au" and the phone number "0418 963 796".



AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

(Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page For Short Notice Changes)

Atherton Aero Club 2023 Events

Sept **Sunday 17th—AAC Meeting & BBQ Lunch—1030 Atherton**

Other 2023 Events

Sept **Saturday 16th—NQAC Working Bee— Mareeba 0830**

Nov **Saturday 11th—NQAC Wings Night—Details TBA**



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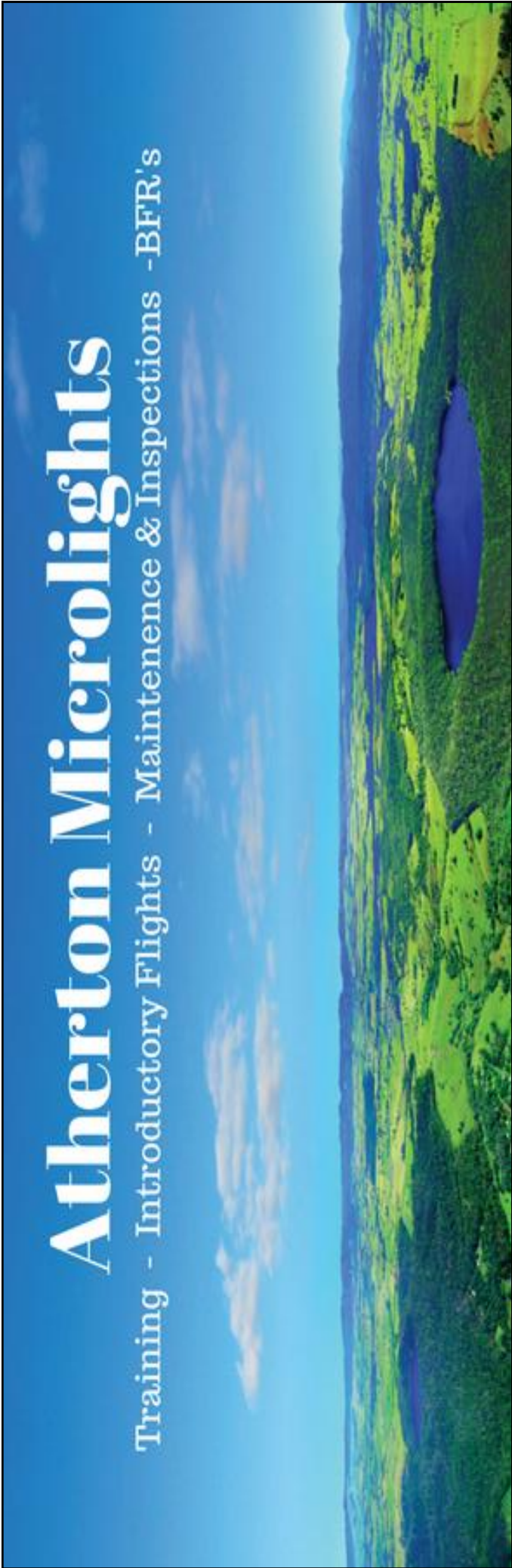


Atherton Aero Club (YATN)



Atherton Microlights

Training - Introductory Flights - Maintenance & Inspections -BFR's



Atherton YATN
Elevation 2460 feet

Flight Strip
Length 1286 mtrs Width 90 mtrs
Grass Runway
Length 1166 mtrs Width 30 mtrs

(CHECK ERSa & NOTAMS FOR CHANGES)

NOTICE



The **Atherton Aero Club** is now an ASIC Issuing Agent for **Aviation ID Australia**.

Those seeking the issue or renewal of an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) should apply directly to **Aviation ID Australia** via the following link:

<https://aviationidaustralia.net.au/application.html>

Once the ASIC card has been approved the applicant will be advised and the required “face-to-face” identity check carried out locally by an Atherton Aero Club representative. On the satisfactory completion of the identity check the local agent will hand over the ASIC card to the applicant.

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE AND WANTED

If you have, or know of, an aircraft for sale please contact me directly by telephone or email with full details. The AAC offers free advertising in the club newsletter as a service to local flyers. Direct emailing of your advert to aviators on the club mailing list is available should your advert be received after the publication cut-off date. *Bill Gronbeck, EDITOR.*



INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR OWN AIRCRAFT?

The Sport Aircraft Association of Australia (SAAA) is an organization that has mentored and assisted many owner builders, for both VH and Ultralight registered aircraft.

Further information on the SAAA's National and FNQ Chapter 34 websites:

<http://www.saaa.com/>

<http://www.saaafnq.com/>

Local contact is:

Laurie Wincen (Secretary) laurieq19@gmail.com

Atherton Aero Club Fundraising - Club Member Stephen has arranged the Scheme ID for members who would like to donate their 10 cents Container Refund to the club. These regular small donations will greatly assist in covering our running costs.

Congratulations Atherton Aero Club Inc! You're all set.

You've joined our Containers for Change team doing our best to make a real difference in our communities and to our environment. We're super excited to have you on board.

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