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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.



Flying the flag for the SAAA at the Innisfail Open Day



The "Jabirus Up North Down Under" crew from Atherton managed to skirt the weather and fly in to the Innisfail Open Day

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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 341. In this issue, links to other interesting aviation sources and adventures of our (very active) 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, Lloyd English, Debbie Evans, Greg McNab 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 19th of November 2023.**

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

Visitors are most welcome.





SOLVE THE PUZZLE

(A Fun Flying Competition)

Objective:

Visit five required airports.

All are located within a reasonable range for a morning return flight and back for morning tea.

A clue for another required airport will be attached to /near the windsock mast.

When all of the correct five airports have been identified, link these together in the correct order.

Determine the shape presented by these linked airports.

From this shape determine what tool is depicted by this shape.

Total perimeter of shape is < 300 nm.

Find all airfields in your own time. Recommend early morning.

Present your answer of the defined TOOL with in a sealed envelope marked "SOLVE THE PUZZLE" to Atherton Aeroclub by December 31st.

Prize for the winner: Dinner for two at "Our Place" Yungaburra.

For more than one winner, there will be a hat draw.

To be eligible to win: Entry fee \$30.00. All money payable to Atherton Aero Club.

Atherton Aeroclub BSB: 633000 Account: 114331796 (Ref Your Name)

After payment email me (Greg McNab) at:

silverrjx@gmail.com and I will send you your clues.



MORE TRAVEL ADVENTURES WITH Jabirus Up North Down Under



[Jabirus Go West! - YouTube](#)

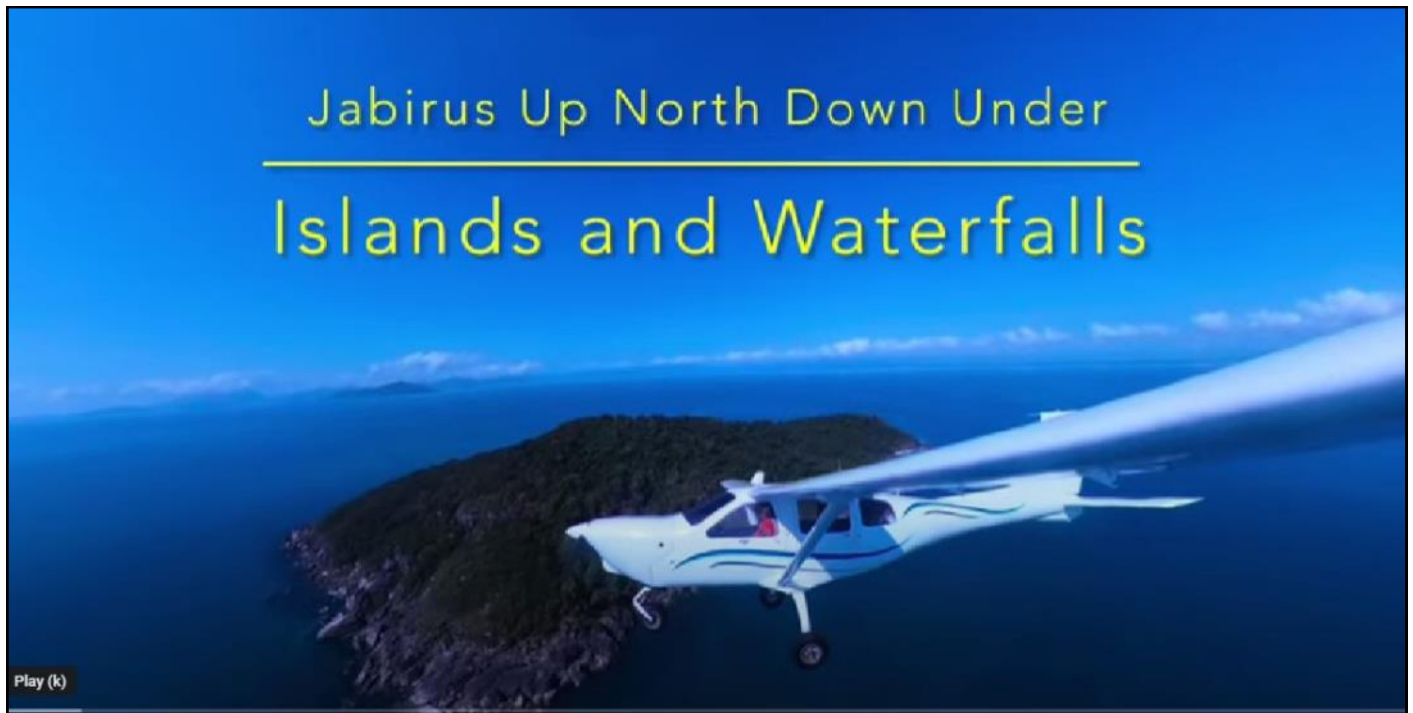
Part 2 - Derby to Shark Bay with stop offs at Sandfire Road House, Port Hedland and Exmouth
The second part of our flying groups 2023 safari to Western Australia, June-July 2023.



[Jabirus Go West! Part 3 - YouTube](#)

Part 3 of our flying trip to Western Australia.

ISLANDS AND WATERFALLS with Jabirus Up North Down Under



A recent island hopping flight our Jabiru Flying Group did south along the Far North Queensland coast to Ingham and then west past several waterfalls and back to Atherton.

[Islands and Waterfalls - YouTube](#)

INNISFAIL OPEN DAY Saturday 28th October

On behalf of the Innisfail Aero club, I would like to thank all people who attended today's fly In. We had aircraft attend from as far away as Ayr and the Tablelands. I would also like to thank the Innisfail Model Aircraft club for attending and displaying their aircraft. Also to the custom car clubs for bringing their cars along and putting them on display. We had a good roll up from the public and the sausage sizzle went well. Thank you to all of the club workers that put in a good effort to make this day a success.

Lloyd English.



INNISFAIL OPEN DAY Photos - Page 1

A wide selection of interesting aircraft were on display including eleven Jabirus. Well, perhaps that should be ten and a half as one Jab had no wings and only half a propeller! Sizes ranged from the Cessna Caravan to the diminutive Pitts Special. A great aerobatic display by the way.

A selection of photos over the next pages.



The Modellers Club



RVs and Long Ezes



On the left - Lloyd's RV and LongEze



Vans RV3



In the Middle - Lloyd's Long Eze



Tony's Glasair 3



John's Glasair 3



Debbie & Rick's Victa 115

INNISFAIL OPEN DAY Photos - Page 2

Photos: Bill G



Jabiru LSA 55



Jabiru J170



Ercoupe



Bristell S-SLA



Jabiru J250



Jabiru J200 B



BBQ and Chat Time



The BBQ Crew



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Atherton Based Jabirus



Bristell S-LSA



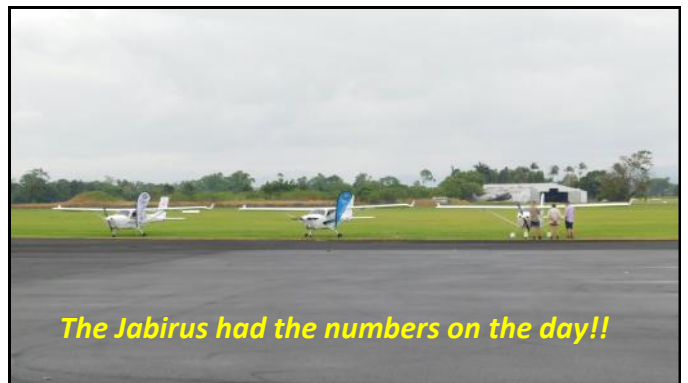
Piper PA22-160



Pitts S-1E



Nice aeros Dad



The Jabirus had the numbers on the day!!



YIFL Weathercam View

Photo: Lloyd

Aircraft For Sale

SKYFOX GAZELLE CA25N



1997 Skyfox Gazelle 24-3432

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LINKS TO INTERESTING AVIATION ARTICLES:

[Jabiru GEN4 engine a closer look - YouTube](#)

A review of the Gen 4 engine by Rotec Aerosport

[The new Helio Courier pilot : Air Facts Journal](#)

And now for something *completely* different

Reminds us just *how* different some aircraft can be

[Our first ride on a Morning Glory Cloud in a Phoenix Motorglider - YouTube](#)

From Benalla to Burketown to ride the Morning Glory wave cloud



DRONE OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND

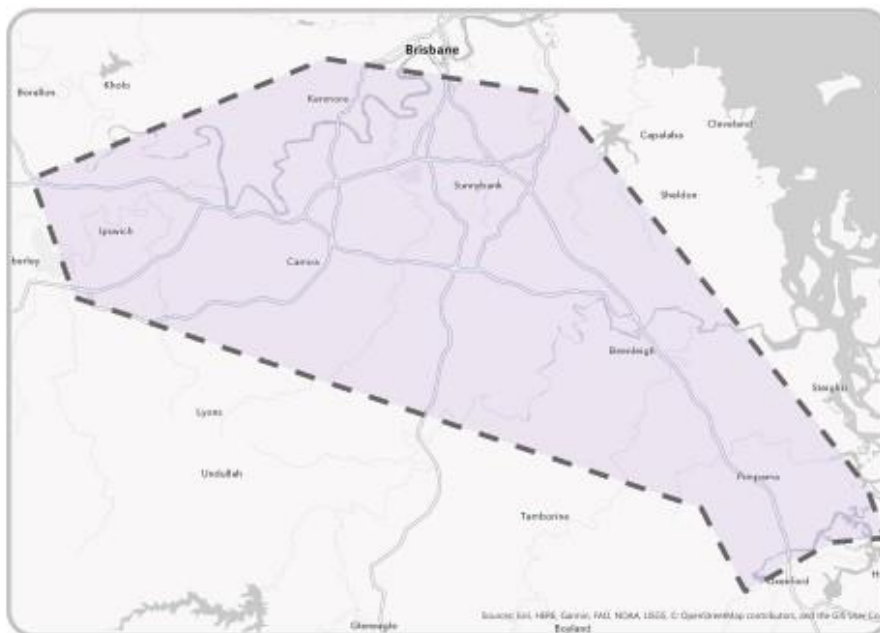
Drones are definitely here to stay! A typical example is the Wing Drone Delivery Service south of Brisbane. Thanks to Dave Graham for the heads up on this. Expect more of these kinds of activities in the future.



Wing Drone Delivery Service Overview

Wing is a drone delivery company that has been operating in QLD since 2019 using lightweight drones to deliver packages to homes and businesses.

Wing provides the information in this document to inform operators in the vicinity of Wing's CASA approved delivery area of drone operations. Wing aims to safely deconflict and/or yield to aircraft operations.



Wing operates a fixed-wing drone (1.5m wingspan)

Wing drones operate at a cruising altitude of 200 - 300ft AGL, with a ceiling height of 400ft AGL, and at maximum commanded airspeed of 68 knots or 35 m/s

Wing drones are equipped with white strobe lights

Deconfliction Information

- ▶ If you are operating aircraft equipped with an ADS-B transponder, Wing will deconflict from your operations without prior coordination needed.
- ▶ If you are operating aircraft without ADS-B, and not operating below 400ft AGL, Wing will deconflict from your operations without prior coordination.
- ▶ Wing does not operate in close proximity to any active Helicopter Landing Sites or aerodromes.
- ▶ Wing does not operate within 3NM of any controlled aerodrome.

If you are operating without ADS-B, and will be operating at altitudes below 400ft AGL, we request you coordinate your movements with our team, prior to flight if possible, or operate with awareness that there is drone activity in the vicinity. Wing will work around your operations, or yield when coordination is required.



If you have general questions regarding the information provided, please contact our Flight Operations Centre on +61 8 8119 0974.

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



WINGS 2023 NIGHT



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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

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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VOLUNTEER

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AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Atherton Aero Club 2023 Events

Nov Sunday 19th—**AAC Meeting & BBQ Lunch**—1030 Atherton

Other 2023 Events

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

Dec Saturday 2nd—**Innisfail Aero Club Christmas Party**—6pm



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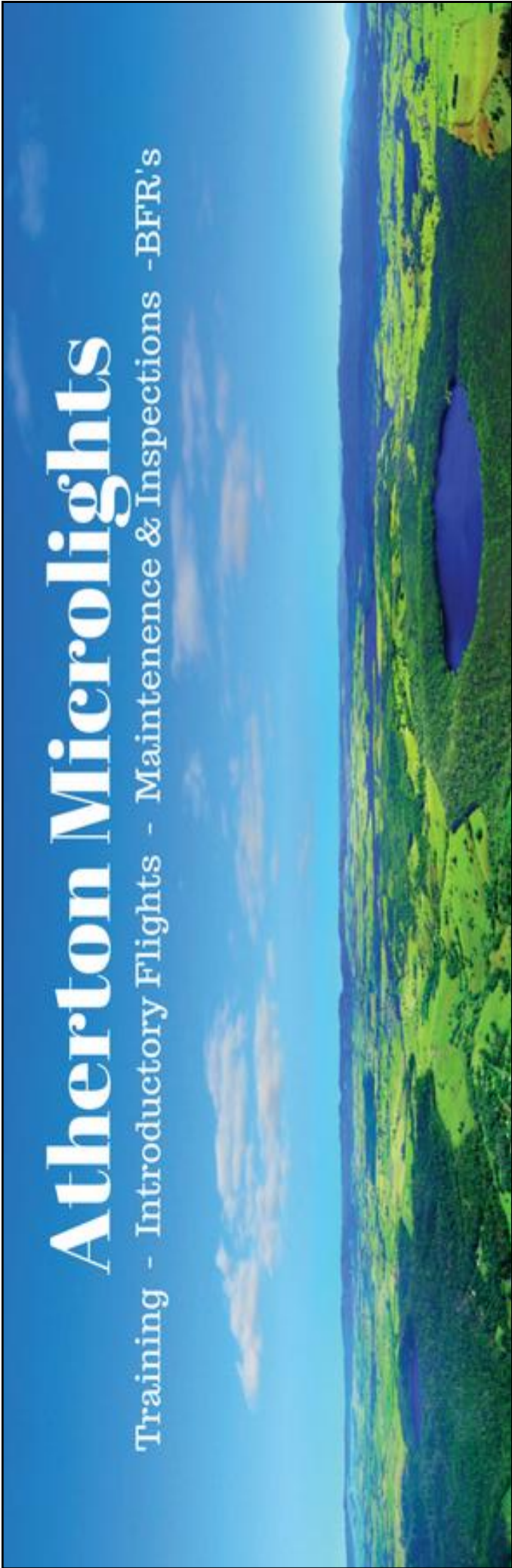


Atherton Aero Club (YATN)



Atherton Microlights

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



Right Circuit Rwy 33
(All circuits to the East)

This UNOFFICIAL Map is for
general reference purposes only

Atherton YATN

Elevation 2460 feet

Flight Strip

Length 1286 mtrs Width 90 mtrs

Grass Runway

Length 1166 mtrs Width 30 mtrs

15

33

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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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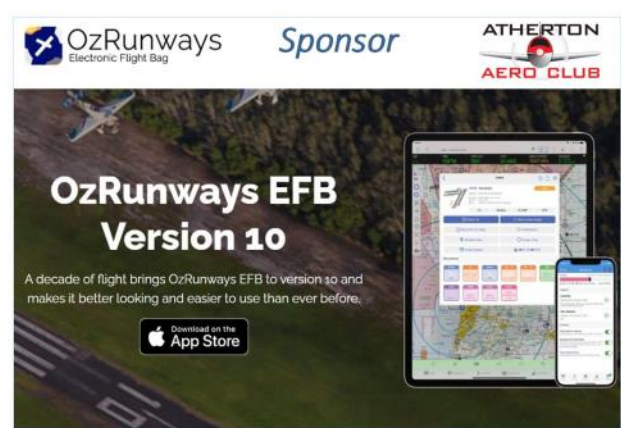
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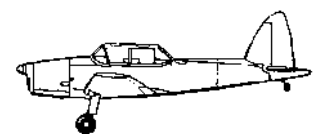



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Email address		Occupation	
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MEMBERSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60.00	Single Member	Single member with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100.00	Family Member	Two members with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50.00	Associate Member	Single member with NO voting rights
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PAYMENT

Forms to be sent to: <i>The Treasurer</i> <i>Stephen Klaproth</i> <i>PO Box 227</i> <i>ATHERTON QLD 4883</i>	or email to: <i>sjklaproth@gmail.com</i>
Payments can be made by: <i>EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank</i>	
EFT Details: <i>Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331796 (Ref - Your Name)</i>	

I hereby apply for membership to the Atherton Aero Club and agree to abide by the Constitution and any rules and regulations thereof. I further agree that my contact details may be made available to other members of the association as the Management Committee deems necessary.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Print name: _____ Print name: _____

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Membership type		Receipt No		Fee Paid	\$
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