

Newsletter No. 322 – July 2021



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.

Another Top Day In The Far North



What a magnificent back yard we have.

Heading home.



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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 322. In this issue, members activities, links to safety articles and so many great photos that we couldn't fit them all in!. Keep those flying adventures going while the weather holds and remember to send us your photos and stories. Enjoy the read.



A thank you to Dave Graham, Kevin Priestly, James Lake, Greg McNab, Neil Bates, FNQ Flyers, the NQAC and others who contributed to this edition. Please contact me with your newsletter contributions on any of the following: (07) 4036 2868 or 0408 073 142 or by 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 get together and BBQ Lunch.

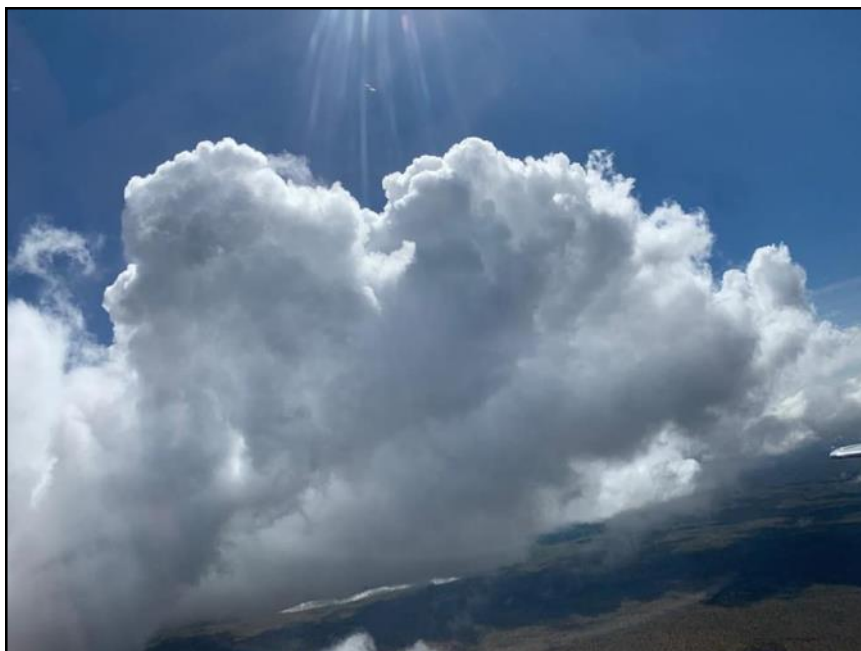
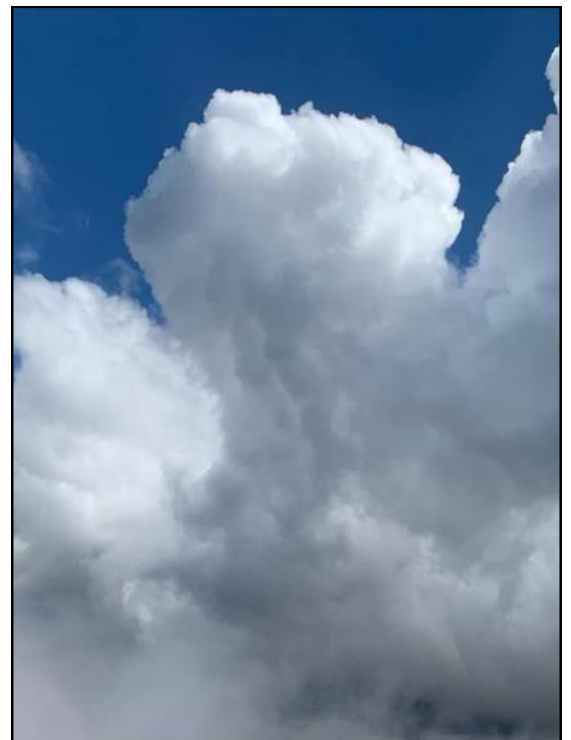
Sunday the 15th of August starting around **10:30am**.

Venue the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** storage facility.

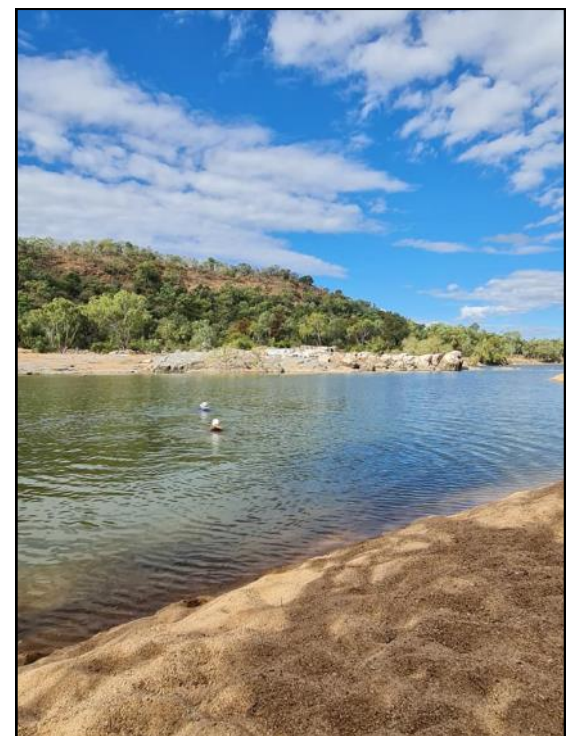
Visitors are most welcome.



Out And About In The Far North



***Great afternoon
at Einasleigh***



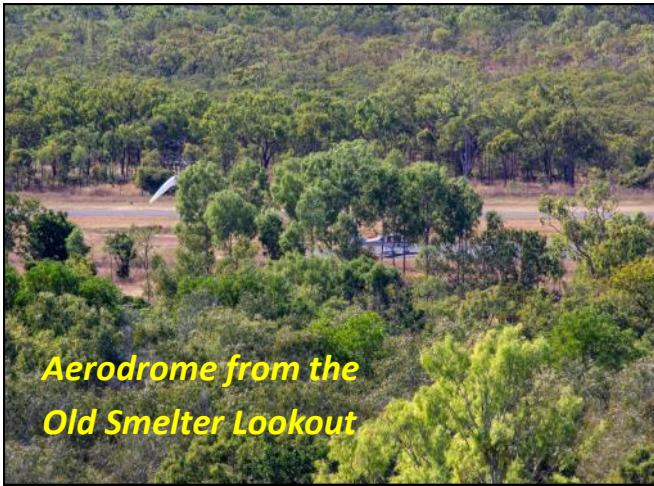
Out And About In The Far North - Photos Kevin Priestly



Nice morning for a flight to Chillagoe. 4 July 2021



Chillagoe Aerodrome



Aerodrome from the Old Smelter Lookout



Heading for home



Old smelter site on departure



Road out and limestone outcrops



Eastbound over the Walsh looking north to Mt Mulligan



West of Mareeba

AAC LOW FLYING PRESENTATION Sunday 18th July

A great Safety Presentation today by local pilot Neil Bates on the hazards of low flying and the practical considerations and precautions to be taken when flight at lower levels is required. Thank you Neil for a most interesting presentation. A few photos from the day follow.



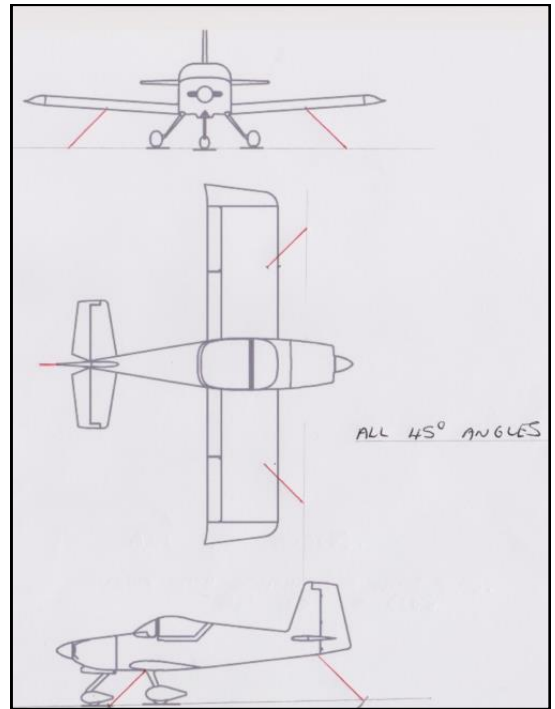
A beautiful flying day that most of the attendees did forego in order to hear Neil's words of Low Flying wisdom. Neil does do an interesting yarn.



AIRCRAFT TIE-DOWN METHODS

A recent fly-in caught my attention as to how some aircraft are being tied down. The way they are secured is most important.

A couple of years ago in a storm I watched a Cessna 182 get blown across a taxiway into a steel sign, resulting in excessive damage. This was totally preventable as the aircraft had been tied down in a completely irresponsible manner, e.g., a loose vertical rope to a short star picket only 4 inches into soft ground. (Why even bother). Again, I saw another example of this with an aircraft tied down with the ropes hanging vertically down to pegs. A light breeze will simply lift these pegs straight out of the ground. A vertical rope to tie down cables or a concrete block is fine.



For tying down to pegs what is most important is the ANGLE of the ropes. All ropes should be at an angle of approximately 45 degrees both vertically and horizontally with soft tension. A good rope is a 3/8" nylon and any good quality commercial tie down peg / system will be fine, but the rope angle is the most critical part.

The reason for the CRITICAL ROPE ANGLES is so that all three ropes work in unison and will all tension evenly as an aircraft is twisted and lifted in a wind force. This even tensioning will immediately stop an aircraft from rotating and stop a wing from lifting for winds from all directions.

The next question is on an outport overnight stay when do you need to tie down the aircraft? I would suggest: an impending cyclone, a tornado, a weather frontal system, thunder storms, strong dust devils. For very light aircraft strong gusty winds should be considered.

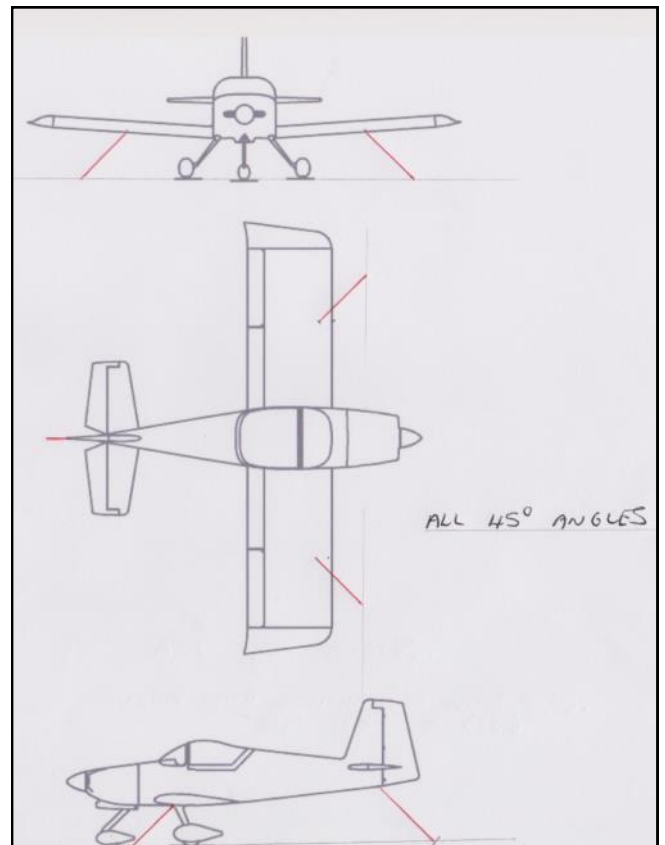
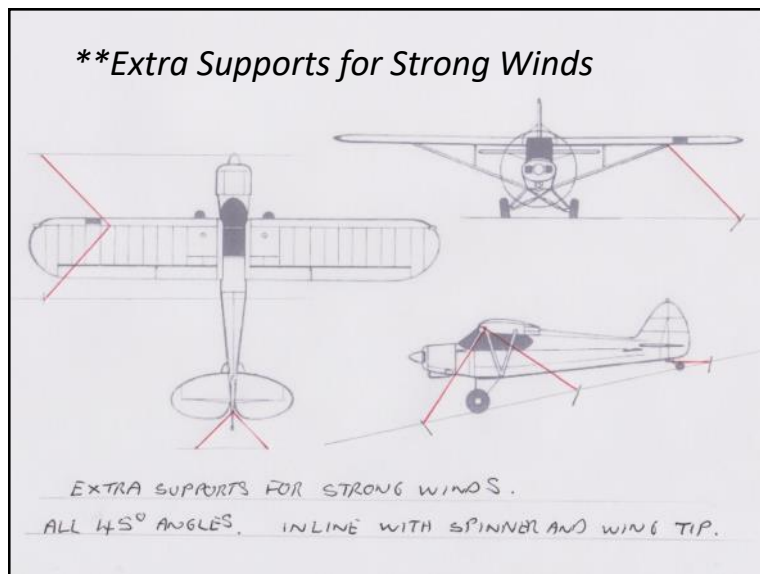
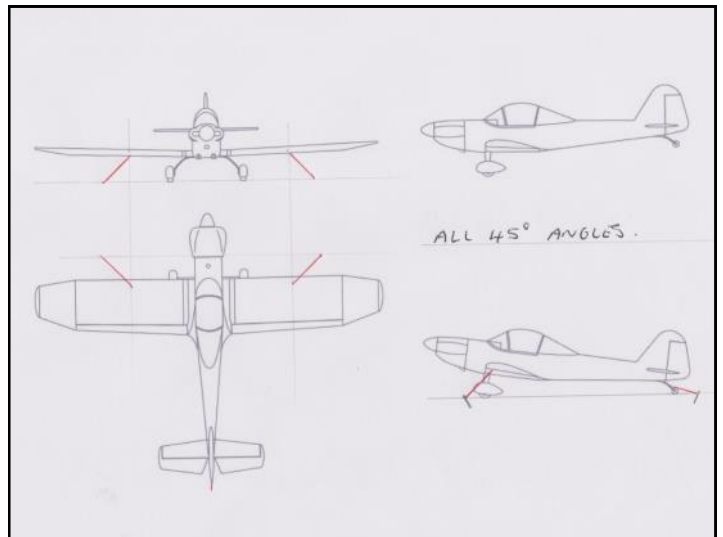
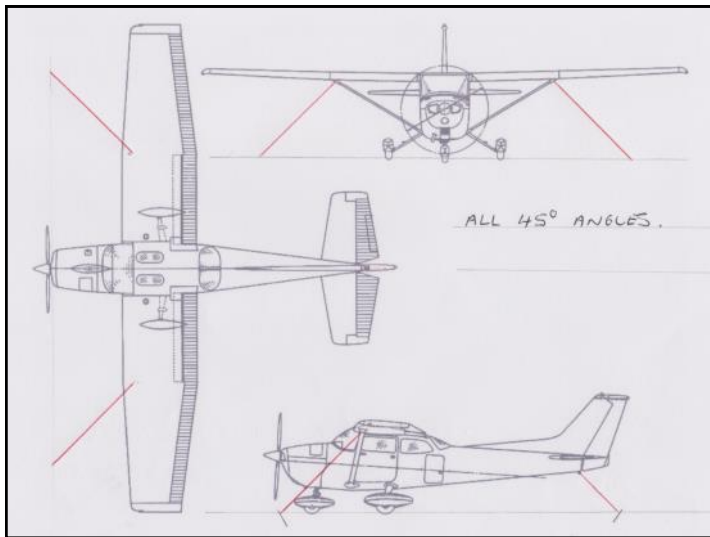
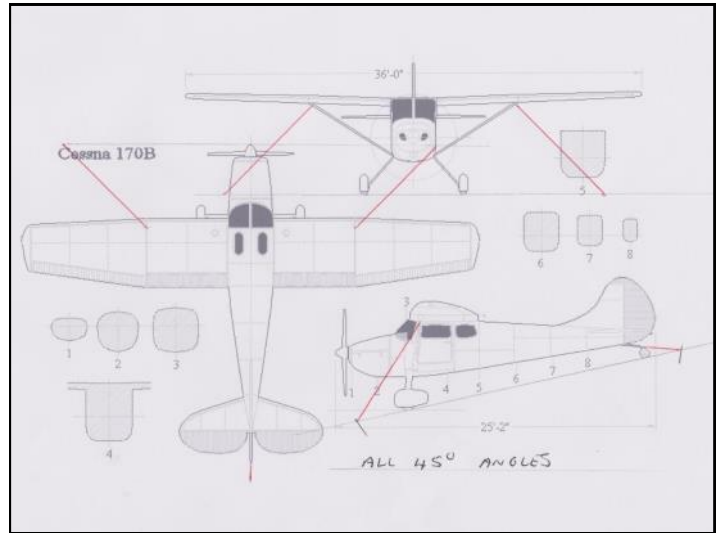
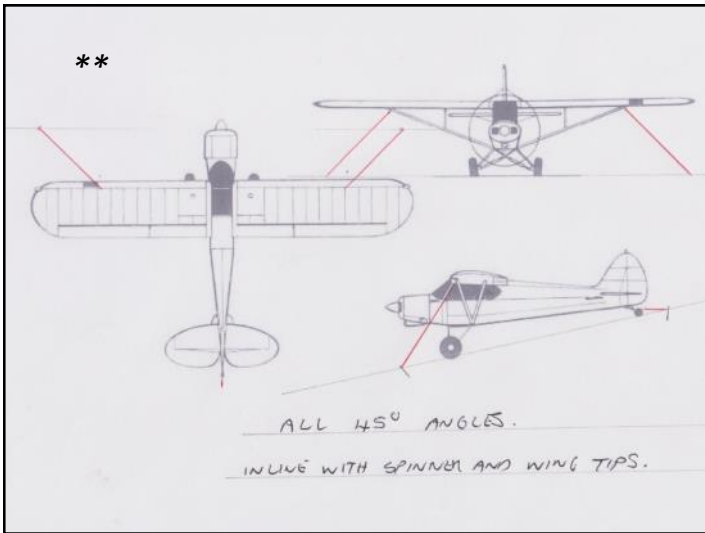
Also for very light aircraft be careful of an irresponsible aircraft starting up with it's prop blast directed straight back at the very light aircraft.

For very light aircraft I would also suggest that if you intend to be out of sight of your aircraft for a reasonable length of time and the conditions have dust devils or gusty winds then it would be best to tie it down (don't be lazy, show professionalism). For heavier aircraft it depends on the presence and severity of some of the above conditions (climatic season).

On the following page are diagrams of the required rope angles for various types of aircraft.

Cheers, Greg McNab

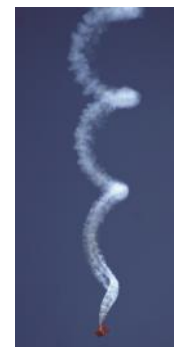
AIRCRAFT TIE-DOWN METHODS - Continued



Accident Probe: In A Hurry To Get Down

If you have to descend through a hole in the clouds, slow down so you won't break the aeroplane.

By Joseph E Burnside, AVweb, 5th July 2021



Fly long enough, and you'll eventually find yourself on top of a broken or solid undercast, wanting to be beneath it. To get there, you either need to obtain an instrument clearance, find a hole, wait for one to appear or divert, perhaps far out of your way, to an area with better weather. If your destination is reporting good VFR underneath the clouds and you can't get an IFR clearance to descend, it's very tempting to find a hole and pull the plug, descending to visual conditions.

But here be dragons. For one, it's impossible to know the exact height of the cloud bases, and therefore how much moderately clear air will be under and around you at the bottom. Another concern is the terrain, and you could come out the bottom of the hole in a box canyon, with no maneuvering room. A third concern is that the hole can close up around you during your descent, leaving you with nothing but poor choices. That's one reason they're called "sucker holes."

There's often no way to know what the best (by which we mean "safest") decision is. Lots of fuel means you can postpone a decision while you orbit, looking for holes. Lots of fuel also means you can go somewhere else and find a clear area, or just land and wait it out.

If you are going to get sucked into such a hole, one thing you don't want to do is allow your speed to build up, tucking you into a steep spiral. It's best to slow down, deploy flaps and gear to stabilize the airplane, and to guard against building too much speed, and then slowly descend, perhaps even in a spiral, but under control. What follows is a good lesson on why flaps and gear might be your friend.

To continue follow the link: [Accident Probe: In A Hurry To Get Down - AVweb](#)



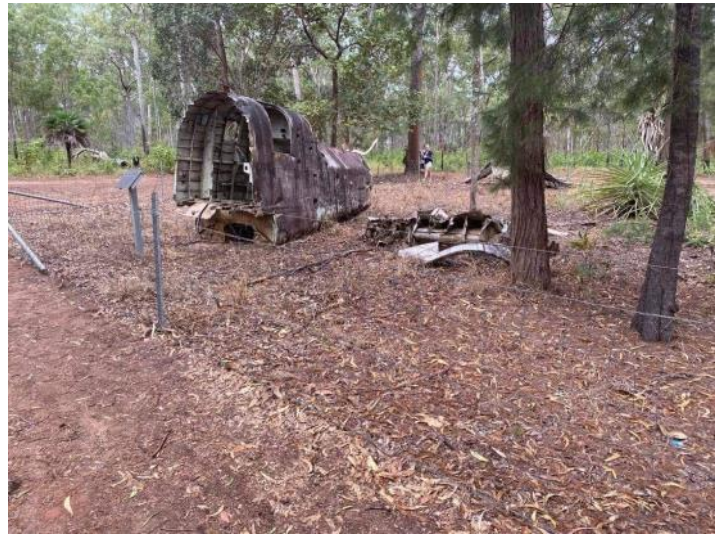
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NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Punsand Bay Fly-In. Held over the weekend 10/11 July and a lovely time was reported. Thanks to Punsand Bay Camping for providing the accommodation.



Scenery along the way



Old aircraft wreckage



Punsand Bay



Best not negotiated on a dark night after a few sherberts



Refreshments at last



Heavy duty drinking cap

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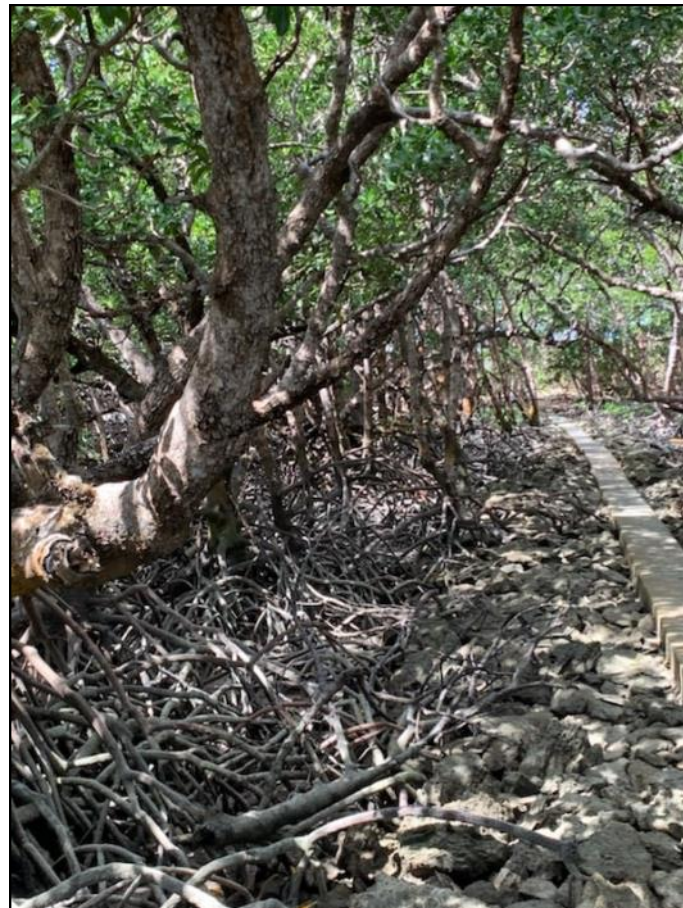
More Punsand Bay photos



The boys at the Tip of Cape York



Punsand Bay Fly-In



*Another pathway not to be negotiated at night
(Big Lizard hazard)*

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

The beautiful Cookie-town today 14 July.



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The Reef 23 July

Photo: NQAC

HANGAR SPACE AVAILABLE

ATHERTON AERODROME

Contact Jon Collins for details

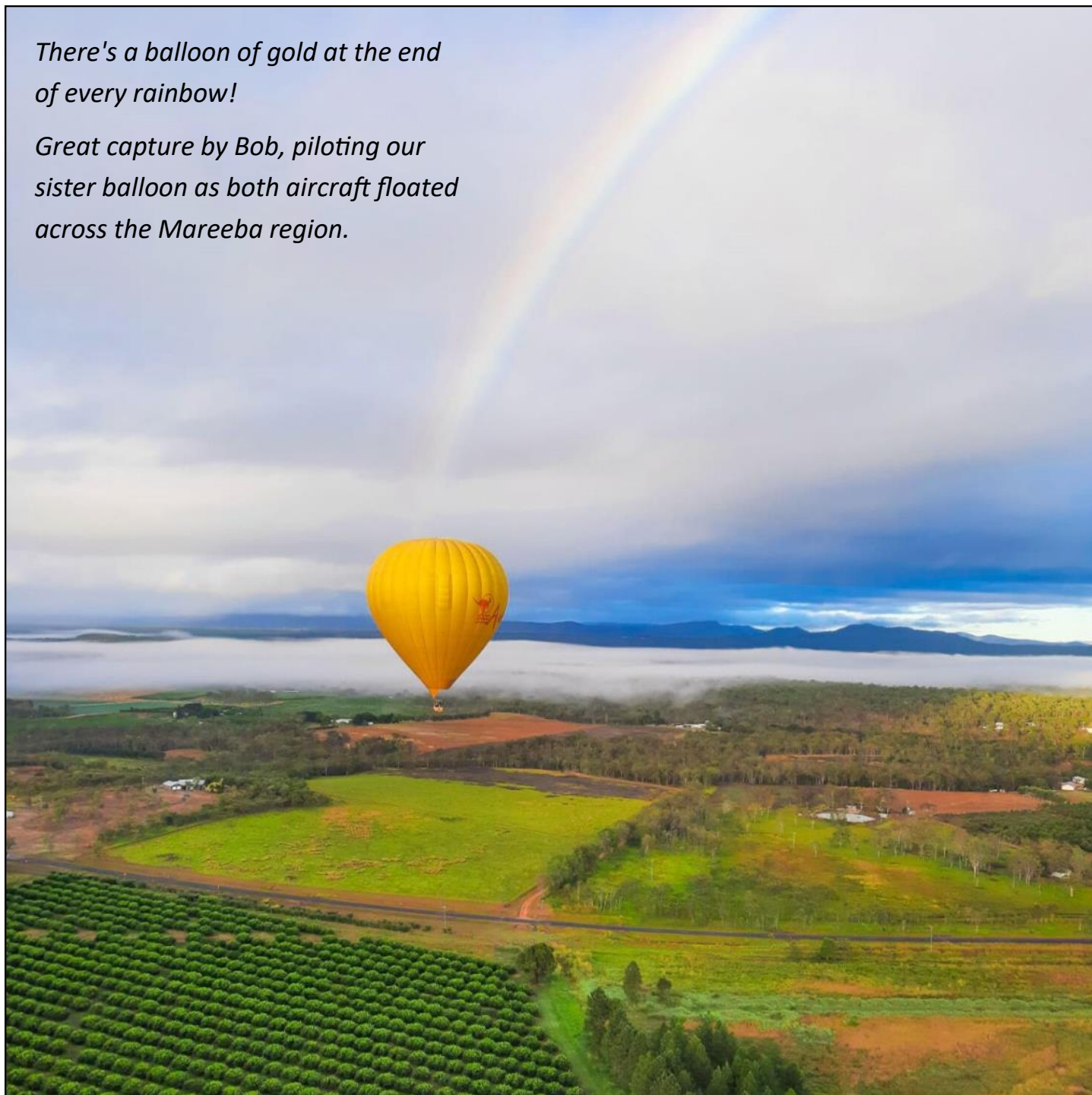
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Hot Air Ballooning In The Far North

*There's a balloon of gold at the end
of every rainbow!*

*Great capture by Bob, piloting our
sister balloon as both aircraft floated
across the Mareeba region.*



HOT AIR BALLOON CAIRNS

Keeping it LOCAL. Come and say g'day to our local team. We are departing on selected days through the week so please call us or check the website for departure dates! We have smaller group departures in regulation with Covid19 safety... However, if you have a special occasion, i.e: A date for two ...and wish to fly privately, we can work with you to arrange a date that suits you to fly with just your party and the pilot.

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Hot Air Ballooning In The Far North



LEFT: Pondering a hot air balloon flight? Roy strikes a whimsical pose as the balloon he's crewing for gently flies above.

Cool, clear mornings are making it PERFECT weather for ballooning!

BELOW: Bob's in the office with the heater on!

A wonderful photo from Tony of Bob preparing his balloon for flight, heating the air inside the balloon envelope to the point where it lifts it into an upright position, basket and all.

Then it's fly-time. Come and experience the process with us!





July 16th 2021. Flash back Friday: Photos of our C-47 Dakota having its wings removed ready for transport last year. Only 328 wing bolts per side to remove!

Thanks to the Copland Foundation for making this happen.



FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND AVIATION MUSEUM

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Volunteers

As always we can never use enough hands or services so if you would like to get in involved please get in touch!

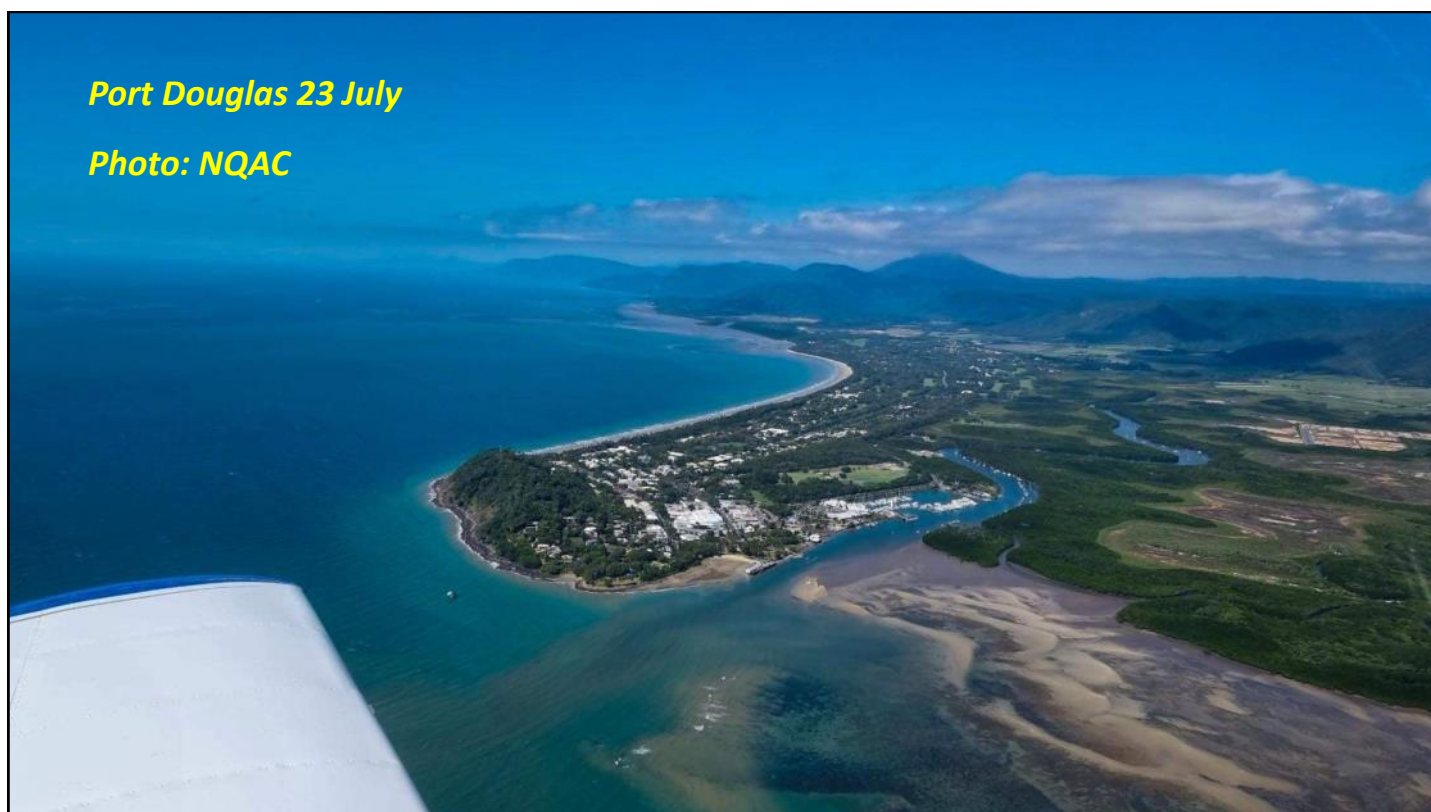
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AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

**EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CANCELLATION
OR POSTPONEMENT DUE COVID19 RESTRICTIONS**

Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page For changes

Atherton Aero Club—2021 EVENTS

Aug Sun 15th **AAC regular Monthly get together & BBQ Lunch 1030 Atherton**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Aug Fri 6th & Sat 7th **Forsyth Turnaround & Etheridge Show (See Poster)**

Aug Sat 14th & Sun 15th **NQAC Overnight get-away Karumba QLD**

Sep Sun 19th **NQAC Annual Air Race Competition**

WEEKEND REFUELLING AT NORMANTON

Be Aware!!

Club member Martin Boyle advises that during his June trip to Karumba he was charged a weekend call out fee of \$85.00 when topping up fuel at Normanton.

The fuel agent at that aerodrome is on duty Mondays to Fridays to service RPT flights so the weekends are his days off.

It might be possible to negotiate a better fee for aircraft travelling together and prepared to refuel as a group. Always a good idea to check ahead when planning to refuel at outports over the weekend.



Thanks Martin.

The **Forsayth Turnout and Etheridge Show** will be held at Forsayth on 6 and 7 August. The committee thought that some of your members may be interested in a "fly in" to the event.

There is some accommodation still available at the Goldfields Hotel (although best to book quickly as rooms are selling fast). Alternatively there is free camping with hot showers on site at the grounds.

There is a fully sealed airstrip at Forsayth and AvGas will be available as well as transfers from the strip to town (please advise of requirements).

Entry to the event is free. All meals are available and a licenced bar will operate throughout the event. There is a monster auction on Saturday night followed by live music and dancing and a recovery at the Goldfields Hotel on Sunday. It promises to be a great weekend of entertainment so we hope to see some of your members there. Further details and contacts are included on the attached flyer.

FORSAYTH TURNOUT & ETHERIDGE SHOW

August 6 & 7
at the Forsayth
Show Grounds

FRIDAY NQRA Affiliated RODEO (1pm start)



Open Bulls (18yrs & over)	\$ 1500	Stock Contractor
Juvenile Bulls (13-17yrs)	\$ 800	Bethel Bucking Bulls
Calf Ride (12yrs & under)	\$ 400	Yabbie Races
Poddy Ride	\$ 200	Friday Night

SATURDAY - Etheridge Show

FREE Admission, FREE Exhibit Entries, Licensed Bar, Great Food, Professional Exhibits, Camping Facilities on Grounds, Motorbike Raffle, School Projects Display & Cent Sale Raffle.

Novelty Events Greasy Pig Chase, Dog Jumping Contest, Kids Foot Race, Lolly Drop for the Kids, Dingo Derby (Big Dog & Little Dog Race), Ironman Comp, Balloon Throwing, Mens & Ladies Foot Races, 3-Legged Race, Kick a Goal, Bungee Pull, Billy Boiling Comp, Stock Relay Challenge & Tug O War.

Commercial Livestock Judging

Pen of No 1 Heifers	\$ 1000
Pen of No 1 Steers	\$ 1000
Pen of Commercial Cows & Calves	\$ 1000

Bushman Working Dog Trials

Open & Bush Handler Events, (\$3000 total prizemoney) Nominations to:
Corrie Kelly 0427 097 177
kelly_corrie@yahoo.com.au

Saturday Evening Auction, Entertainment by Mother's 2nd Choice, FIREWORKS 8:30pm & Bar Open til Midnight



SUNDAY Recovery & Entertainment at Goldfield's Hotel

Nominations to: Secretary - Veronica Loudon 0428 716 022
or Treasurer - Jennifer Pugh 0448 164 684
Enquires to: President - Simon Terry 0400 898 409

SAVE THE DATE. The Atherton Aero Clubs 2021 Christmas Party will be held at Tinaroo Lake Resort on **Saturday the 4th December**. An early search for a venue was necessary in order to claim a suitable date as the good ones tend to be booked out early. The club has used this excellent venue before and the feedback from those who attended was quite positive. An added attraction for those attending is the availability of overnight accommodation if required. A sample menu is shown below. Please contact Jack Cross if you require further information. An indication of your intention to attend would be appreciated.



Christmas Party Menu 2021

\$60 per person

ENTREE (served banquet style - on platters to each table)

BAKED FILLET OF CORAL TROUT with white wine and lemon parsley sauce

MAINS (served banquet style - on platters to each table)

SLOWROASTED FORK LOIN with cranberry and walnut sauce

Side: Roast Vegetable medley with garlic and parmesan.

BAKED FILLET OF CHICKEN with apricot and cashew compote

Side: Colourful Tossed Salad with fetta and olives and balsamic dressing

DESSERTS (individually plated and serve alternate drop)

SPICED FIG AND APPLE PUDDING with fig and apple salsa sauce and vanilla cream

- CHOCOLATE AND HAZELNUT GATEAU with chocolate rum sauce and raspberry couli

TEA & COFFEE

All tables decorated in Christmas Theme & with Christmas Crackers.



Atherton Aero Club Fundraising - Club Treasurer 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.

Here's your Containers for Change scheme ID. Your scheme ID makes it even easier to return containers and receive refunds directly to your bank account.

Scheme ID

C10476716

Save your scheme ID to your mobile wallet

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Android users



If you don't have WalletPasses installed, you will need to download it from the Play Store.

Northern Flyers

Donnington Airpark (YDOP)



Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)

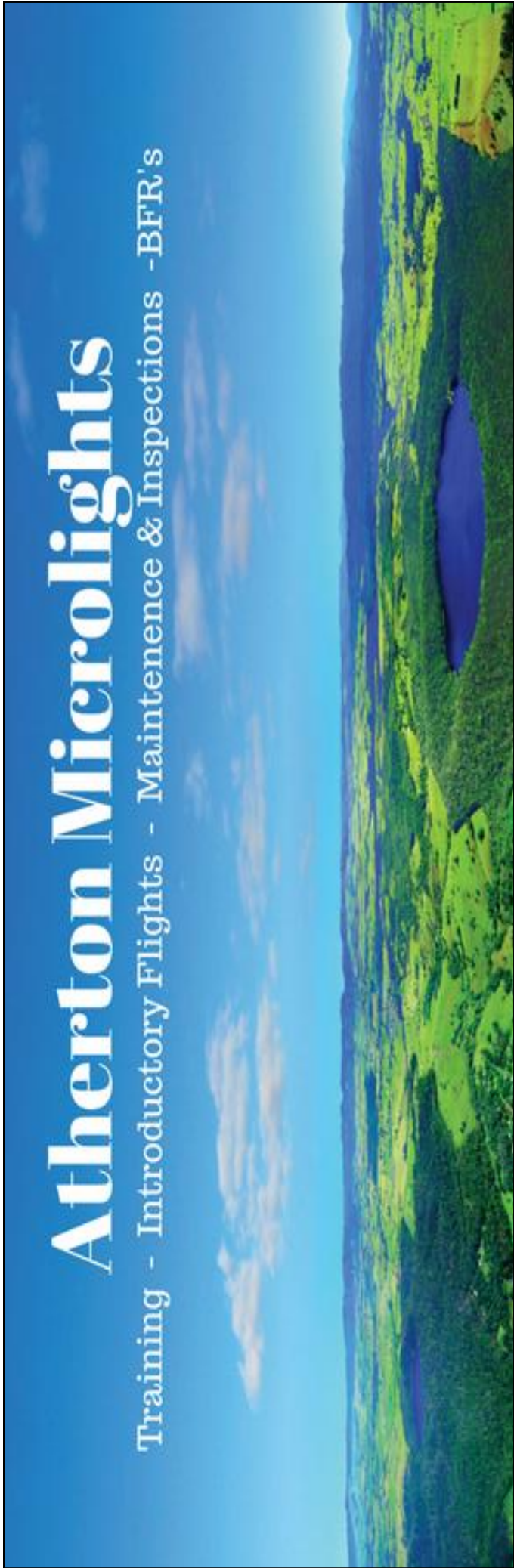


Atherton Aero Club (YATN)



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:

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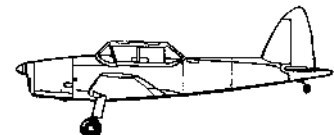
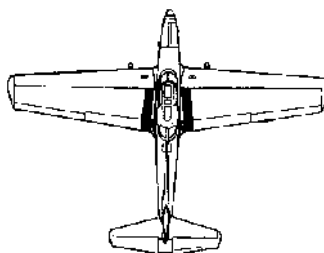
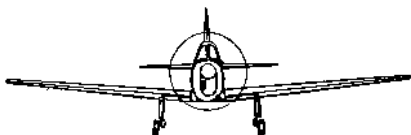
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Dr. Diana House
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Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

New Member

Returning Member



PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name		Date of Birth	
Street address		State	Postcode
Postal address		State	Postcode
Email address		Occupation	
Telephone	ah	bh	mobile

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	no charge	Student Member	Single member with NO voting rights

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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When your holiday has been cancelled by the coronavirus but don't want to give up the dream

