

**Newsletter No. 318 – March 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.



***“On the way home” - Cape Gloucester near Bowen***

***Aircraft - Hew Mills' RV7***

***IFR flight from Mackay to Cairns - Still an hour and a half to go!***

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Atherton Aero Club Inc



Members are advised that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Atherton Aero Club will be held as Follows

Venue: Atherton Aero Club Storage Shelter

Atherton Aerodrome

Date: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Time: **9.00am**

Notices of Motion & Nominations for Election to the Committee can be completed on the attached Nomination forms and emailed to the secretary prior to the AGM. This also includes Proxy forms. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor when called at the AGM.

Only financial Members are eligible to be elected to the committee and must be proposed and seconded by financial members.

Only financial members are eligible to vote on any motions or resolutions.

Regards President

## ***Atherton Aero Club - Committee Contacts***

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Web Page <http://www.athertonaeroclub.org/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AthertonAeroClub?ref=hl>

### ***EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck***

Hi All and welcome to edition No 318. In this issue, early Australian aviation history, an Eromanga stop-over report, Bloomfield fly-in photos and some other great shots taken by northern flyers. Hopefully we can expect more photos and stories from you, the readers, as the wet season winds-down. Hope you enjoy the read.



A thank you to Hew Mills, Gareth Davey, Frank Arri, Kev Priestly, 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 -

[williamgronbeck2@gmail.com](mailto:williamgronbeck2@gmail.com)

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 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Sunday the 18th of April**. This will be followed by a **BBQ Lunch** and an opportunity to meet up with other fellow aviators.

Please make time to attend this important event.

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

Start time **9:00am**.

**Visitors are most welcome.**



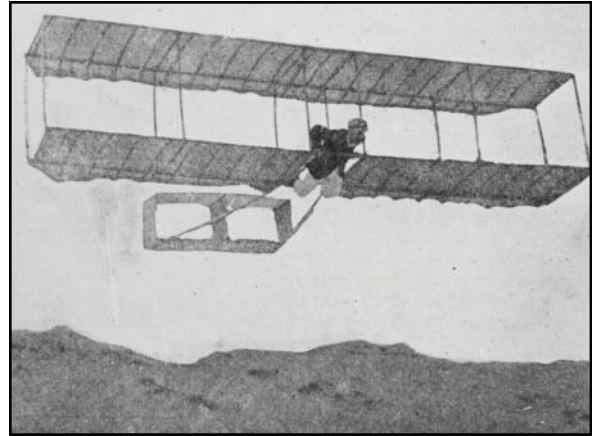
## EARLY AUSTRALIAN AVIATION - 1

### First Flights.

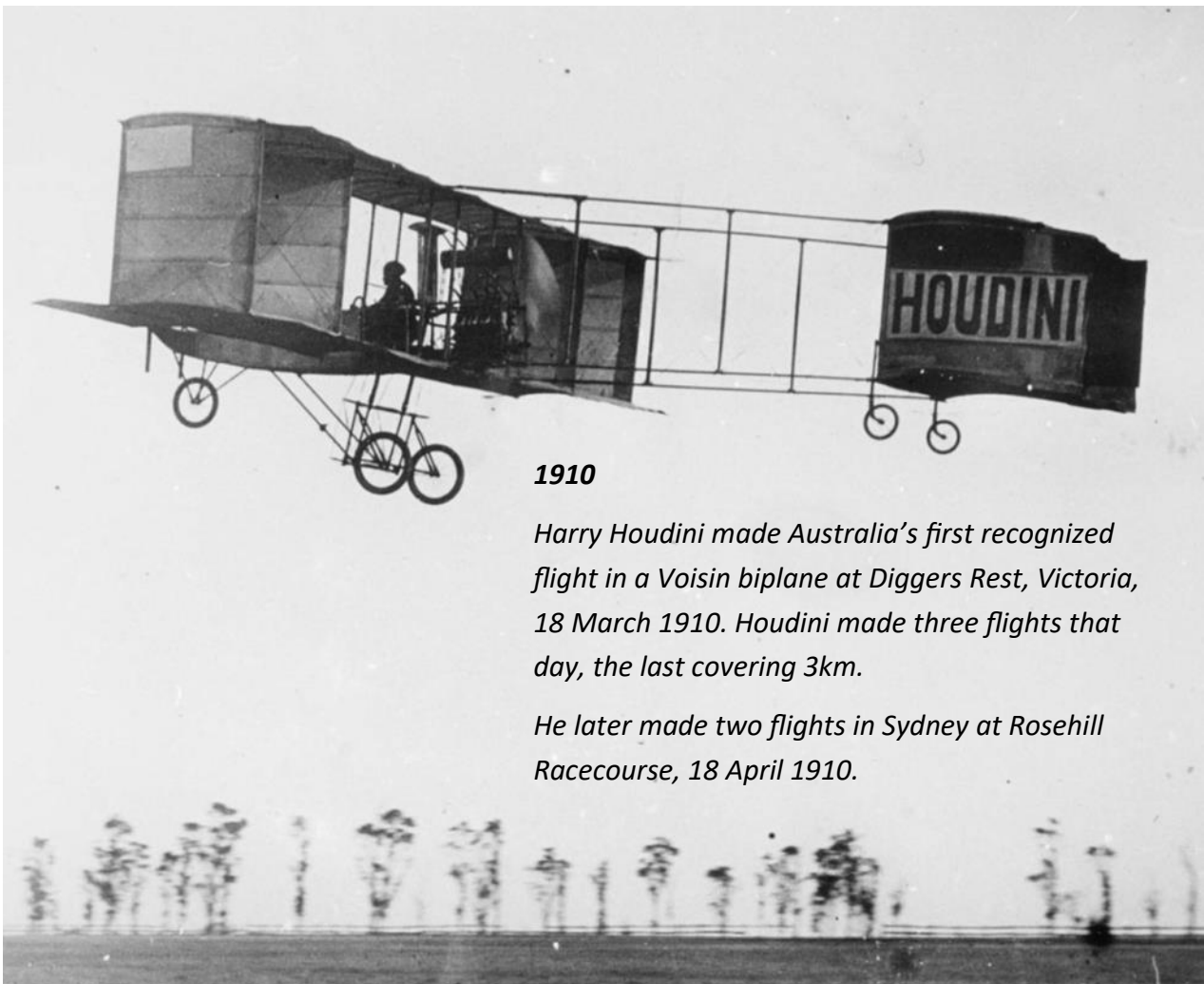
The first Australian to make a 'heavier than air' flight was George A. Taylor who made a series of glider flights at Narrabeen on 5 December 1909. Later that month, Colin Defries made several attempts to become airborne at Victoria Park Racecourse, using an imported Wright Bi-plane and a Blériot, with varying degrees of success.

#### 1909

George Taylor flying his glider at Narrabeen Beach, December 1909. In total 29 flights were made in 10-15 knot winds by Taylor, Edward Hollstrom, Charles Schultz, Emma Schultz and Florence Taylor. In later experiments Taylor's glider soared against the wind, turned around and returned above the starting point.



By 1910, other aviators with imported flying machines strove to make the first powered flight in Australia. Several claimed success, although Ehrich Weiss, better known as escapologist Harry Houdini, is credited with the first controlled flight, at Diggers Rest, Victoria on 18 March 1910 (This March is the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of that flight).



#### 1910

Harry Houdini made Australia's first recognized flight in a Voisin biplane at Diggers Rest, Victoria, 18 March 1910. Houdini made three flights that day, the last covering 3km.

He later made two flights in Sydney at Rosehill Racecourse, 18 April 1910.

## EARLY AUSTRALIAN AVIATION - 2

**1910** John Duigan designed and built the first Australian aircraft to fly, based on a Farman bi-plane and powered by a four cylinder engine. On 16 July 1910, Duigan made a 17m hop At Spring Plains estate near Mia Mia, Victoria. By 1911 he had flown 60 times, as far as 800m and at 20m altitude.


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## AUSTRALIAN-BUILT, TWENTY YEARS AGO

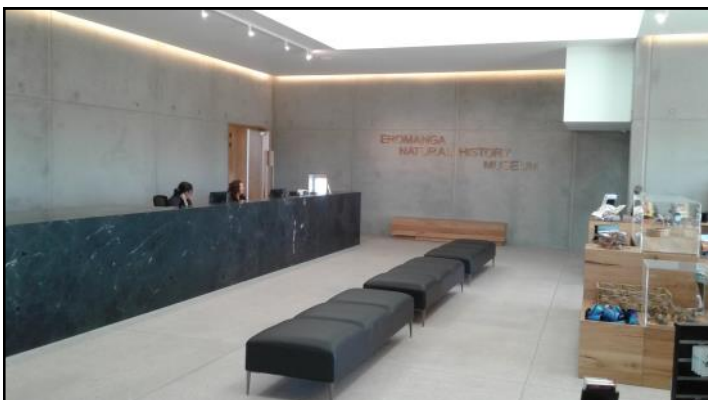
20-h.p. biplane designed, built and flown in 1910 by Mr. John Robertson Duigan, of Terang, Vic. The machine, now housed in the Technical Museum, Melbourne, had a speed of 40 m.p.h. Details of construction and performance are given in this issue. The biplane, with Mr. Duigan at the stick, is here depicted during a successful demonstration at Bendigo Racecourse on May 3, 1911.

## ***Flight Stopover Report - Eromanga YEMG***

Hello everyone. Had a really good stopover on the way back from Melbourne last week: Eromanga YEMG which is northwest of Thargomindah and Quilpie (both have avgas). If staying at the museum's overnight accom and/or doing their tour, there are free airport transfers. The museum's staff will even help you get food from town. The Natural History Museum is located near the aerodrome and they opened their second building last Monday. The tour never ceases to amaze - plenty of local dinosaurs and meteorite craters to talk about. Highly recommended.

<https://enhm.com.au>

Regards, Gareth Davey



***Eromanga Natural History Museum***



***Eromanga Tarmac***

## **AVIATION BOOK REVIEW**

**"AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PILOTS -**

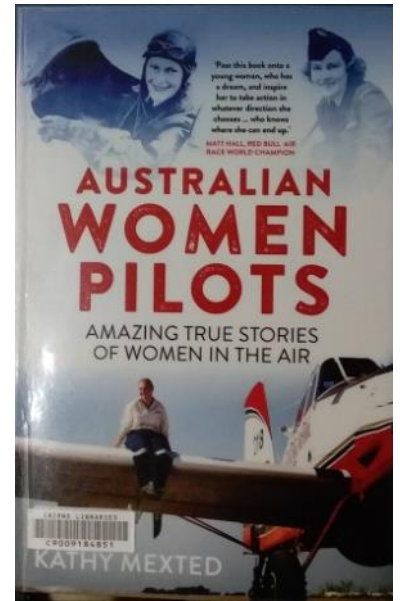
**- AMAZING TRUE STORIES OF WOMEN IN THE AIR"**

*Author: Kathy Mexted. Published 2020 by NewSouth Publishing.*

*A well written book that will be of interest to all Australian pilots, both women and men. A reminder of just how difficult it was for women to be accepted as serious professionals and how far we have come since then.*

*Definitely worth the read!*

*My copy from the Cairns City Library. ED.*



# **HANGAR SPACE AVAILABLE**

## **ATHERTON AERODROME**

**Contact Jon Collins for details**

**0438 634 411**

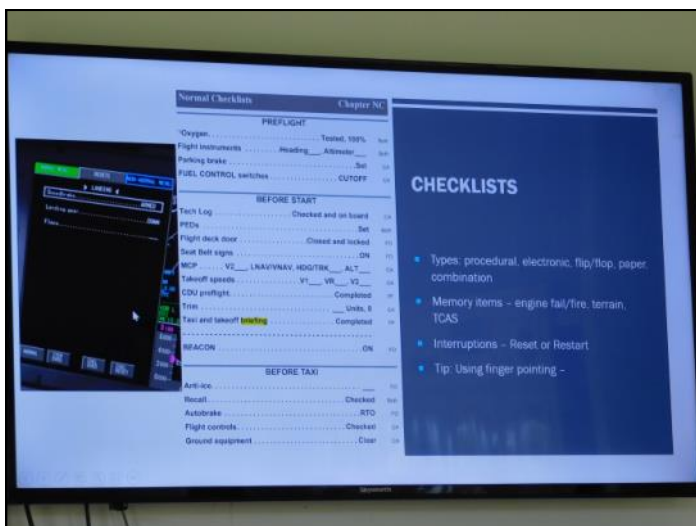
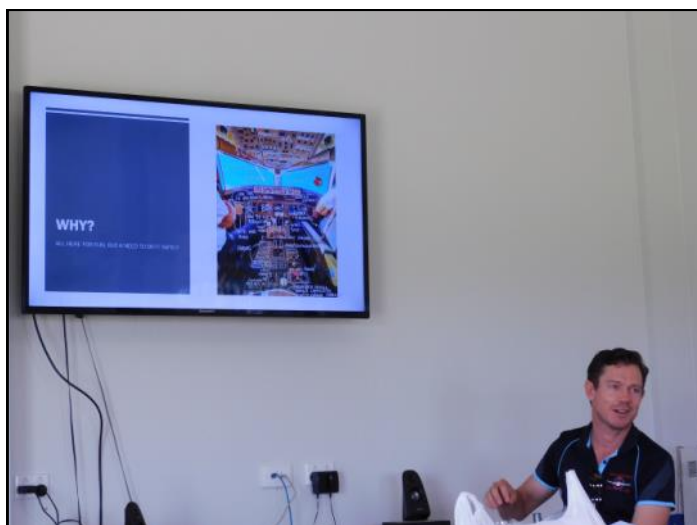


## ***Atherton Aero Club Safety Seminar - 21st March 2021***

A great turn-out of members and friends for Brendan Kent's excellent presentation on **"Skills Transferrable From Heavy Metal"**.

Brendan's detailed explanation of the procedures airline pilots followed in maintaining the safe operation of their aircraft included - the use of checklists, pre take-off briefings, minimum manoeuvring speeds, rejected take-offs and the more frequent refresher training that the airlines require their pilots to undergo.

Thank you Brendan for a most interesting presentation.



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## ***Out And About In The Far North - March 2021***



***Just can't get enough photos of the Magnificent Mount Mulligan. PHOTO: Kev Priestly***



***Interesting sky around Mareeba this morning (27 March).***

***PHOTO: NQAC***

***Out And About In The Far North - March 2021 Driftercam***



***Russell Heads***



***Looking north-west from Deeral***

***PHOTOS: Frank Arri***

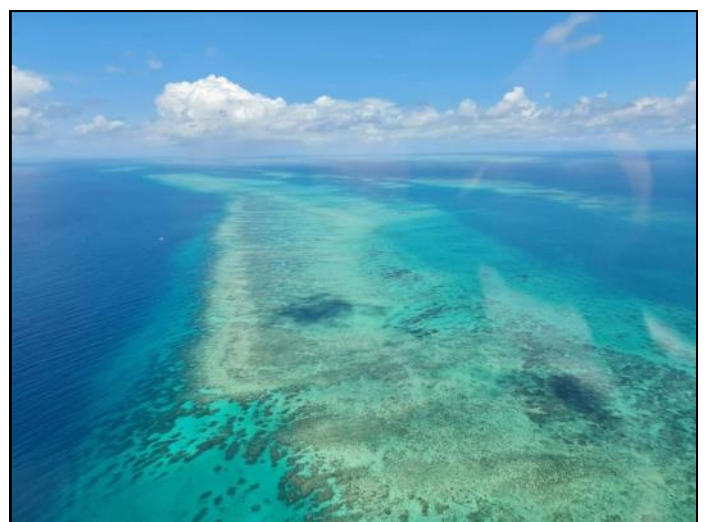
## **NORTH QUEENSLAND** AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

*A big thankyou to **Black Cockatoo Gallery at Bloomfield** for hosting our fly in today (20th March). 8 aircraft flew up the coast and after holding for a few showers were able to land at this pristine spot.*

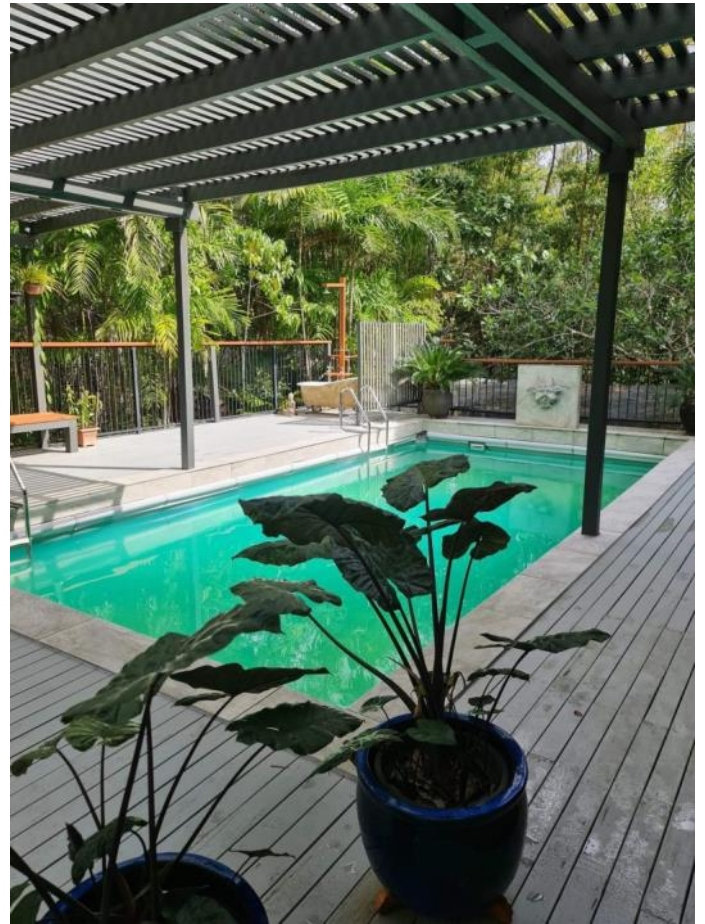
*Thanks also to NQAC member Pat English for showing us around his gorgeous pad! We are so lucky to live here!! Photos over the next few pages:*



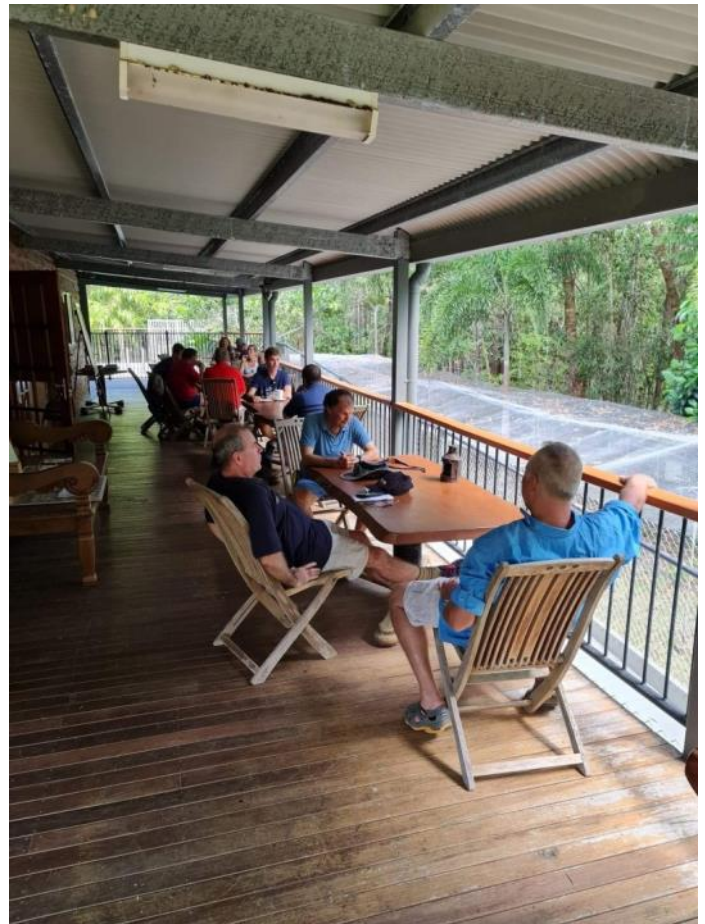
***Beautiful Bloomfield and sights along the way***



# NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



## *Bloomfield Black Cockatoo Gallery & local sights*



**NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**



*Black Cockatoo Gallery guests and local scenery*



# NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



*Pat's pad and some of the magnificent scenery along the way*



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## ***Out And About In The Far North***



### **HOT AIR BALLOON CAIRNS**

Keeping it LOCAL. Come and say g'day to our local team. You may also meet some of the other Mareeba locals while you're at it. 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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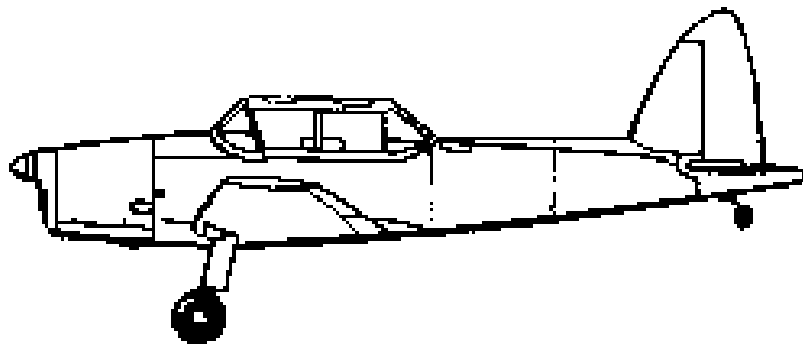
*-Tips for operations on dirt airstrips.*

### ***[Hurrying To Oshkosh, Never Arriving - Plane & Pilot Magazine \(planeandpilotmag.com\)](#)***

*-Hurrying To Oshkosh, Never Arriving*

### ***[Slips: Forward Or Side, What's The Difference And Why Care? - AVweb](#)***

*-Terminology, Sideslips or Forward Slips?*



## ***Pinnarendi Station***

### ***Stay & Café***

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

***Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622***



# 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

- Apr** Sun 18th AAC **Annual General Meeting** and Election of Office-bearers. 0900 Atherton
- May** Sun 16th CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Simon Perkins. Controlled Flight Into Terrain. 1030 Atherton
- Jun** Sun 20th Final CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. An Open Discussion - Events that we have learned from. 1030 Atherton
- \*\* All the above events are followed by a BBQ Lunch.**

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- Apr** Sat 24th to Mon 26th Shute Harbour Runway Dinner Fly-In
- May** Sun 23rd NQAC Pinnarendi Lunch



# Northern Flyers

**Donnington Airpark (YDOP)**



**Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)**



**Atherton Aero Club (YATN)**



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Flight Strip  
Length 1286 mtrs Width 90 mtrs  
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(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/>

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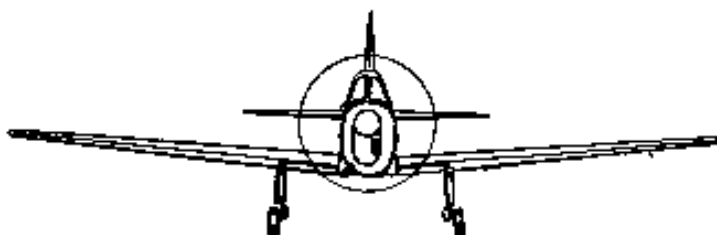
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## Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

New Member

Returning Member



### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### MEMBERSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 60.00	Single Member	Single member with voting rights
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<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

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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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