

Newsletter No. 316 – Nov 2020 to Jan 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.



*Refuelling at the Caltex Roadhouse, Dingo, QLD
Capricorn Hwy between Blackwater and Duarlinga*

PHOTO: Simon & Jane 2020



*Resident Bush Bustard
Archer River Airstrip, QLD*

PHOTO: Simon & Jane 2020

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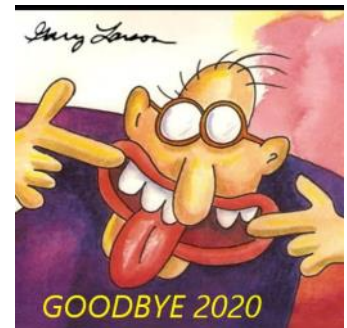
Hi All and welcome to edition No 316, first issue for a while due to the wet and Christmas, New Year festivities. Members have been getting in a few good flights despite the sometimes iffy weather. Photos and articles from various sources. Hope you enjoy the read.



A thank you to Simon, Jane, Kevin, Dave, Jon and others who contributed photos and articles for 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 a **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation "Skills Transferrable From Heavy Metal"** on **Sunday the 21st of February**. Presented by Brendan Kent and starting around **10:30am**. A **BBQ Lunch** will follow. To assist with catering arrangements please advise if you will be attending.

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

Visitors are most welcome.

Out And About In The Far North - Scenic Flight Over Cairns

Scenic flight from Atherton to Cairns to Fitzroy Island and return to Atherton. Aircraft is a 1957 Piper Tri Pacer PA22. Normally this flight over Cairns would be difficult due to traffic levels however COVID19 has opened up this opportunity and Cairns ATC was terrific!

Link: [Cairns Scenic Flight 2020 - YouTube](#)

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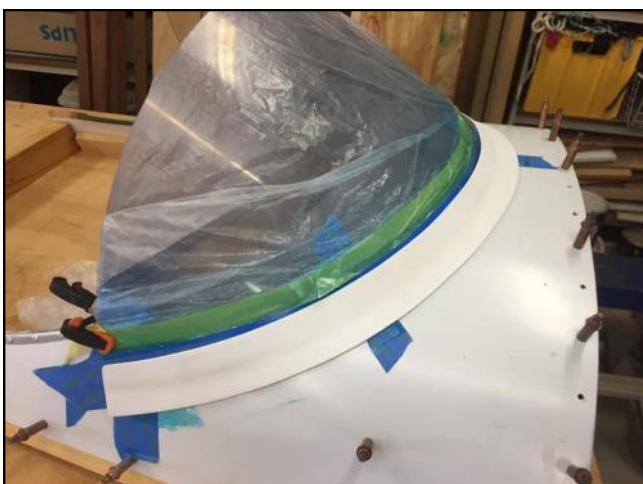
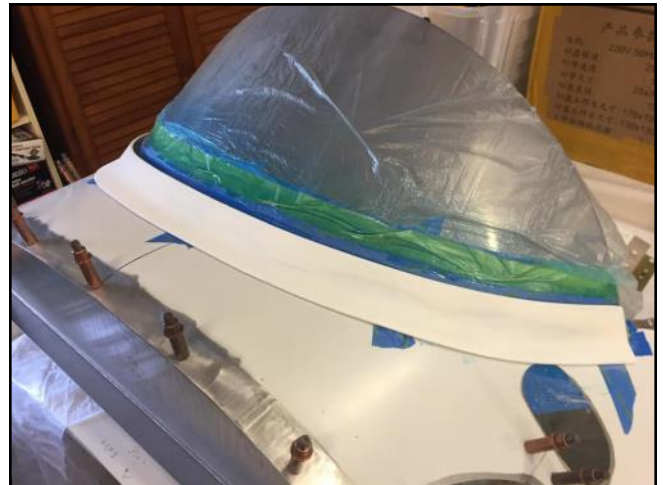
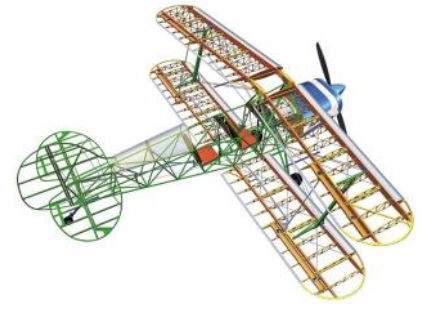
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BUILDERS CORNER - Extracts from Jon Collins' Skybolt Blog

December 6th - Brake system is now almost complete. Took a while to decide on the method and materials but I am happy with the result. Used high pressure NSR nylon brake tubing for flexibility and maintenance. Connected with SAE brass fittings.

Also learning how to use the HVLP spray gun! Undercoated the fuselage stringers (the ribs of the rear fuselage!) and undercoated the windscreen fibreglass then top coated the stringers. The spray gun is great to work with and gives an excellent result.

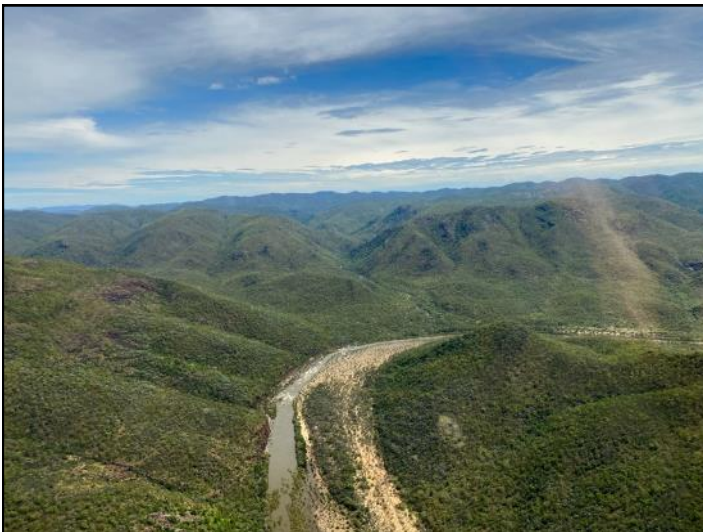


Out And About In The Far North - January 2021

When the weather clears enough to fly ...

From the lush green agricultural land east of Dimbulah to the now greener dry country about the Walsh River west of Dimbulah

Photos: Kevin Priestly



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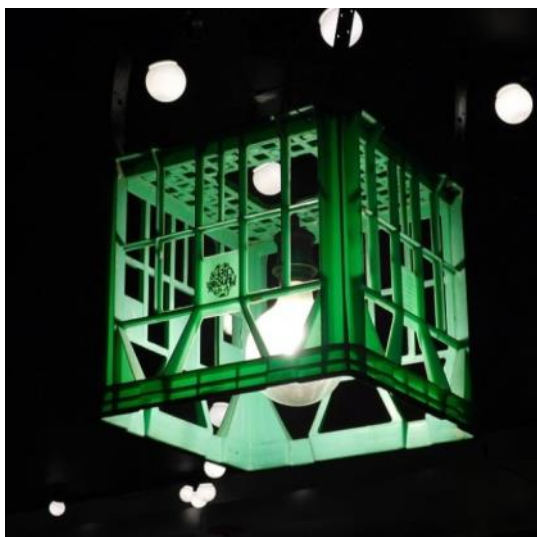
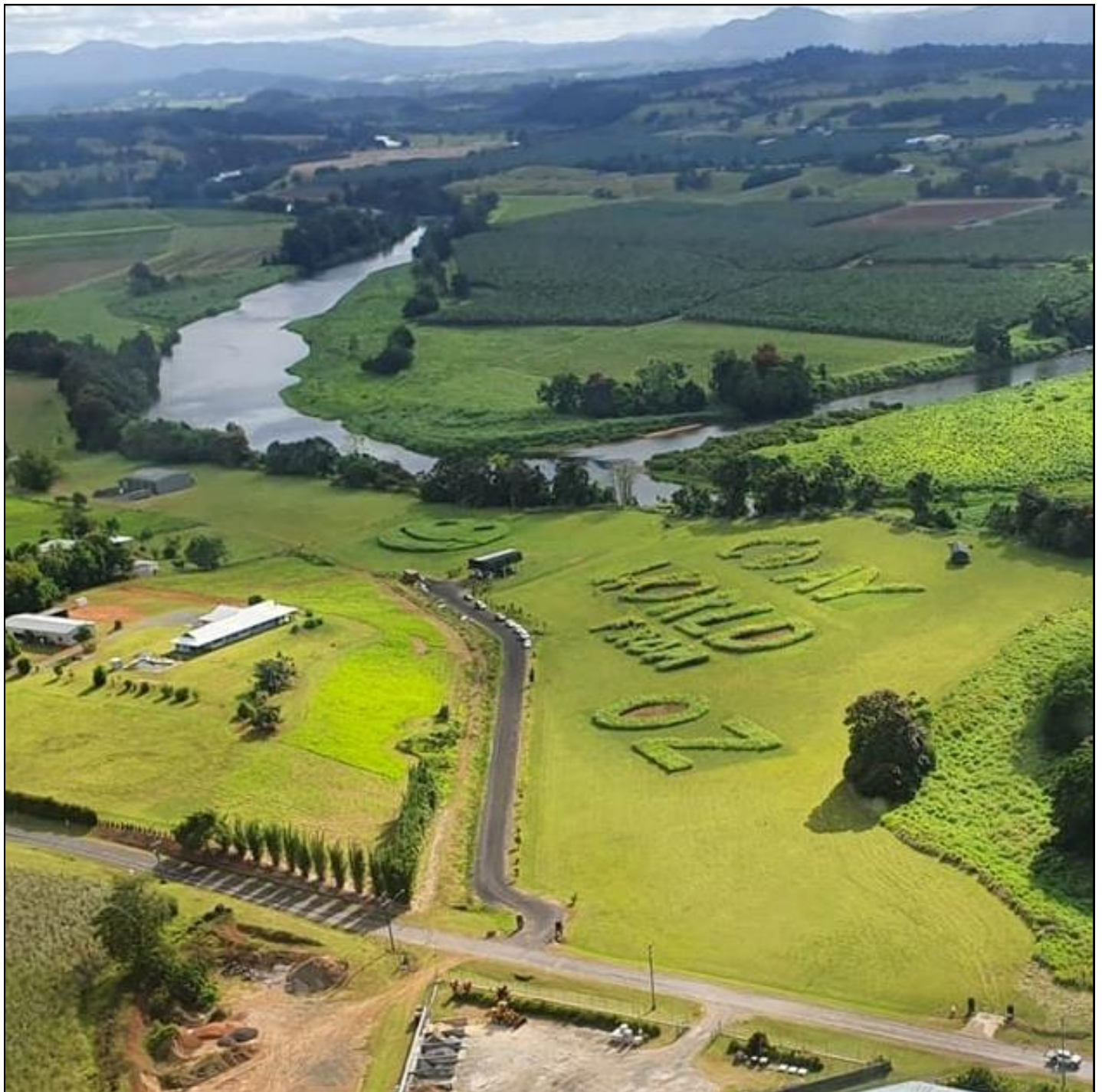


*Colours of the Tablelands
this arvo*

PHOTOS: Dave Graham



Out And About - A closer look at last years Sunflower Paddock



The Milk Crate Light.

An Exciting New Fashion Statement from Far North Queensland.

This little beauty comes with an authentic Mungali Creek Dairy logo, other brandings available on request.

(What a crate idea!)

Out And About In The Far North - Lake Tinaroo



January Late Afternoon Flight

PHOTO: Jane & Simon



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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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NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

OCTOBER SAFETY CHAT

This month we are looking at non-controlled aerodrome circuit procedures and the safest way to join in!

Marsheba is a very busy non-controlled aerodrome. It can get crowded at times with circuit traffic, local flights, commercial operations, IFR aircraft using the RNAV, ag ops and search and rescue traffic passing through the area!

A non-controlled aerodrome will have an active runway and an active side, the standard circuit is always a left hand circuit unless otherwise specified. If you look up Marsheba's entry in the ERSA you will see that on Runway 26 the circuit pattern is always to the right, so in Marsheba the active side of the runway will always be to the north regardless of which runway is in use.

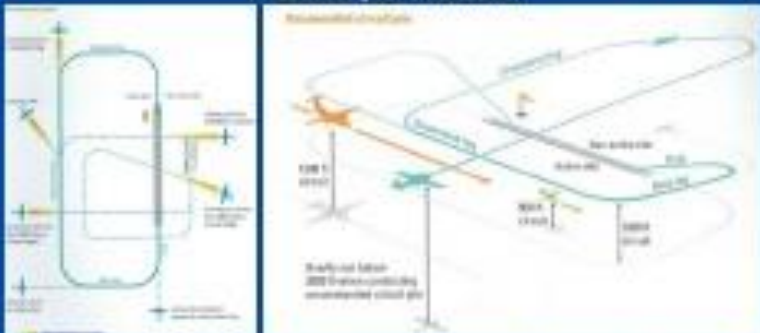


So, you are arriving at Marsheba to find it flat out. What's the best way to join the circuit, keep yourself clear of traffic and make sure you don't cut anyone off or become a safety hazard?

CASA has a number of different safety posters, handouts and publications that go into detail on the recommended way to join a busy circuit.

When arriving at an unfamiliar aerodrome or where the wind is unknown the the overfly technique is the recommended procedure. This means joining the circuit usually 2000ft above aerodrome height, allowing you to assess the situation and then descend on the non-active side to join the circuit crosswind (or midfield) when clear of traffic.

If you are arriving on the active side of the circuit you should arrive at circuit height and join a midfield downwind at approx 45°. You can also join the circuit onto base, this is not a standard procedure, you must first have determined wind speed, active runway, give way to other circuit traffic and broadcast your intentions.



The straight in approach, while popular is not a recommended standard procedure. You can make a straight in approach if you meet certain criteria; when it will not disrupt the flow of circuit traffic, you must give way to aircraft already established in the circuit, you should have determined the wind and runway in use, you must be established on final not less than 50m from the threshold, you must broadcast your intention to do a straight in approach.

Some other things to remember!

It is the pilots responsibility to use 'See and Avoid' techniques to maintain separation, you can read about this in CAAP 166-2(1). Remember do not descend into the active side of a circuit from above, make sure you are already at circuit height because of difficulties seeing and being seen by any aircraft directly below you. CAAP 166-01 is another handy resource with information about Operations in the vicinity of non-controlled aerodromes.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Randall Cannon who went first solo in INQ on the 5th of October! Great work Randall!



Congratulations to Ben Owen who went first solo in LIO on the 24th of October! Well done Ben!



A big congratulations to Nikeah Forde who got her Private Pilots Licence in LIO on the 29th of October! Great Work Nikeah!



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Einasleigh Township

15th January 2021

Photos: Nathan



First blue sky for weeks! So a nav to Einasleigh was called for. Look at the mighty Einasleigh river and all that green!

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FNQAM DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hi All. That pretty well wraps up 2020 and although it has been a challenging year for many we have still managed some progress at the museum.

Some highlights from 2020:

- The registration of 5130m2 Mareeba Shire Council leased land at Mareeba Airport*
- Aviation and aboriginal murals adjacent the existing memorials*
- DC3/C-47 Wing removal, relocation & securing funding for restoration works in 2021 - Copland Foundation*
- Concrete slab for storage area*
- Storage containers - Stronger Communities & Mt Emerald Wind Farm Community Grant*
- Storage area roof - Bendigo Mareeba and Dimbulah Community Grant*
- Access culvert - Queensland Government Gambling Grant*
- Volunteers grant - Tools & equipment*
- 12 months Internet access - Telstra Cairns Central*

2021

Next year sees the RAAF celebrate their 100th anniversary in March. There will be plenty of opportunity to get involved as we setup a restoration area and works on the DC3 will continue. Early in 2021 an infrastructure grant round will be open to assist with additional buildings.

We would like to thank you for our continued support and contributions and would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2021.

Some pictures of the past years activities on the following page:-

FNQAM DECEMBER NEWSLETTER—Continued

Storage area slab going in, a hive of activity at the airport & DC3 resting on a tail stand awaiting for a refurbished tailwheel -



DC3 / C-47 relocation works -



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Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622



Thank you all so much for your custom this year! Pinnarendi cafe is now closed until about Easter. The strip will still be serviceable but please call Ronnie before landing!

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—2020/2021 EVENTS

- Feb** Sun 21st **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Brendon Kent. Skills Transferrable from Heavy Metal. 1030 Atherton**
- Mar** Sun 21st **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Simon Perkins. Controlled Flight Into Terrain. 1030 Atherton**
- Apr** Sun 18th **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

To Be Advised



LINKS TO INTERESTING ARTICLES & VIDEOS:

https://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2020/air/ao-2020-020/

Collision with terrain involving Cessna 172, VH-CBB

[Reality Check: ForeFlight's Takeoff and Landing Performance - YouTube](#)

Take-off and Landing Performance



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/>

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Payments can be made by: <i>EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank</i>	
EFT Details: Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331706 (Ref - Your Name)	

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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