



**Newsletter No. 338**

**June 2023**

**AAC Members Meeting  
Club Future Directions  
Sun 16th July**

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.



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

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

Hi All and welcome to edition No 338. In this issue, links to other interesting aviation sources, happenings in our local area, 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 Jon Collins, Jack Doyle, 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 in conjunction with our regular monthly social get-together and BBQ Lunch on **Sunday the 16th of July 2023**. From **10:30am** to around midday at the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** facility.

Visitors are most welcome.





## ***OUT AND ABOUT IN THE FAR NORTH***

Sunday adventures. Breakfast at Pinnarendi then lunch and kayaking in Copperfield Gorge at Einasleigh. Nice to catch up with Ron and Nadine then Amanda and Tash. Great day trip!

*Jon Collins*



## ***STRAIGHT-IN APPROACHES - The Good and the Bad Aspects***

The rules applying to landing off a Straight In Approach vary from country to country.

Australia and the USA have similar circuit join procedures with some minor differences. However, the recommended procedure for conducting a straight in landing in Australia are quite specific, whereas the USA's procedures are a little less so.

Pilots in both countries do recognize that it is often safer and more practical for jet/heavier/faster traffic to land straight in rather than mix it with slower circuit pattern traffic. An aircraft on a straight-in instrument approach from ten miles is easier to visually acquire and their track is more predictable to other traffic. More time is available to communicate and if necessary arrange the appropriate separation. Every body happy (If only it was that simple!).

A degree of goodwill and a willingness to "fit in" on the part of traffic already operating in the circuit pattern is necessary to accommodate everyone's needs.

The following AVweb article provides an interesting overview of the subject:

### ***Pattern Wars: Part Deux***

*Paul Bertorelli, AVweb 9th July 2023*

*Sigh. They're back. The modern resurrection of the pattern wars. As an inveterate FAA jailhouse lawyer, I already know the arguments.*

*"Discouraged doesn't mean prohibited."*

*"Advisory circulars aren't regulatory, that's why they're called advisory."*

*"The FAA has no clue what's really going on in traffic patterns."*

*And so on and on and on.*

*Continued on the following link: [Pattern Wars: Part Deux - AVweb](#)*





**NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Well Mother Nature showed her poker hand today, so the "Poker Run" fly in has been postponed. Participants waited it out for a while this morning however it was decided, for safety reasons, to postpone the comp to a future date TBA. A big thanks to John Martin for organizing the event. That's 2 out of 2 fly-ins weather effected this year, let's hope this isn't a trend!



**Sunday June 25th 2023**

**On a better day**

Winner!!!



**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](mailto:jack@nqaeroclub.com.au)



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

Photos of yesterdays **Chillagoe Fly In** (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June). The crew went to the Tom Prior Ford collection, a town tour, cave tour, balancing rock and a marble slab site. A thank you to Colin and Wendy from [Chillagoe.com](http://Chillagoe.com) and also to Team Doyle (Jack and Mellory) for organizing such a great day.



*Departing Mareebs*



*Mt Emerald Wind Farm*



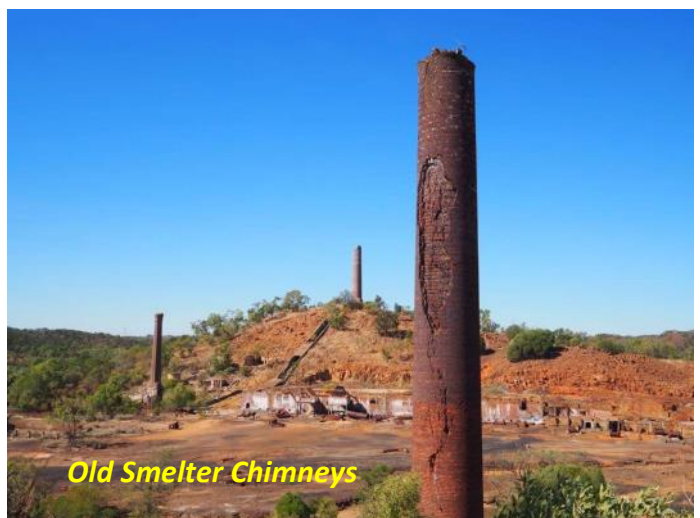
*Along the Walsh River*



*Blue skies at Chillagoe*



*Chillagoe line up*

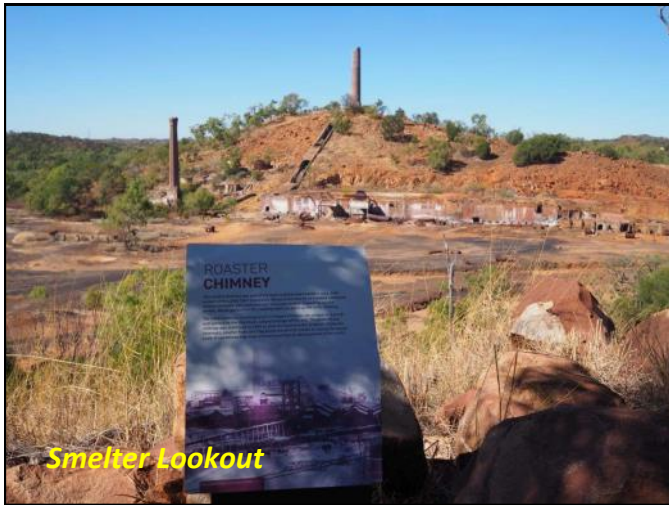


*Old Smelter Chimneys*



# NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

More from the **Chillagoe Fly In.**



*Smelter Lookout*



*A Helping Hand*



*Chillagoe Balancing Rock*



*Country En-route*



*Marble Mining*



*Old Vehicle Collection*





## ***INTERESTING AVIATION LINKS:***

### [Wing Threads | Perth WA | Facebook](#)

Join Amelia (Milly) Formby on her Microlite flight around Australia visiting schools along the way to promote stewardship of wetlands ecosystems.



*Unfortunately adverse weather conditions meant that Milly had to drive from Townsville to Atherton to fulfill school visit commitments in the Cairns - Tableland area. Milly will resume her around Australia flight from Donnington Air Park.*

*LATE NEWS - The weather did eventually clear and Milly did fly in to Atherton for an overnight and maintenance check before continuing on to Georgetown.*

### [Getting Blown Away - AVweb](#)

Wind events resulting from unusual weather patterns demand our attention, if for no other reason than they're likely to become more frequent.

*(When there is a strong crosswind, note the orientation of obstructions that may create extra drama near your planned touch-down zone. You might be able to mentally visualize the rollers and waves from wind tumbling over the trees and hangars. Your mental images can help you adjust your aiming point to avoid the encounter by landing short or long. Either way, be ready for a go-around—e.g. Atherton Rwy 15 with an easterly).*

### [From the archives: Richard Collins on general aviation safety : Air Facts Journal](#)

This article, from the September 1963 issue of Air Facts, Air Facts Founder, Richard Collins, answers the question we are still debating 60 years later – how safe is general aviation flying? The question is: “How safe is the pilot who runs the flying machine?” and that’s up to him.



# 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.

## GET INVOLVED TODAY!

PRESERVE | INSPIRE | EDUCATE | RESTORE



### DONATE

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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.



### RESTORE

Help our restoration team every Thursday or Saturday.



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### SHARE

Spread the word on Facebook, Instagram and join our newsletter.

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### FNQ Aviation Museum (Posted 08 June 2023)

The newly made and installed Mareeba Airport sign acknowledging its importance and 1st Parachute Battalion historical marker is back up and looking great!

Thanks to the Mareeba Shire Council team for making this superb restoration based on the original damaged signs. The new sign is located adjacent to the rail trail just off the Kennedy Highway on Vicary Road.

The recently acquired Cessna C150 will eventually be set up as an aircraft discovery feature for the younger visitors.



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introduce you to the joys and fun of gliding.

It includes an introductory GFA membership and approximately 20 minutes  
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: a beach scene, a group of people on a rocky shore, two young girls, a family of five, a group of four women, and a family of four. The logo for Azure Photography is in the top left, and the AIPP Accredited Professional Photographer logo is in the bottom right. At the bottom, it says "Affordable &amp; fun family portraits &amp; wedding photography by award winning professional local photographer" and provides the website "www.azurephotography.com.au" and phone number "0418 963 796".





# AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

## Atherton Aero Club 2023 Events

**July** Sunday 16th—**AAC Meeting & BBQ Lunch**—1030 Atherton

### Other 2023 Events

**July** Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd—**Donnington Events**—See Posters

**Aug** Sunday 6th—**NQAC Hands-off Circuit Comp**—YMBA 9am



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## TROJAN WARBIRD ADVENTURE FLIGHTS

**Saturday & Sunday  
22-23 July,  
8 am—5 pm**

**3467 Flinders Highway  
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### **Booking details:**

20-minute flight—\$700  
30-minute flight—\$900  
60-minute flight—\$1600


### **Contact:**

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- **Market stalls/ vehicle displays**

**Facebook: Operation Trojan Skies**  
**Contact: Christian Smith 0418 636727**





**GIDGEE GANG  
CAMP-OVEN  
DINNER  
& BREAKFAST**

Dinner: Saturday  
22nd July from 6-30 pm

Breakfast: Sunday  
23rd July from 7-30 am

3467 Flinders Highway  
Woodstock






**Dinner: cost \$30.00 pp**  
**Entrée**—Creamy Pumpkin Soup with paprika and cayenne pepper and fresh-cooked damper.  
**Mains**—choice of Hickory Smoke & Bourbon Beef Stew or Mulligan Curry Chicken, both served with rice.  
**Dessert**—choice of Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum cloth pudding, Sticky Date and Pecan self-saucing pudding or Apple Crumble, all served with custard.  
**Breakfast: cost \$15.00 pp**  
 Savoury mince and toasted damper.

**Meals must be booked and pre-paid before COB 19th July.**  
**Bank: Bendigo Bank**  
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**Account: 189863707**  
**Name: Donnington Airpark**  
 Use your surname and code to specify numbers (e.g Smith 2D 2B = 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts)

**SOCIAL FLY-IN WEEKEND**

**Saturday & Sunday 22-23 July, 8 am—5 pm**

- FREE public entry—NO landing fees on the day
  - Hot food and coffee van—undercover seating and tables
    - Market stalls/ vehicle displays/bush poetry
- T-28 Trojan Warbird Adventure Flights  
 Gidgee Gang Camp-Oven Dinner and Breakfast  
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Contact: Christian Smith 0418 636727

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*A Weekend Of Events*  
*At Donnington Air Park YDOP*  
*Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd of July*





# Northern Flyers

**Donnington Airpark (YDOP)**



**Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)**



**Atherton Aero Club (YATN)**





# Atherton Microlights

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



*(CHECK ERSA & NOTAMS FOR CHANGES)*

Atherton YATN  
Elevation 2460 feet

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

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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](mailto: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.

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