

Newsletter No. 311 – June 2020



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.



Innisfail pilot Lloyd English enjoys the Far North Queensland skies in his RV7 and Long-EZ



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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All,

Welcome to edition No 311. In this issue - Getting back into the air as travel restrictions ease, despite the rather indifferent far-north weather of late. Photos and articles from various sources, hope you enjoy the read.

A thank you to Lloyd, Dave, Kevin 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 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 News-letters.



Due to the Corona Virus epidemic all **AAC Club Meetings & Functions** are cancelled until further notice. **The AAC AGM has been postponed until June** when the situation will be reviewed. **Please monitor the AAC Facebook Page for updates.**



Out And About In The Far North

One Sunday in May. Finally a flight to Pinnarendi for a fabulous breakfast, thanks to Ron and Nadine for a special opening for the 10 of us. So dam cold we even had light hail before we took off from Atherton early this morning. Dave G.



Out And About In The Far North

Another day in May



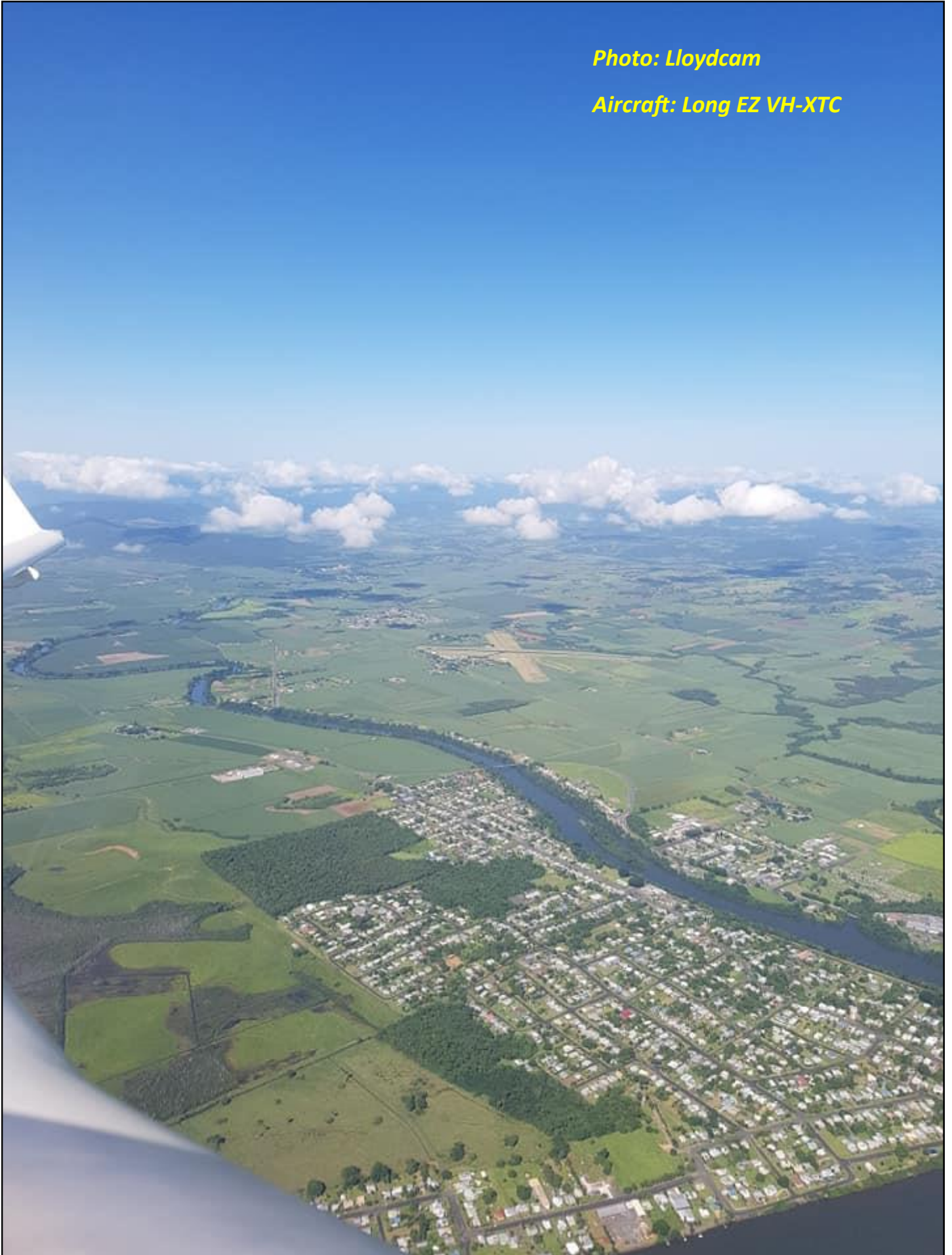
I really enjoy showing friends Mt Mulligan from the air. It is an amazing landscape and rich in stories. Then there is the newest feature on the landscape, the wind farm at Mt Emerald. *Kevin.*



Innisfail Town and Airfield

Photo: Lloydcam

Aircraft: Long EZ VH-XTC



North-East of Mt Bartle Frere. Upstream from The Boulders



Photo: Lloydcam

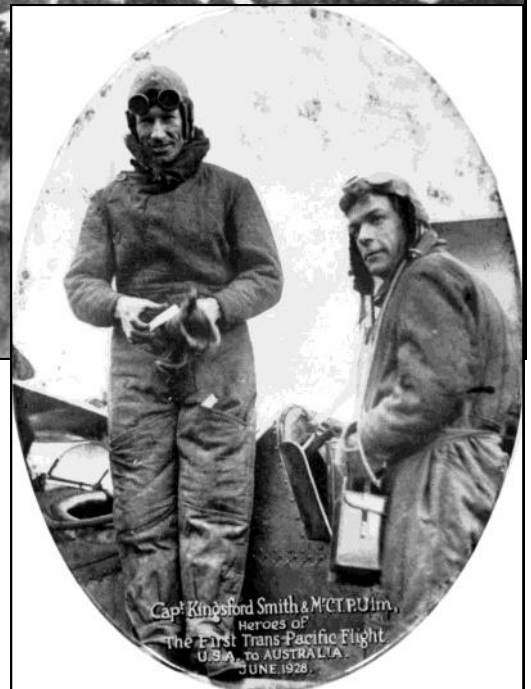
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A PIECE AUSTRALIAN AVIATION HISTORY

Ninety Two years ago, on the 9th of June 1928, Charles Kingsford Smith and his crew landed the Southern Cross at Eagle Farm Airport, Brisbane following their epic flight across the Pacific from Oakland, California.



The flight was in three stages. The first, from Oakland to Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, was 3,870 kilometres (2,400 mi), taking an uneventful 27 hours 25 minutes (87.54 mph). They took off from Barking Sands on Mana, Kauai, since the runway at Wheeler was not long enough. They headed for Suva, Fiji, 5,077 kilometres (3,155 mi) away, taking 34 hours 30 minutes (91.45 mph). This was the most demanding portion of the journey, as they flew through a massive lightning storm near the equator. The third leg was the shortest, 2,709 kilometres (1,683 mi) in 20 hours (84.15 mph), and crossed the Australian coastline near Ballina before turning north to fly 170 kilometres (110 mi) to Brisbane, where they landed at 10.50 am. The total flight distance was approximately 11,566 kilometres (7,187 mi).





Enrolments are now open for our 2020 online course dates

Due to the evolving situation with respect to coronavirus (COVID-19) we made the difficult decision to suspend future face-to-face classroom enrolments for our [Introduction to Meteorology](#) course until further notice.

Instead, we have been busy configuring our virtual classroom environment to provide you with a high-quality digital learning experience at a discounted rate.

We are happy to announce that enrolments are now open for our 2020 online course dates.

How to enrol

Click on your preferred course date

2-3 June (2 full days)

7-10 July (4 half days)

Refer to the [enrolment guide](#) for assistance.

Pricing

Discounted online courses:
\$555 (including GST)

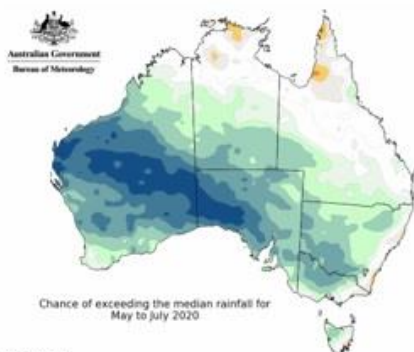
Tailored online course content and group bookings can be made available.

About our weather course

Introduction to Meteorology (I2M) is a weather course delivered by professional meteorologists from the Bureau of Meteorology. This specialised introductory course will arm you with the practical weather knowledge you need to make critical decisions and manage risk.

The course content is relevant to government and private organisations, as well as individuals with an interest in the science of meteorology.

The course size is limited to ensure a personalised experience. No prior experience required.



Model run: 21/06/2020
Issued: 30/06/2020

What will I learn?

- Basic principles of atmospheric science and weather forecasting
- Major systems which influence the weather
- The broad range of weather and warning services delivered by the Bureau of Meteorology, and how you can use these to make better, more informed decisions

Download our [course overview](#) for more information.

Who do I contact?

For more information or to enquire about our group bookings, contact the Course Manager via email i2m@bom.gov.au

https://bmtc.moodle.com.au/course/view.php?id=130&utm_source=seasonal-streamflow-forecast&utm_medium=email

Important Coronavirus (Covid-19) News from Pipistrel

The world is a different place today than it was last month, and the month before that. Pipistrel is operating at around 85% production in both Slovenia and Italy and we are very fortunate to have a young team in engineering and production, who so far have managed to dodge illness created from Covid-19. Some parts of the world, however, are not as fortunate and remain on full lockdown.

The team at Pipistrel understands that ongoing aviation education and safety relies on continuous training and learning. Even when most countries are on extended lockdown there are still opportunities to further your knowledge base and gain additional skills as a pilot.

Pipistrel has some fantastic resources available online which include many courses that not only feature Pipistrel aircraft but will also guide you through understanding Rotax engines and other equipment which is used in the Pipistrel fleet.

Normally these online courses are supplied at a cost. Individual courses are €147.30 for 14-days access or €247.30 for a permanent subscription.

Pipistrel has decided to provide FREE, open access to all training courses during the current period of world-wide enforced isolation.

All Pipistrel Academy Computer Based Training Courses are available free-of-charge to anybody, for the next three months. Courses can be accessed from anywhere in the world, with your computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Pipistrel hopes this opportunity will also motivate non-flying pilots as well as student pilots and flight instructors to stay connected to their passion and learn more every day.

Anybody, whether a student pilot, pilot, flight instructor or aviation enthusiast, flying clubs, flight schools, even high school students can apply and join the online course, free-of-charge for a period of 3 months, **ending June 2020.**

Courses which are available, completely free of charge, from today include

- Pipistrel ALPHA Electro, the only certified electric training aircraft in serial production anywhere in the world
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To register and begin learning about Pipistrel aircraft and flying in general please register for your online course at

<https://www.pipistrel-online.com/>

Click "Create new account", follow the registration instructions and select the online course you are interested in by using the Enrollment key: FlyPipistrel

The information below is from the RAA and the link is:

<https://gofly.online/raaus-members-only/>

Free online training for RAAus members, plus flight review, renewal and medical certificate extensions 16 April 2020

RAAus is excited to announce an important training initiative in conjunction with GoFly Online. This initiative grants financial RAAus members access to a suite of educational and entertainment resources enabling them to keep up to date with training videos, a virtual cockpit experience, and to review individual flight lessons. For current students, this allows them to progress their understanding of core flight lessons with both the underpinning knowledge as well as the virtual flight experience. It's a customised online flight lesson! For qualified pilots, these lessons also offer an opportunity to review the basics and refresh those lessons from earlier training. Subscribers also have access to a range of aviation flight training resources and the ability to access the **GoFly Online Q&A classroom**.



Financial RAAus members will have **free direct access to**:

- The **Taking Flight** series: an aspirational series about learning to fly and operating a flight school. This is great for potential students and anyone wanting to understand more about learning to fly
- The **GoFly Fix**: Fast tips for becoming a better pilot.
- **Pilot Interviews** - Interviews with pilots for career advice and to help students become a better pilot.
- **Controlled Airspace** endorsement briefing. Preparation for future access privileges as an RAAus pilot.
- **Flight Blogs** on topics of interest to pilots
- **The first 3** RAAus syllabus flight briefings and lessons to get you on your flight training journey.
- **Current and future** joint RAAus and GoFly Online training content.



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

ALL SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE STILL POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MAY 2020



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB



CLUB UPGRADES

We have stairs and a walkway on the second story above the offices. Standby for the next stage of this exciting upgrade!



COVID-19 AND PRIVATE HIRE

Covid-19 restrictions in Queensland are easing on the 1st of June 2020. This opens up private hire and training to more of our members.

The weather at the moment is fantastic with clear cool air, minimal bumps and only the occasional cloud. It's the perfect time to head back to the club, get yourself current and explore QLD.

Queenslanders are now able to engage in unlimited travel and overnight stays within Queensland, EXCLUDING bio-security areas. Many of those bio-security areas are in the Far North so when flight planning please make sure you make yourself aware of the restrictions.

It's easy to socially distance at 4500ft so give us a call and book yourself and aircraft today!

The details of the QLD Health Directives can be found at the below address and we encourage our students and members to make yourself familiar with this before undertaking any outings or activities: <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>

FROM THE AIR IN MAY 2020



Stunning coastal views tracking from Innisfail to Cairns. The weather is perfect!



Where Are We Wednesdays kicked off on Facebook, get in on the action next week!



Some amazing looking clouds in the Mareeba Area led to hail to the the West and South of the airport for some local members we even saw sleet in the circuit area!

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MISSING CAIRNS?

Learn to fly in Cairns? Missing the big runway? Perhaps some circuits? Want some CTA Practice? A reef scenic?



Cairns is quiet at the moment and there is the opportunity to go to relive your training days! We have been doing some circuits on Runway 15 recently there is a little bit of traffic but it is great experience. Or you can do a reef scenic via CTA without worrying about the traffic, just give Cairns Approach a call before you go.

If anyone needs a CTA refresher all you need to do is book in a quick trip with a friendly instructor in your favourite plane.

INCREDIBLE WEATHER!

Finally after a wet start to the month we are seeing some incredible weather. Clear blue skies, light winds and minimal thermal activities. We still have aircraft available for private hire so lets make the most of it while it lasts!



NEW STUDENTS



We have had quite a few new students join us this month,

They come from all over the country local and afar and they are at all different stages of their training.

If you see someone new around make sure you say HI!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Ethan Culliton who completed his first solo on the 13th of May in CRM!

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Thanks to the Queensland Government Air boys this afternoon who showed us around the Augusta 139. *Saturday 13th June.*



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FNQ Aviation Museum

Check out the incredible art work we facilitated for the Mareeba Airport. The works were completed by Tom Cosic & Ann-Marie Keating from the Murluridji Aboriginal group.

The mural painted by Ann-Marie tells the story of how different migratory birds brought with them a change between the wet and the dry season.

Tom Cosic's mural depicts two WWII planes, an American B17 Bomber and an Australian built Boomerang fighter which were both stationed at the Mareeba Airport in 1943.

The project was funded by Mareeba Shire Council through the Queensland Government's Regional Arts Development Fund. *Ross Bensted, Mareeba Shire Council*



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IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN, FORMER ROTARIAN OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN AVIATION AND WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ROTARIANS YOU ARE ELIGABLE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF - *IFFR* (INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIANS)

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***EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED
DUE TO GOVERNMENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS***

Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page

For the Latest News

Atherton Aero Club—2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

None due to current government travel restrictions.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- July*** *Sat 4th & Sun 5th, Brisbane Valley Airshow, Watts Bridge?*
- Aug*** *Fri 14th—Sun 16th, QANTAS Centenary Fly-In, Longreach?*
- Sept*** *Sat 12th & Sun 13th, Burdekin Airport Centenary Fly-In?*
- Sept*** *Sat 26th, Innisfail Aero Club Open Day?*



LINKS TO INTERESTING ARTICLES & VIDEOS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roQOcqAIY5M>

The Bristol Freighter in New Zealand

https://www.aopa.org/-/media/Files/AOPA/Home/News/coronavirus-resources/2020_Return-to-Flight-v4.pdf

Return To Flight Proficiency Plan Post COVID-19

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQrznNkmUzs&spfreload=10>

Collision Avoidance: See, Sense, Separate

<https://www.avweb.com/flight-safety/accidents-ntsb/accident-probe-professionalism/>

Accident Probe. Professionalism

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6so1Hrqq_w&feature=youtu.be

FNQ Aviation Museum. 2020 Concept Walkthrough Of Museum

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NQAC Air Race Line-up

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) laurie19@gmail.com

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Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

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Returning Member



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Full name		Date of Birth	
Street address		State	Postcode
Postal address		State	Postcode
Email address		Occupation	
Telephone	ah	(h)	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> Connie Graham PO Box 227 ATHERTON QLD 4883	or email to: connleg@ncc.com.au
Payments can be made by: EFT, Cheque cash, or at the Bendigo Bank	
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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