

Newsletter No. 313 – August 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.



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

EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All,

Welcome to edition No 313. In this issue - The good flying weather continues with local flyers taking full advantage. Photos and articles from various sources, hope you enjoy the read.

A thank you to John Martin, Stacey Gordon, Lloyd English, Jon Collins, Christian Smith 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 our regular third Sunday of the month get together and **BBQ Lunch** on **Sunday the 20th September**.

Starting around **10:30am** (Allowing time for an early morning fly) at the AAC **Atherton Aerodrome** storage facility. **Visitors are most welcome.**



The Atherton Aero Clubs Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday the 16th of August. The sitting office-holders were re-elected un-opposed. Thank you members for the great turn out. President Simon's annual report can be read below.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 16-08-2020

THANKS TO ALL

Firstly thanks to the other members of the committee on behalf of myself and the club for the quiet, consistent work that you have carried out in keeping the club with the blue side up and in the black. To our members, thank you for your support and interaction. The club's sole reason for existence is to support recreational flying and our members, so thank you one and all.

REVIEW SINCE THE LAST AGM

This past year has been anything but normal due to the impact of COVID-19. As you know, this AGM is being held late and is only the 2nd meeting this calendar year. Hopefully if we can maintain social distancing and follow the guidelines, we will be able to continue with our meetings and club activities.

- * The NQAC hired our club house (store room) for a period of time last year while Mareeba aerodrome was unsuitable for them and we thank them for that.
- * The CASA safety seminar in September last year was a great success and Kirstie Winter did a great presentation
- * The Christmas party was a great success at the Atherton International Club and a good time was had by all. Jane destroying my microlight the next morning was not such a great follow up, but don't worry, I'm not the least bit grumpy.
- * Bill Gronbeck did a great presentation on performance and differences between GA certified aircraft and RAA aircraft such as the LSA class of aircraft with respect to performance, take-off and landing charts, etc. The club is very lucky to have Bill as a very active member, looking after the newsletter quietly sharing his huge experience and wealth of knowledge from ultra-lights through GA to heavy metal as well, so thank you very much Bill.
- * Our members have flown far and wide with Dave and Connie doing their frequent trips from north to south across the state as well as members flying across to Karumba. John and Kelly had a long trip south to Sydney in their tri-pacer. Jane and I bought our shiny new Foxbat back from Albury a month ago, narrowly missing the border closure. We have had multiple members fly out to Pinnarendi for breakfast, lunch and overnight stays and Nadine and Ron always look after our members.
- * CASA have sponsored the aero club to run a series of 5 safety presentations ourselves with the first of these being by Bill today on Radio Procedures at Non-Controlled aerodromes.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT (Continued)

UPCOMING EVENTS

* CASA (Rob Winter) will be running a safety seminar on Weather in conjunction with our BBQ on the 18th of October.

* Dr John Martin will present the second of the CASA sponsored safety presentations in conjunction with the November BBQ. John will present on Human factors.

* Brendon Kent Airbus 787 driver, truck driver and culvert builder will present the third of the CASA sponsored safety presentation in conjunction with our January BBQ. Brendon will present on transferable skill from heavy metal.

* I will present the 4th CASA sponsored safety presentation on CFIT Controlled Flight Into Terrain on conjunction with our February BBQ .

* The closing CASA sponsored safety presentation will be held in conjunction with our March BBQ and will be a discussion regarding events that we have learned from. The meeting will be held using the Chatham House Rule. The Chatham House Rule is that "a meeting or part thereof is held under Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor affiliation of the speaker(s) nor that of any participant may be revealed". So don't be afraid to fess up, it might just save someone's life.

MOVING FORWARD

Moving forward it is planned to continue to work to complete the club house (storage facility) and the club will continue to seek grants to do so as well as saving to fund the work. We will also maintain our BBQ's and meetings and will also look at having club fly-aways as well as continuing with our safety focus.

Simon Perkins

Atherton Aero Club President.



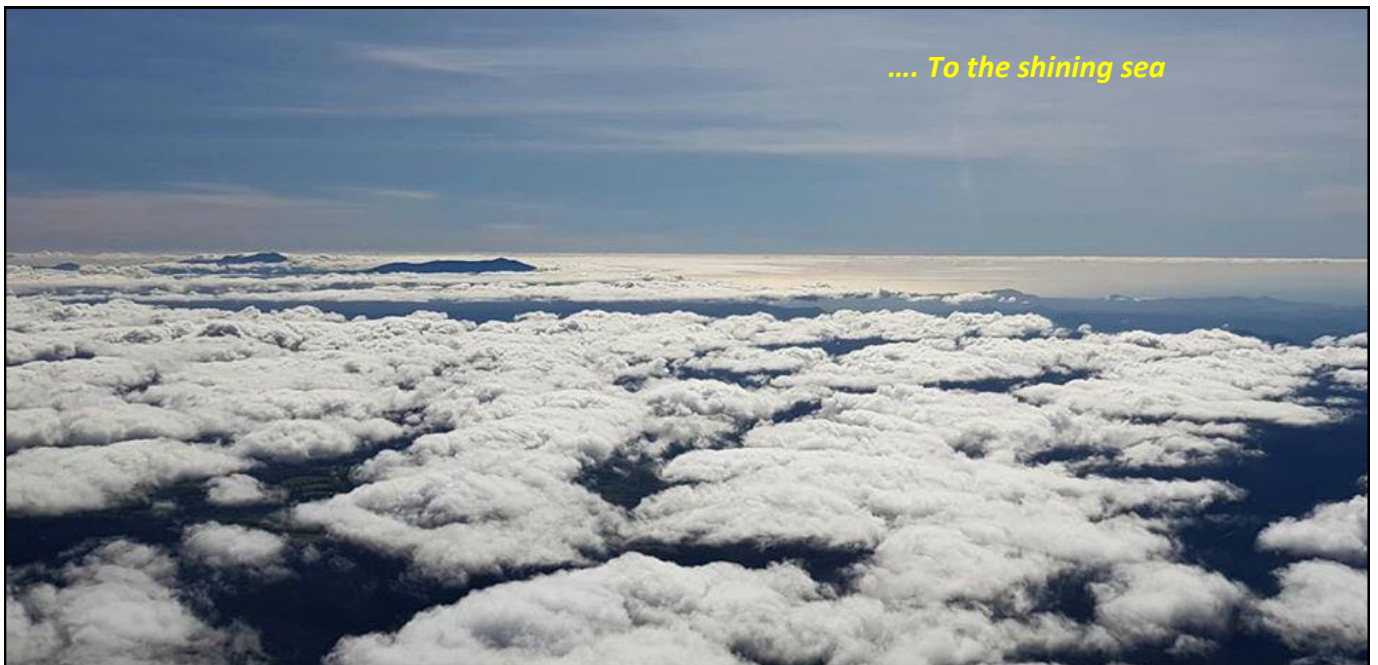
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Steve & Stacey's day out



From the picturesque hills

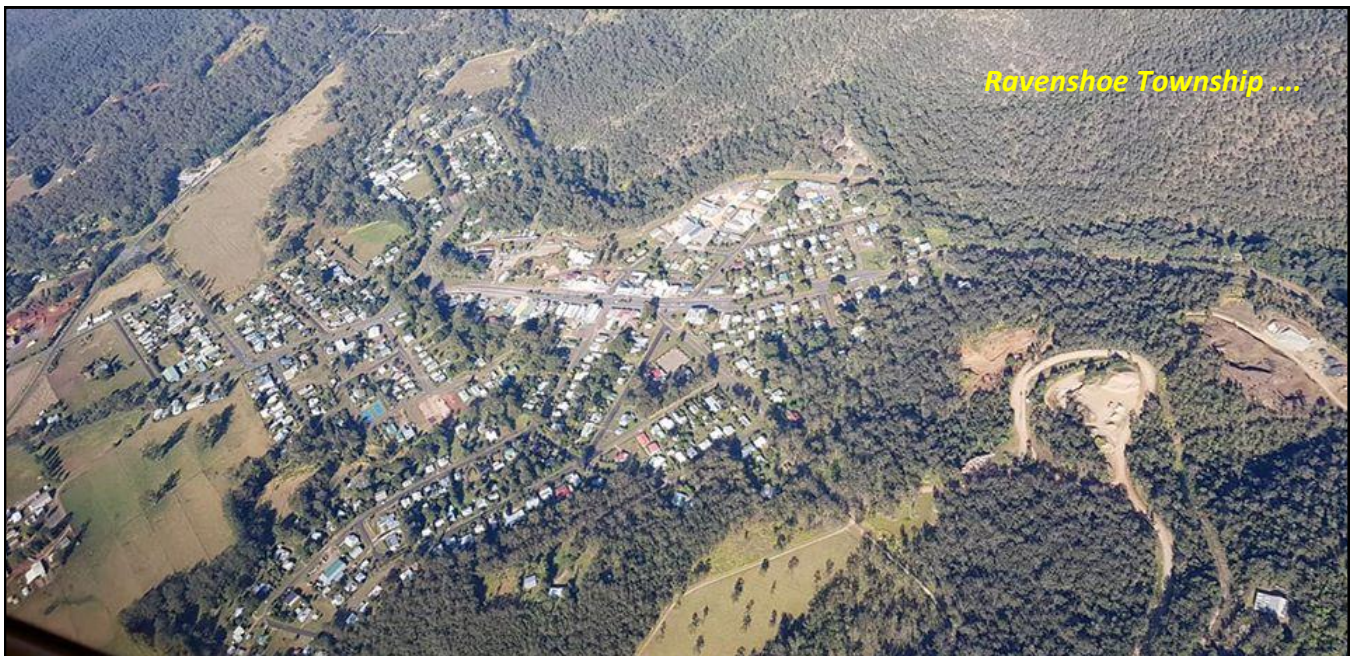


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Out And About In The Far North - Photos: Staceycam



Tully Gorge & Koombooloomba Dam



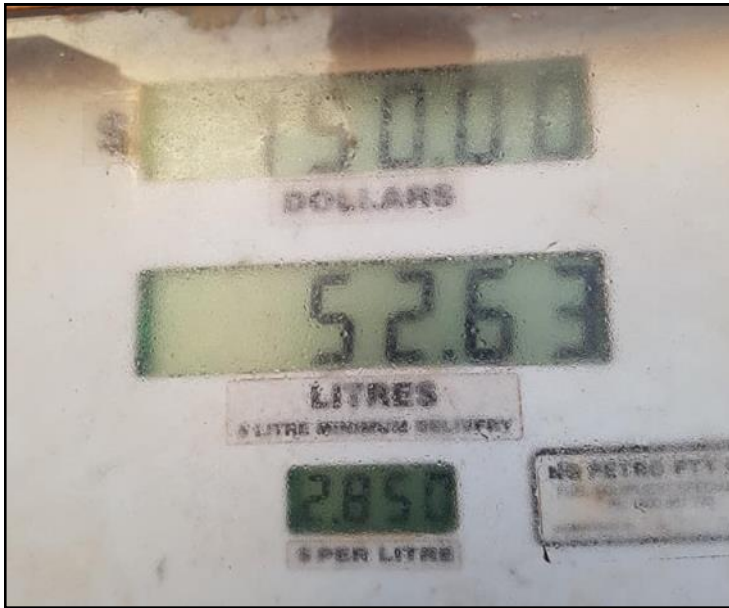
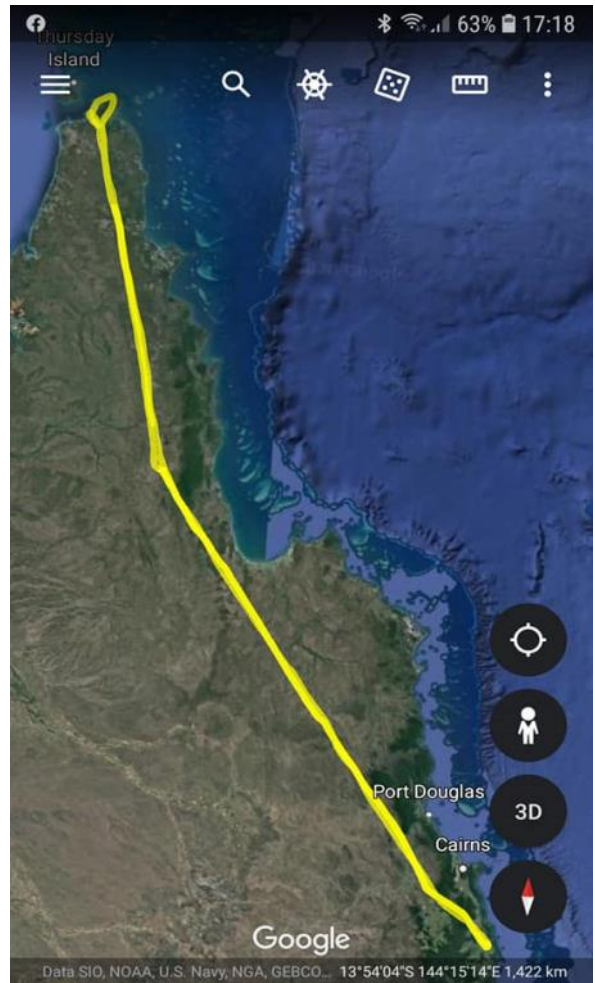
Ravenshoe Township



.... And back to the Tableland

Out And About In The Far North - Bamaga Weekend 1

A trip from YIFL to Bamaga and return on the third weekend of August with Glenn & Lloyd. Bamaga, \$150 doesn't get you much fuel up there! COEN IS THE BETTER OPTION! Tim Freebody was our tour guide to the tip, highly recommended, look him up if you are heading up that way.



Bamaga Weekend 2

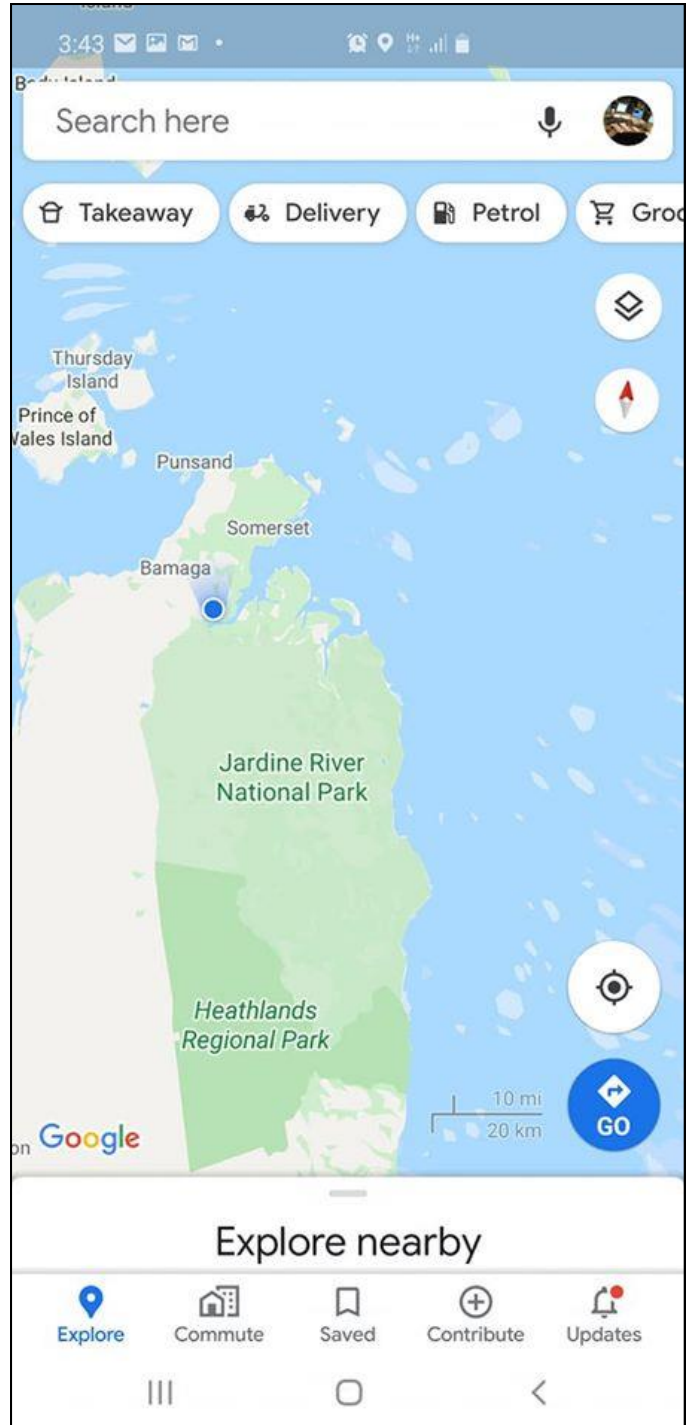


Sunset fun and games at Bamaga



Refuelling at Coen and Bamaga

Bamaga Weekend 3

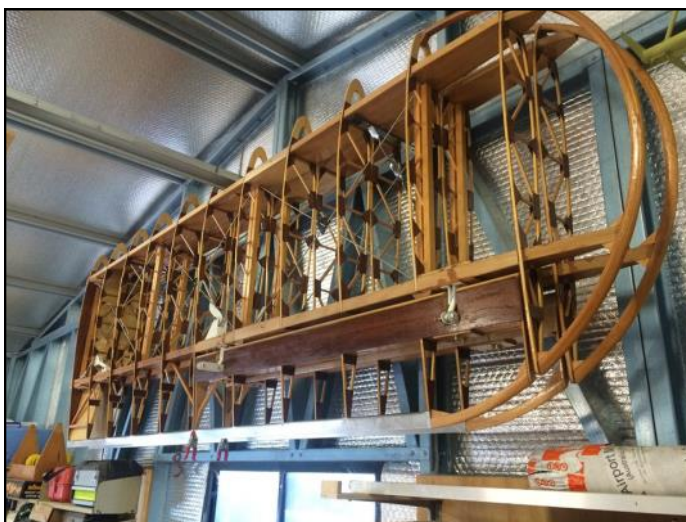
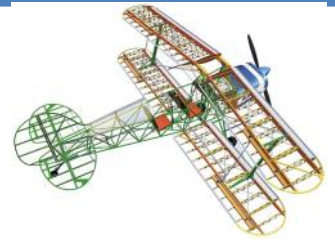


Atherton Microlights

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

BUILDERS CORNER - Extracts from Jon Collins' Skybolt Blog 1

July 28th - Welcome to my Steen Skybolt build page. This is a two-seat aerobatic biplane being built from plans. It will be powered by a 200HP Lycoming aircraft engine. I have been building this plane since late 2014.



BUILDERS CORNER - Extracts from Jon Collins' Skybolt Blog 2

August 1st - Recent activity on the build included making the ply/foam headrests (ready to be upholstered) and bending and riveting some aluminium tube to give more rigidity to the cockpit surround edging.



The (eventual) finished product

Donnington Airpark (YDOP)

50th Anniversary Event, September 5th & 6th, 2020

Saturday -

0900 onwards - **Fly-in** and socialising for day and camping visitors

1500 (approx) - **Re-enactment of first aeroplane flight** for 2 schoolboys in 1970 with original participants Ray Belbin and John Noscov.

1730 - 1900 - **BBQ dinner** (RSVP's appreciated to indicate numbers)

1930 - **Movies under the stars** "Those Magnificent Men"

Sunday -

0730 - **BBQ breakfast** (RSVP's appreciated to indicate numbers)

0900 - **Military re-enactors** arrival

0930 - **Veteran & Vintage Car Club** arrivals

1000 - **Military & Historic Vehicle Club** arrivals

1030 - **Re-enactment of first official landing** at Donnington Airpark with Doris Smith (co-founder) and Erica Smith (daughter). Cutting of cake, smoko to follow.

We hope to have some classic cars on hand both days. There will also be photo opportunities with Bruce McGregor Photography, mixing vehicles and re-enactors with aircraft, just for "something completely different"! **Food, drinks and tea and coffee available** from lunch-time Saturday until smoko Sunday. Free camping, toilet and (sorry, it's cold!) shower for those wishing to stay overnight.

Please observe social distancing and COVID-19 protocols.

Contact Christian Smith 0418 636 727 or donningtonsmythe1@gmail.com

for further information.



Out And About In The Far North

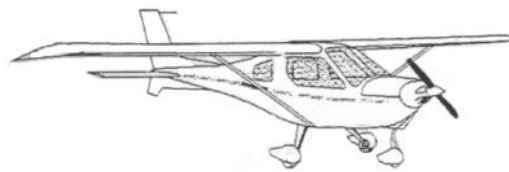


Donnington Airpark is available for a range of aviation activities, including GA and RA-Aus aircraft, gyrocopters, trikes, motorised gliders, para-motors (foot-launched), GA and RA-Aus flight training, drone training and R/C model aircraft (these last two on the inactive strip only).

There is also opportunity for star-gazing and night-sky photography (by arrangement). Enquiries to Christian Smith 0418 636727 or donningtonsmythe1@gmail.com to discuss further.



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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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Aircraft For Sale In The Far North



Aircraft For Sale

Morgan Cheetah

Contact owner Graham Snell 0412 984 940 or 4788 8023

Currently hangared at Donnington Airpark (YDOP)

Ongoing hangarage available if required.



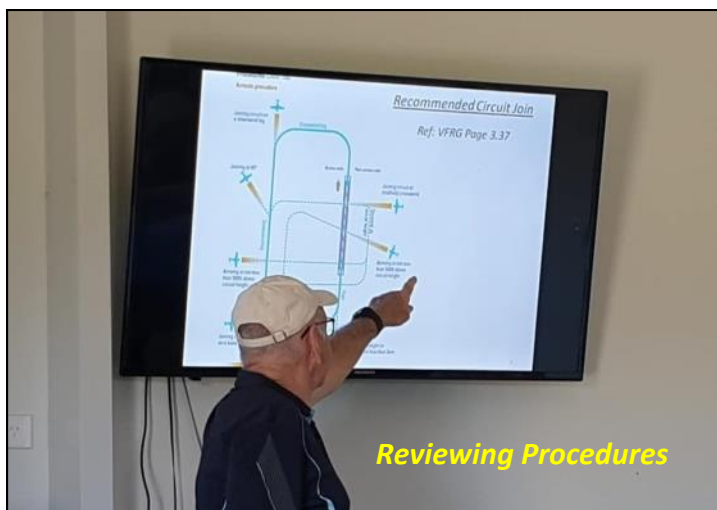
Atherton Aero Club - CASA Community Safety Program



A great turnout of members for the safety seminar "Radio Procedures At Non-Controlled Aerodromes".

This, the first in a series of club run CASA sponsored seminars, was held Mid-August at the Clubs Atherton Aerodrome Facility.

See the AAC Events Calendar later in this issue for dates and details of future safety seminars.



Reviewing Procedures



Accident Analysis



The Uninvited Guest departs

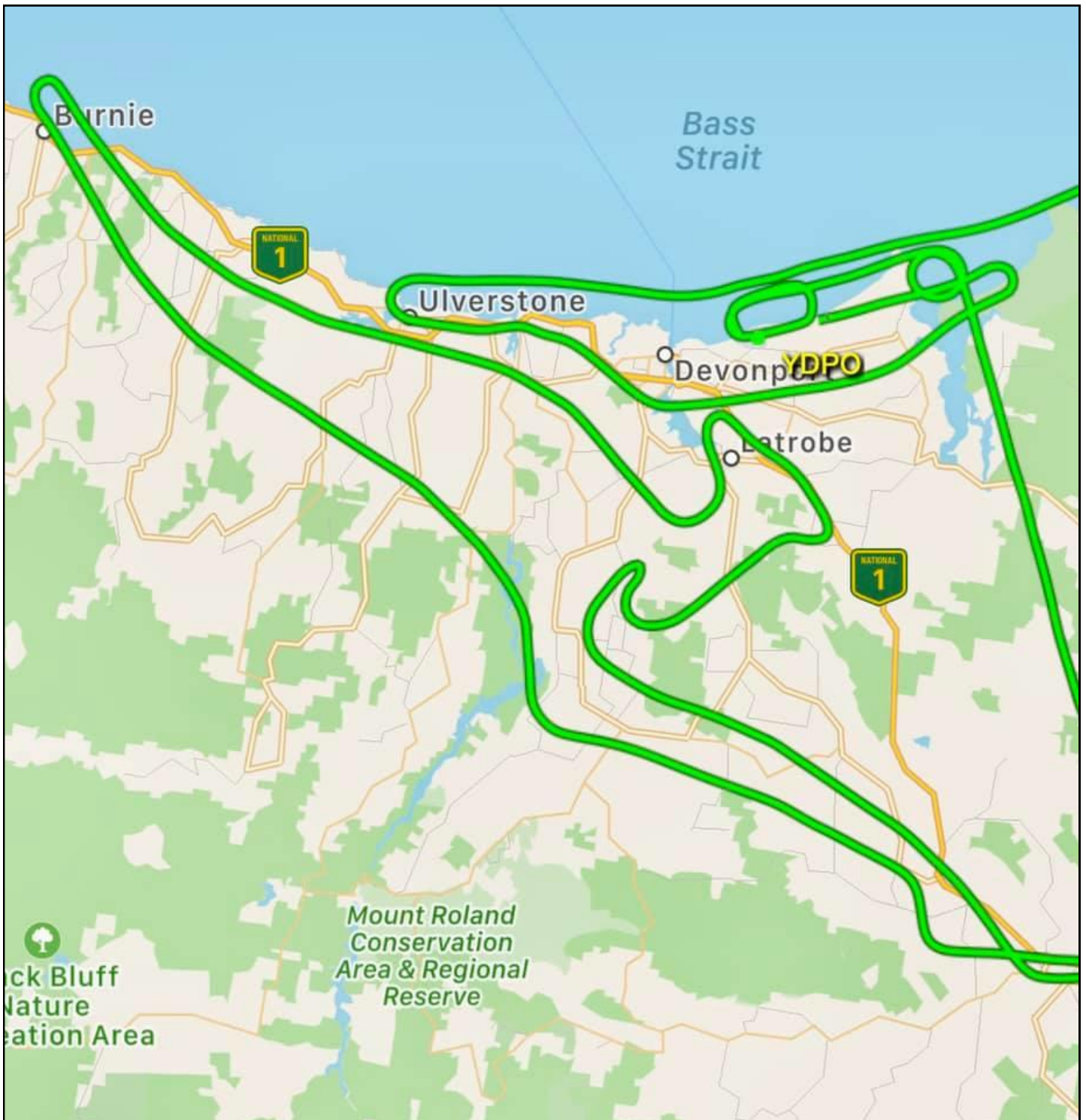


Thanks to everyone who attended our clubs AGM this morning! Everyone abided by COVID rules...and a big thank you to Bill Gronbeck for conducting a great safety seminar on radio procedures! Unfortunately we had an uninvited guest just as Bill was wrapping up... a 4 foot brown snake decided to have a poke around the club house!

Out And About In TASSIE

A post on the Devonport Aero Club Facebook page:

“Thought I’d give this a go, if they can do it in a 747 then “



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

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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

SAVE THE DATE! THE 2020 WINGS NIGHT IS PLANNED TO GO AHEAD ON THE 3RD OF OCTOBER. DETAILS TO FOLLOW CLOSER TO THE DATE. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SEATING PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE.

CLUB BOOKINGS

The club is still very busy at the moment. Particularly for instructor bookings so if you need a flight review or training make sure you book ahead to ensure you don't miss out!

IN THE AIR IN JULY



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB

JULY 2020

JULY SAFETY CHAT

Are you aware of what meteorological conditions carburettor ice is most likely to form in? Are you aware of the carby ice risk in the environment you fly in? The carburettor icing probability chart can come as a surprise to unaware fliers; Here in FNQ we sit in the serious to moderate icing zones for much of the year.

The best defence against carburettor ice is to plan ahead, know the conditions, assess your risk and apply appropriate engine management techniques.

An OAT of -3° to 16° with a relative humidity above 60% puts you at serious risk of icing at ANY power setting. This includes climbing at full power. Symptoms of carburettor icing can include a drop in RPM, a drop in manifold pressure, rough running, backfiring and engine failure! The application of carburettor heat when ice is present can result in an RPM drop and rough running as the ice melts and clears but it will be temporary and return to normal clear running once all the ice is gone.

Plan ahead, read the weather, be aware of carby icing conditions and symptoms and if in doubt ask one of your friendly NQAC Instructors for advice.

CO MONITORS NOW AVAILABLE

The club now has electronic Carbon Monoxide monitors available for sale. This comes after an ATSB report into a tragic fatal accident in NSW that was attributed to CO poisoning. The same electronic monitors we have for sale will be installed into all club aircraft.

The units are calibrated at start-up and provide an audible alarm if the level of CO in the cabin increases to unsafe levels.

Limited numbers are available so get in quick to avoid missing out on this important safety device.

\$143.00 inc GST

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations Henry James who got his PPL in LHI on the 11th of July. Great work Henry!



Congratulations to Paul Formosa who went first solo in CRM on the 26th of July, great work Paul!



Congratulations to instructor Nathan Sant who did his Grade 2 upgrade in LHI on the 27th of July!



Congratulations to Rhyann Noble who went first solo in CRM on the 28th of July! Great work Rhyann!

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

NQ Aeroclub OzRunways Webinar

Members,

For those of you that couldn't be there please find below the link and password to the Zoom session held last week (18th August) by Oz Runways.

Sally Scott

Chief Flying Instructor & Chief Pilot

Meeting Recording:

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/x5JpL5XU-D1Jfavqx0aDWbcmEqi6X6a8hyAa-PoJyk1pfgZ4H-MmTLNu3RNBss6f>

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August Update

The past few months have seen a lot of work happen behind the scenes & plans with the museum continue to progress. Over the next few weeks will see the culmination of a number of documents, approvals & planning, which will permit a number of projects to get underway so you should start to see movement on the ground of our lots on JRM Braes Rd, Mareeba Airport!

What else has been happening?

FULL BUSINESS CASE

July was one of the busiest months with the FNQAM progressing to the next round of an infrastructure grant. We were given 28 days from our last member's BBQ to get everything together, not a little feat for a small community organisation!

A **MASSIVE THANK YOU** to everyone who was involved & able to promptly turn around things like supporting documents which will assist our application greatly!

This work will put the organisation in a great position for the future & regardless of the outcome of this application, will be ready to apply for future infrastructure grants.

MEMBERS BBQ

At our last Members BBQ in late June we were joined by dignitaries to check out some of the recent murals, plans & progress at the Mareeba airport. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We also received donations of aviation related framed photos & paintings from the Atherton RSL. Carol Taylor also made a donation of a former WW2-era sextant used in aircraft for navigation.

Today we use whats called a GPS! Thanks to John Hardy for organising this.

Our next members meeting will be this weekend (29th—30th August).

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FNQ Aviation Museum—August Update continued

MODEL DONATION

Some amazing workmanship in the making of this model 'zero' aircraft. In response to a Facebook post a few months ago, Li Choo got in touch with us & ended up donating a model he made all the way from Sydney. Thanks a heap mate for your generosity!



THE MAREEBA BOOMERANG PROJECT

Tail feathers are coming along with the recovering of the fabric over control surfaces on the CAC Boomerang pictured along side another under restoration.



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Project*

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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—2020/2021 EVENTS

- Oct** Sun 18th **CASA Weather Safety Seminar presented by Rob Winter.
1030 Atherton Aerodrome**
- Nov** Sun 15th **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Dr John
Martin. Human Factors. 1030 Atherton Aerodrome**
- Dec** Sat 5th **AAC Christmas Party. Atherton International Club**
- Jan** Sun 17th **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Brendon
Kent. Skills Transferrable from Heavy Metal. 1030 Atherton**
- Feb** Sun 21st **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Simon
Perkins. Controlled Flight Into Terrain. 1030 Atherton**
- Mar** Sun 21st **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

- Sept** Sat 5th & Sun 6th, **Donnington Airpark 50th Anniversary**
- Sept** Mon 7th, **CASA AvSafety Seminar, Cairns**
- Sept** Sun 13th, **Burdekin Airport (Ayr) Centenary Fly-In**
- Sept** Sat 26th, **Innisfail Aero Club, Breakky & Lunch Fly-In is on.**
(YIFL Public Open Day Cancelled due Covid-19 Considerations)
- Oct** Sat 3rd, **NQAC Wings Night, 1800 AMA Hangar, Mareeba**



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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/>

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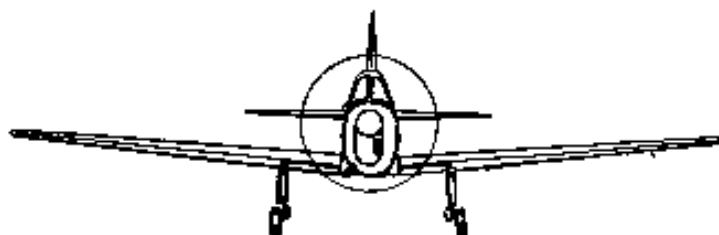
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Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

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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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THE LAST PAGE

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.

THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE

THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are