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# Newsletter No. 302 – January 2019



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.



# Notice of Annual General Meeting



The Annual General Meeting of the Atherton Aero Club will be held on

# Sunday 7th April 2019, Commencing 10.30am

At the Atherton Aero Club Facility, Atherton Aerodrome

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,

Ian Graham,

President,

Atherton Aero Club

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members,

Just a short Presidents Report.

This years AGM has been put back to the 7th APRIL due to the majority of the present Office Bearers being away in March.

There hasn't been much flying lately due to the weather, but a few of us have been out between rain events.

I would like to remind Members to show courtesy when AG or Training Ops are in progress, they don't always use the runway the windsock is indicating, or use the radio much as time is money.

The Third Sunday Club BBQ will be on the 17th February at 10.30 am, look forward to seeing you all there.

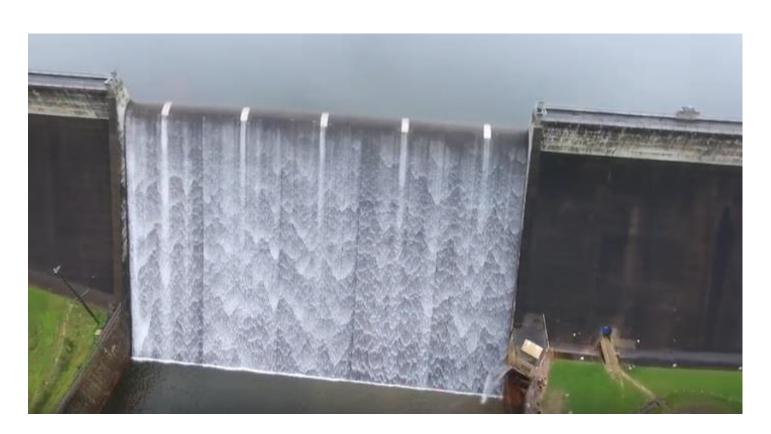
Cheers from

Ian Graham,

President,

Atherton Aero Club.





Tinaroo Falls over the top early February during the heavy wet season event.

PHOTO: Drone video extract courtesy Jason Jaques.

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

Hi All,

What happened to the October, November, December Edition I hear you ask? Well things were moving so fast we decided to skip them and jump straight to January so Happy New Year to all our northern flyers.



A big thank you to Tracey, Jon and those others who contributed photos and articles for this edition of the newsletter. In this issue, coming events and a mix of stories and other happenings in the far north

Please contact me with your newsletter contributions on any of the following: (07) 4036 2868 or 0408 073 142 or by email at - billgron@bigpond.com

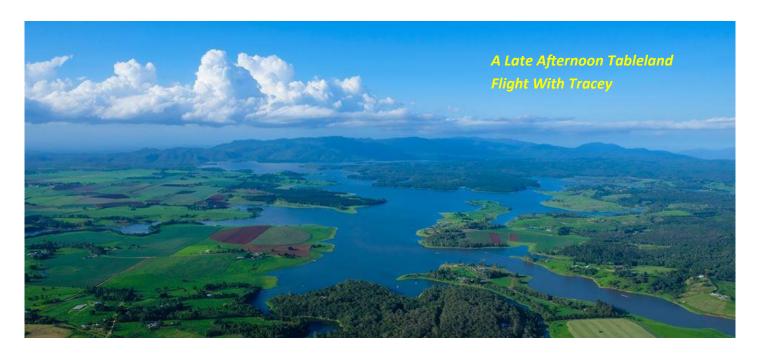
Watch the AAC's Facebook Page and the FNQ Flyers Web Page for details of calendar changes and other short notice events. Check out the AAC Website for the YATN weathercam and older club newsletters.

Remember to check out the *Interesting Links* on Page 23.



#### **2019 OFF TO A FLYING START**

Just a few days into the new year (before the heavy rains later in January) and our Tableland flyers are making the most of the sunshine. Not sure if the first cab off the rank was Tracey Hayes or Jon Collins. Some happy snaps of their activities:





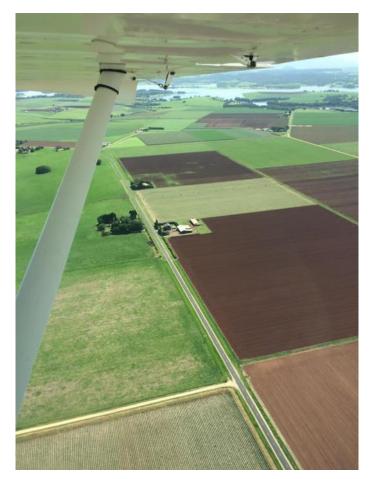




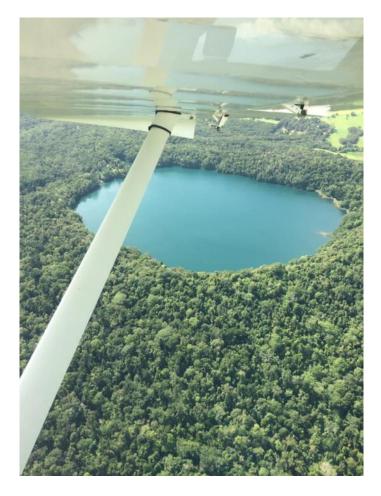
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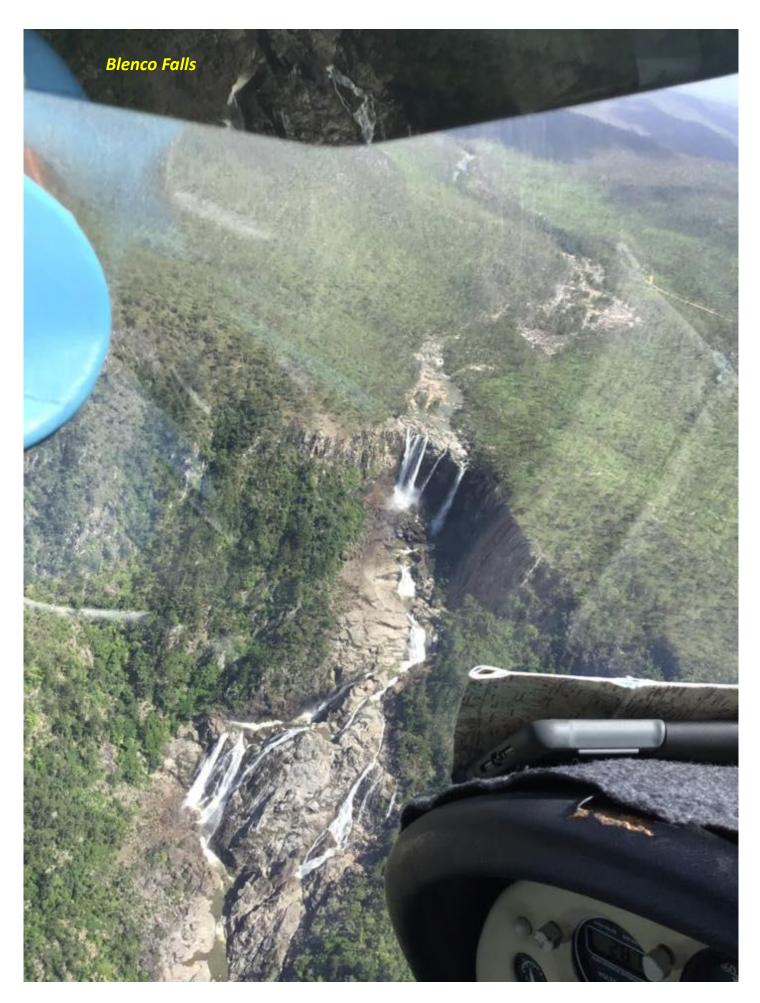
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Lake Tinaroo

# BLENCO FALLS, NQ 4th January 2019 (Photo courtesy NQAC)

Another flight taking advantage of the early January weather conditions.



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This Pipistrel Aircraft Newsletter with details of the 2019 Great Air Race is supplied courtesy of Ron Watson, Watsonfly, Innisfail.



#### **NEWSLETTER 110 – JANUARY 2019**

2019 - Countdown starts to the Great Air Race

Pipistrel releases a NEW MODEL just for the Great Air Race - The Pipistrel "ADVENTURER"

Countdown has started to this year's Great Air Race (GAR) from London to Australia

2019 marks 100 years since the remarkable and ground-breaking first successful flight from England to Australia.

The GAR presents a unique and major opportunity to commemorate the centenary of the first international flight from the United Kingdom to Australia – a historic event, significant to the global aviation, communication and travel industries.

Parallel to the innovative and adventurous nature of the Great Air Race in 1919 it is proposed that the commemoration of Centenary will be equally inventive and pioneering.





Full details of the 2019 Great Air Race and Pipistrel's special edition "Adventurer" aircraft can be found on the links below—ED

Contact Michael Coates <u>info@pipistrel-usa.com</u> immediately for more information about the Pipistrel Adventu and the Great Air Race 2019.

Also look at https://www.greatairrace.com.au/

# We need your assistance!

As you are all probably aware, the weather station and camera mounted to the Atherton Aero Club building is old and malfunctioning! This weather data and camera is an important safety feature for Atherton Aerodrome and most of us have used it in the past.

We require your assistance in raising the necessary funds to fund a replacement. We are asking all pilots who have used the information from the weather station and camera in the past and would like to use this facility in the future to please make a small donation towards its replacement. Any amount will do! We would like to raise up to \$1,000 so please help us! Thanks to Alf Horne for starting the donations with \$50.

If you would like to make a small donation, please use our bank details below!

Thanking you all in advance,

# Atherton Aero Club Committee

Bank details: Atherton Aero Club BSB 633 000 Account 114331796





#### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OFFER

The Atherton Aero Club is a friendly group of enthusiast builders and flyers of aircraft, flying everything from micro-lights to general aviation.

With help from our sponsors and a government grant, the Club was able to build our planned club facility at the aerodrome, to serve our growing member base, as well as assist the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Queensland Ambulance Service with patient transfers. Emergency vehicles will now be able to park and wait in the shade for patient transfers. More funds are required to complete this project!

The facility has become a focal point for the many local and visiting aviators to Atherton Aerodrome. It is now a place for our monthly meetings and BBQ, our monthly Pizza and Movie night as well as information sessions, technical and safety workshops and social gatherings.

The Atherton Aero Club would love your support, and is now offering you the chance to become a *Corporate Sponsor* for *\$200* per 12 months. All funds raised will be put towards finishing off the facility as well as maintaining the facility.

#### Corporate Sponsors will benefit for 12 months from:

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To become a *Corporate Sponsor*, simply complete the enclosed form and send or email it to the address below.

If you have any queries, please contact our Sponsor Coordinator Mr Jon Collins on 0438 634411.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!

The Atherton Aero Club Committee



#### **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OFFER**

YES, I want to become a \$200 Corporate Sponsor of the Atherton Aero Club

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Payments by: cheque, cash, EFT or at Bendigo Bank are accepted.

**EFT Details:** Atherton Aero Club BSB 633 000 Account 114331796 (reference: your business name)

Send forms to: The Treasurer, PO Box 227, ATHERTON, QLD 4883

Email forms to: treasurer@athertonaeroclub.org

#### THE WORLDS BIGGEST WINDVANE?



https://grab.orsm.net/update20180913/never-seen-a-wind-vane-like-this-before.

#### WET SEASON FLYING AT DEERAL





Due to the flood water in my shed where I keep the Drifter, I had to move the Drifter to higher ground here at the house, where it's been tied down for the best part of last week...This morning the rain stopped long enough for me to go flying and to simply say I enjoyed it is an understatement...IT WAS FANTAS-TIC!!!...The Drifter is now back in it's shed but the rain is not finished so I don't know for how long.

Regards, Frank Arri.



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Preliminary works have started on the Mareeba runway upgrade.

**STAGE 1** commenced Monday the 7th January and is planned to end Friday the 22nd February. This stage involves the construction of parallel taxyways and a small reduction in runway length (Duration 47 days).

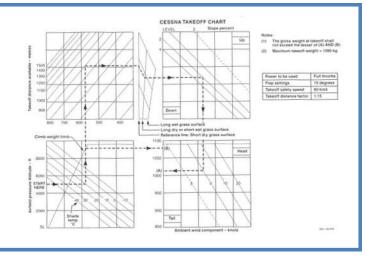
**STAGE 2** is scheduled to commence Monday the 25th February and end Friday the 3rd May (Duration 68 days). Runway 10/28 reduced length, **755M western end not available**.

**STAGE 3** is scheduled to commence Monday the 6th May and end Friday the 19th July (Duration 75 days). Runway 10/28 reduced length, **755M eastern end not available**.

**STAGE 4 & 5** Full runway length available, taxiway and other works. Scheduled to finish 26th August.

See MOWP YMBA/19/1 – Aerodrome Upgrade Works for full details

Maybe a good time to review your aircraft's Take-Off and Landing Charts and to practise a few Short Take Offs and Landings.



Our next BBQ will take place on Sunday the 17th of February 2019 commencing

10:30 am.

Venue: The Club's STORAGE FACILITY, Atherton Airport.

Visitors welcome. See you there.

And don't forget, our regular first Friday of the month **Movie & Pizza Night** at the Club's Atherton Facility.







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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 contacts are:

Laurie Wincen (Secretary) laurie19@gmail.com

John Martin (President) j-martin@bigpond.net.au

#### NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

# Aero club flyin

BY JOSEPH BARCLAY

Club have added to their stellar seen in recent years.

which is courtesy of the Australian Division of the Royal Aeronautical Society in conjunction with the Australian Flying Magazine, judge candidates across which I believe boded well i a variety of extensive criteria us throughout the judging pr including standards of safety, cess." contribution to the industry's owth, innovative value to the thank integral members of the dustry among others. NQ Aero Club team.

The North Queensland Aero Club were presented their award last Friday night, with club pa-

warded Aero Club of the Year is

This is the first time we've won it, and not only is it great for of two decades. She's an unbe-the club, but also for Mareeba lievably dedicated employee and the Tablelands, as it outs the region on the map as far as flying is second to none. training and aero clobs are concerned," he said: "Stalwarts such as Ray and Sally are big reasons as to why

ned," he said. Sally are big reasons as to why "Winning this award wasn't this club is as successful as it is." President-Elect of the Aus-- it was when we sat down and trailin Division of the Royal ganisation," he said, started writing our responses Aeronautical Society Mark Skid- "They have a fantastic Chief

THE North Queensland Aero the major changes they have

Club have added to user section reputation after they were recently awarded Aero Club of the cation from Cairns to Mareeba really stood out to those who r were judging this award," he

> There were a lot of in tive practices we had to adopt to coincide with the move, which I believe boded well for

Mr Owen also took time to

"Firstly I would like to thank a current patron Ray Fry, who has been with the club for over nast Preasy night, with club pa-trons and key members of the aviation industry in attendance to celebrate the historic milestone for the storied club.

North Queensland Aero Club
President Bill Owen said to be

"Secondly I would like to ac-

knowledge Chief Flying Instruc-tor Sally Scott, she has been with the club for the better part and her commitment to the club

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"It would be fantastic if we

Throughout the presentation, there weren't too many people who received more praise than

low colleagues and members of for the club. the aviation industry is very flat-

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the people who came before me – I am always provid-

"It's very hard running for-profit organisation like an aero club, especially in a difficult aviation environment and there's a lot of hard work that goes into

The North Queensland Aero Club is the very proud recipient of the 2018 Aero Club Of the Year. The award was presented by the President of the Royal Aeronautical Society Australia Division, Mark Skidmore. This award is the culmination of a lot of hard work by key staff and members.

The presentation ceremony took place on Friday the 18th of January at NQAC's Mareeba Base in front of an appreciative audience of club members and guests.

Below: Club President Bill Owen looks on as Mark Skidmore presents the award to CFI Sally Scott and Club Patron Ray Fry.



#### NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Next Friday Bar and BBQ 15th February at the club's Mareeba Aerodrome site. 3:30pm onwards.

Come along and join us.







#### CONTACT DETAILS

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#### **JABIRU AIRCRAFT 19-3905 FOR SALE -** \$37,500 ono.

Make & Model: Jabiru UL500 (Calypso); Airframe Serial No 304

Engine: Jabiru 4 Cylinder 2200cc; Serial No 1467; Solid Lifters

Engine Modification: Converted to Liquid Cooled Cylinder Heads

RAAus Registration: First registered 30/07/2003; expires 04/09/2018

TTIS Engine/Airframe: TTIS 710 HRS; Total Landings: 1125; Incidents/Accidents: Nil

Owner/Pilot/Maintainer: CASA Licensed LAME, Jabiru Approved Maintainer

Propeller: Revolution 2 Blade Ground Adjustable Composite

Propeller Spinner: Cummins Polished Aluminium

Fuel Capacity: 85 Litre Fuselage Tank

Cruise: 98 – 100 TAS @ 2700 RPM at 11 Litres/Hour

Instruments: ASI; Digital Altimeter; VSI; Magnetic Compass; RPM/HR Meter; MGL 12 Channel

EGT/CHT; FC10 Fuel Flow; Oil Pressure; Oil Temperature; Coolant Temperature;

Fuel Quantity; Clock/Timer

Warning Lights: Low Oil Pressure; Alternator Failure; Low Fuel Quantity

Radio Equipment: MicroAir M760 VHF; AvComm Dual Adjustable Head Sets;

Intergrated GME UHF Electrophone TX3200 Radio

Transponder: MicroAir T2000SFL

Navigation: Garmin Aera 500 GPS & Case

PLB: GME MT410 PLB/GPS & Case

Strobes: Wing Tip Fence Dual Flash Strobes

Cowls: Top Cowl Modified With LCH Cooling Air Inlets; Lower Cowl

Modified Increased Outlet Area & Extractor

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**CONTACT:** Danny Cosqriff on 0468 931 895 for further information.

### JABIRU AIRCRAFT 19-3905 FOR SALE—PHOTOS

















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Short field landing in Cessna C182

https://www.avweb.com/news/features/Tiedown-Tales-231783-1.html

Tie Down Your Aircraft

https://www.avweb.com/news/features/A-Set-Of-Pet-Peeves-231947-1.html

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https://www.avweb.com/news/features/Accident-Probe-Fly-The-Airplane-231948-1.html

Accident Probe: Fly the Aeroplane

https://www.avweb.com/news/features/The-Pilots-Lounge-232131-1.html

Safe Aeroplanes, A Cautionary Tale

https://www.avweb.com/videos/How-to-Land-An-Airplane-On-the-Freeway-With-Style-

And-Grace-And-Survive-232118-1.html

How To Make An Emergency Landing On A Highway

https://www.avweb.com/news/features/Real-World-Takeoff-Performance-232199-1.html

Real World Take-Off Performance (Hint—You Don't Have As Much As You Think)

https://airfactsjournal.com/2018/12/a-christmas-book-list-for-pilots-18-top-picks/

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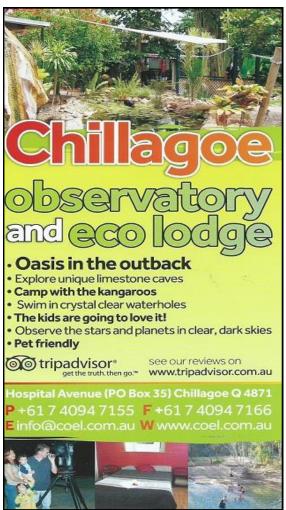


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# Atherton Aero Club—2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

**Feb** Sunday 17th, Club Meet & BBQ, Atherton Airfield Facility

**Apr** Sunday 7th, AAC AGM, 10:30 am Atherton Airfield Facility

# **OTHER LOCAL & LONGER TERM EVENTS**

Mar Tuesday 26th—Innisfail Aero Club CASA AvSafety Seminar 6pm

NQAC 3rd Friday
of the month Bar
& BBQ at the
club's Mareeba
Aerodrome site.
15th February
3:30 pm onwards







ENHANCING PILOT SKILLS IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT

# Innisfail AvSafety Seminar

WHEN

c 00-

6.00pm Tuesday 26 March 2019 casa.gov.au/ avsafety

LOCATION

Innisfail Aero Club Mundoo Road Mundoo

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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# Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

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PAYMENT													
Forms to be sent to: The Treasurer Jon Collins PO Box 1360 ATHERTON QLD 4883													
Payments can be made by: EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank													
EFT Details: Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331796 (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.													
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Print name:						Print r	name:						
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#### Atherton Aero Club Inc P O Box 227 Atherton Qld 4883



#### **MANAGEMENT & COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

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#### **Proxy Form**

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Being a member of the above named Club,								
hereby appoint, of,								
or failing him/her,, of,								
as my proxy to vote for me at the (annual) general meeting of the Club to be								
held on the 7th of April 2019, and at any adjournment thereof.								
Signed this Day of								
Signature								

This form to be used \*in favour of / \*against the resolution.

\*Strike whichever not desired. (Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he/she thinks).

Version: Feb 2019