



**Newsletter No. 332**

**July/August 2022**

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.



*The Far North Queensland Air Museum Dakota gets a freshen up*



**See inside for FNQAM activities and Contact Details**

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

Hi All and welcome to edition No 332. In this July/August issue, great photos of local activities and links to interesting articles from elsewhere. Keep those flying adventures going and remember to send us your photos and stories.

A special thank you to John Martin for another of his informative flying stories, and to the other Far North 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 our monthly get together on **Sunday the 18th of September 2022** starting at **10:30am**.

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

**Visitors are most welcome.**



## ***AROUND AND ABOUT THE FAR NORTH***

Innisfail Aero Club had a good turnout for Saturday breakfast at the lower Tully strip.



*Saturday 6th August 2022*

*Photo: Innisfail Aero Club*

Sunrise pre-flight check, August 2022 at Mareeba.



*Photo: Rob Brown, Hotair*

## ***ANOTHER WEEKEND OF FLYING IN THE FAR NORTH - John Martin***

The weekend of 8 and 9 of August proved to be a big flying weekend. Three trips with a total of 6 hours flying!

The weekend began with a trip from Atherton to the Santolin Strip (south east of Tully) for a flying breakfast at Tony Ilyes' place. The Innisfail Aero Club morning tea group had moved to Santolin for the day so I thought it was time I revisited the event.

Dawn at Atherton was absolute blue with the only cloud visible being a low thin layer of fog on the dam. Otherwise I could physically see all the way toward Tully. But on taking off and reaching the escarpment behind Babinda it was a different story. Dense low layer cloud stretched to the eastern horizon. Far to the south Mount Mackay (East of Tully) and Hinchbrook Island jutted upward out of the cloud layer.

I dropped to 1000 ft under cloud before Innisfail and picked my way through to Tully. There was a lot of activity on the radio and multiple other pilots went over cloud only to have to return toward Innisfail and get under it.

At Santolin the next problem arose. Simply identifying the field was difficult. The strip is a narrow grass strip between cane fields and looks very much just like a cane headland. Even though I'd been there before it changes completely as conditions and the growth or harvesting of cane change. I flew over it and completely missed it. After more directions from the guys on the radio I managed to spot the hangar with Tony's Glassair visible inside.

Eventually everyone got in. Eight aircraft and a few drive-ins with about 20 people turned up. A very nice morning was had by all and BBQ breakfast ensued while the cloud burned off. Departure was into scattered high cloud and great conditions for the return trip to Atherton.



Later in the afternoon the weather was too good to stay on the ground so Martin Boyle and I took our Jabirus and headed from Atherton back down toward Innisfail, across to the coast, then coastal to Russell Heads and Gordonvale and back to Atherton.

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## ***ANOTHER WEEKEND OF FLYING - Continued***



Sunday started with typical Atherton weather. Low cloud looking ominous but the weather-cam showing Mareeba and west was fine. The plan was to head out under cloud towards Mareeba and then head for Forsayth. There we would land, have a drink and a stretch and then head over to Einasleigh for lunch. Not far past Dimbulah the cloud was gone and we climbed to 6500ft into perfectly smooth air and settled in for the trip.

I consulted the internet and found that the Forsayth pub would come and collect us if we phoned them. Thanks to the Lightspeed Zulu headsets and bluetooth I was able to phone and organise a pick up from the airport, lunch at the Goldfields Hotel and return to the airport. The plan for Einasleigh was dropped.

Forsayth airstrip is "interesting". Runway 09 is a steep uphill touchdown with no view of the far end of the runway. "Eyes out front" is a view of rising bitumen! The first peak then drops back down to a saddle and a climb at the far end rises again to the terminal and parking.



## ***ANOTHER WEEKEND OF FLYING - Continued***

We had barely landed when our lift arrived. Rebecca from the pub quickly loaded us up and we headed into town. There was a huge crowd (for Forsayth) in town as they had had their show (The "Forsayth Turnout") the day and night before and the biggest talk of the day was the number of household dogs that had disappeared overnight when the fireworks went off!



We arrived at the pub and ran into Simon Terry from Cobbold Gorge whom I had met nearly 20 years before and renewed acquaintance. Simon introduced us to his daughter Emma who has a PPL (and studying for CPL) and flies the family C210 mostly from Robinhood Station to Townsville. We ended up having a long conversation about flying in and out of Townsville and about various mutual friends who are pilots from the area.

We had lunch at the pub, did the obligatory walk around town and looked at the various tourist things. The Goldfields Hotel, railway station, old police lock up and park all have photo boards, information signs and various interesting things to see.



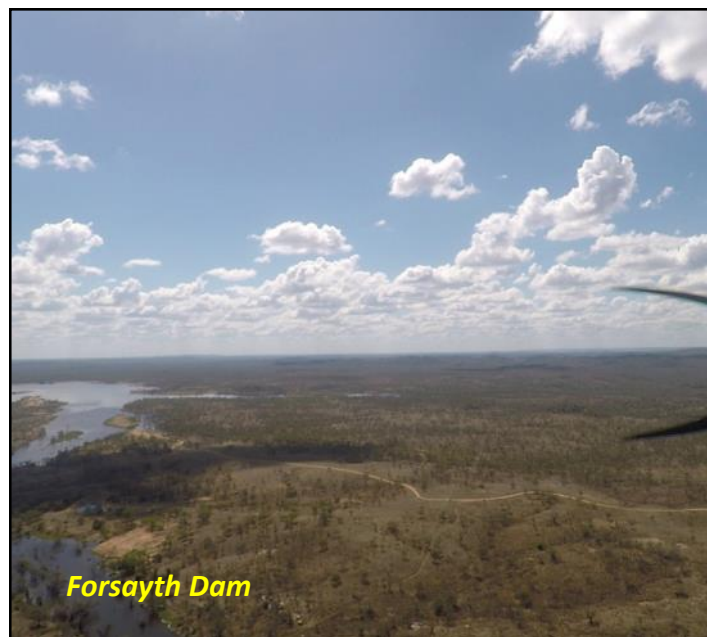
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## ***ANOTHER WEEKEND OF FLYING - Continued***



The pub was pretty busy with people who had stayed in town overnight from the Turnout as well as the steady stream of caravans pulling up. We eventually got the nod that they would take us back to the airport so we loaded up and left.

Again country hospitality proved to be the difference between not going into town at all and having a great day with a new experience. Our thanks to Rebecca and Robert and the Goldfields Hotel in Forsayth.



The trip back was increasingly rough. The warm weather and afternoon turbulence already starting for the year. As usual the cloud layer settled itself at exactly the level we wanted to fly at.

Attempts to climb over it were met with building towers that rose faster than we could so we dropped back under into the rough. By the wind farm we were back under complete cloud.

Another satisfying weekend of flying. Hope you enjoyed the tour.

*Regards and safe flying,  
John Martin.*

## ***NEW WEATHER CAMERAS AT INNISFAIL—YIFL***

The Innisfail Aero Club have, at their own considerable expense, installed a set of weather cameras at Innisfail aerodrome

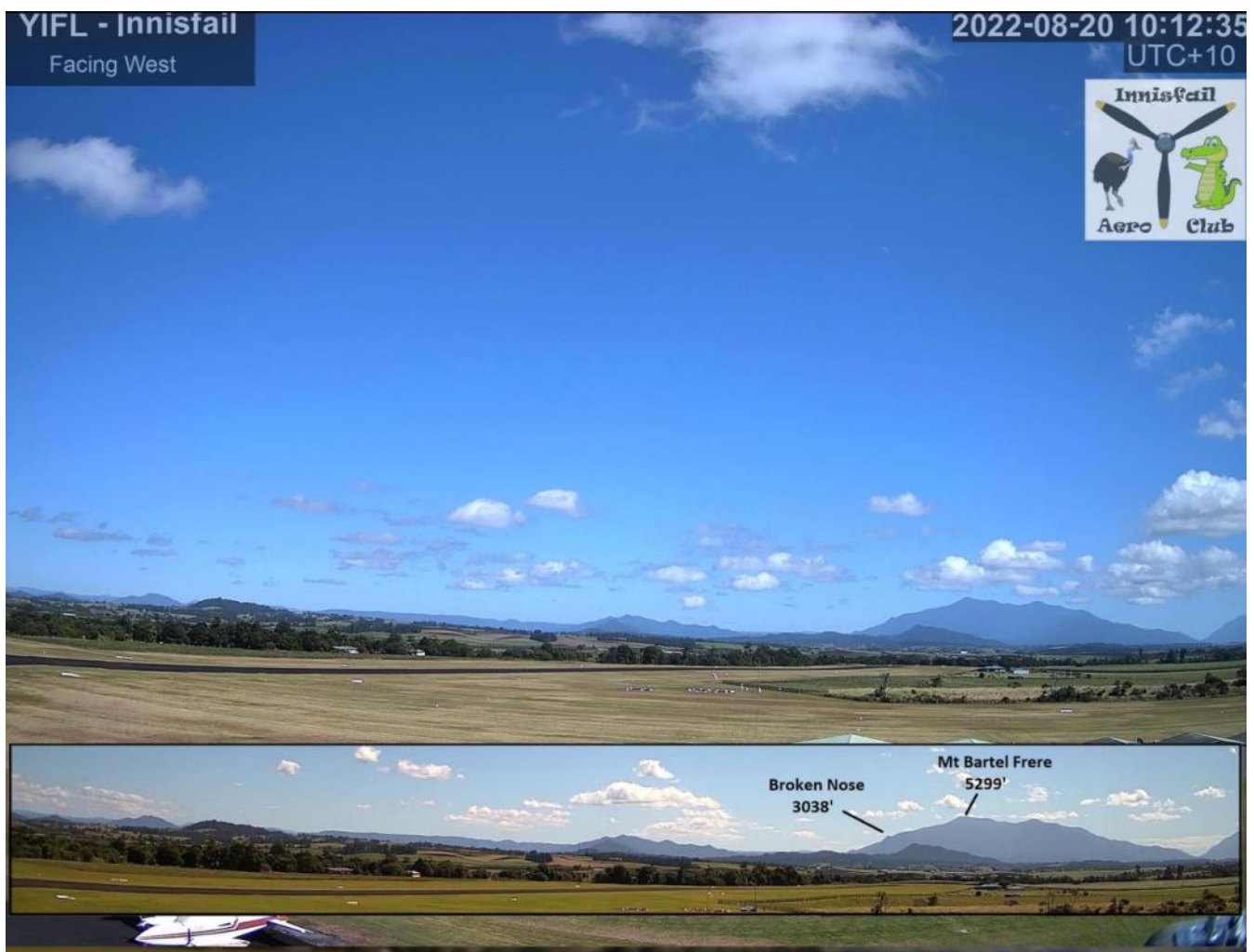
This should greatly improve the safety of all aircraft intending to operate in the Innisfail area. The feed is now available on Oz Runways and the Windy app and should show up on Avplan soon.

Check it out on:

[Windy: Webcams - Mundoo > South-East: YIFL - Innisfail -> Facing South-East](#)

- Or on the Oz Runways app.

Great work you guys and gals at Innisfail!



The west facing camera, including a useful inset for comparison purposes, provides pilots with an excellent view of an area often flown by aircraft travelling between the coast and the Atherton Tableland.

The cameras are located on an elevated position at  $17^{\circ}33'34.11''\text{S}$   $146^{\circ}0'52.82''\text{E}$  and point in the following directions:

West

South-West

South-East

North



## ***DONNINGTON JABIRU FLOCK-IN***



***Great Jabiru Flock-In at YDOP***

If you own a Jabiru, please mark the weekend of **October 22-23** as the Great Jabiru Flock-In at Donnington Airpark. Whilst all types of aircraft are welcome, we especially would like to see as many Jabs as can make it. It will be a great weekend for Jabiru owners to mix with each other, check out the various models and experience the camaraderie of shared type ownership. We hope to have input from the Jabiru factory, possibly even representation if they are amenable. We'll keep you posted as this event develops!



## ***Surviving a Rotor Wash Crash***

On Jan.3, 2022, a Cessna 120 flown by a 1000-hour pilot and CFI encountered rotor wash from a Huey helicopter that passed just in front of it. The aircraft rolled uncontrollably at under 100 feet and crashed nose first. Improbably, the pilot suffered only a minor injury. The following video was posted by the Aviation Safety Network:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZLXMKMgnS8>



For a more extensive discussion of the accident, see the following link:

[Is It Better To Be Lucky Or Good? Yes - AVweb](#)

## NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

August 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

What an incredible turnout today at the Cairns Airport Aviation Careers Expo! Events like these are a great opportunity to chat to members of the community and spread the word about how fun and rewarding it can be by gaining your pilots licence. ✈️

*Nathan and Heidi representing the NQAC*



*LHI gets the once over from expo visitors*



*The Rescue Chopper attracts plenty of attention*



**NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS****Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022****The hotly contested - Annual "Ray Fry Air Race"**

2021 Winners Nathan Bridge & Jake Weston plus Air Race Participants

**Route: Mareeba – 109nm leg to the southwest (waypoints to be kept under wraps until the day) – Einasleigh Landing – 54nm leg to the East - Mareeba**

**(This vague route allows you to plan you fuel however doesn't give waypoints until the day before)**

**BBQ Breakfast and briefing at 7.30am sharp for departures at 8.30am. Pub lunch at Einasleigh.**

**(To enter the race you need to be a current financial member of the NQAC or Atherton Aero Club)**

**SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE for members companies for this race as per previous years - \$500 Silver Sponsors, \$250 Bronze Sponsors**

**Please email back directly to me if you would like to enter the race or be a sponsor (or both!!) [cfi@naeroclub.com.au](mailto:cfi@naeroclub.com.au)**

**Sally Scott**

**Chief Flying Instructor & Chief Pilot**

# 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

Make a tax deductible donation.



### 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.



### MEMBERSHIP

Show your support by becoming a member.



### SHARE

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## ***FNQ Air Museum - August Activities***

This week will see a fair bit of activity take place, kicking off with the painting of the new Mareeba Airport terminal mural which will drastically transform this blank canvas! We have only just received a progress update from Daniel Wallwork and it is looking GREAT!!

Filming is also taking place later in the week as we project manage the Mareeba Airport 80th anniversary short film.

The delayed Dakota C-47 vertical fin will take place this Saturday to make sure as many students are able to participate in this as possible. The last time it was

planned we had about 7 members on deck however elected to postpone to enable some of our engineering students the opportunity to be involved. See you this Sat at 9am if you would like to help or provide moral support!

Thanks to everyone who has dropped in recently and to those who have contributed artefacts and supported our mission!

### **FORKLIFT WANTED!!**

To enable us to continue developing and organising displays we require a forklift! We have a container full of aircraft we'd like to get on display which will fit in perfectly with the RAAF's theme for 1H2023 - The Empire Air Training Scheme. Do you know of a forklift that will do the job that would be suitable and is available for temporary or seasonal loan (it doesn't have to be fancy)? Looking to upgrade your forklift? - keep us in mind!

We may be able to source a grant to help fund the purchase of a second hand forklift. The last few years have made sourcing anything like this almost impossible.. Please get in touch if you can help!



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fnqam/>



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## *Hot Air Ballooning In The Far North*



**Hot Air Balloon Cairns.** Stunning time of year to be soaring over the lush Atherton Tablelands in a hot air balloon! Balloon tours depart daily from Cairns, Palm Cove, Port Douglas, Trinity Beach, Cairns Beaches and the Atherton Tablelands with door to door transfers included in your hot air ballooning ticket.





Hi Everyone,

Pinnarendi Cafe re-opened on the 6th May 2022 for the 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. At the top left is the logo for "Azure PHOTOGRAPHY" which features a stylized camera lens. Below the logo is a grid of six photographs: a wide shot of a beach with turquoise water and a blue sky; a group of people sitting on a rocky shore; two young girls smiling; a group of people sitting on a rocky shore; a group of four women sitting together; and a family of four (two adults and two children) smiling. In the bottom right corner of the grid is the "aipp ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER" logo. Below the grid, the text reads "Affordable &amp; fun family portraits &amp; wedding photography by award winning professional local photographer". At the very bottom, a pink bar contains the website "www.azurephotography.com.au" and the phone number "0418 963 796".



# AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

## Atherton Aero Club 2022 Events

**Sept** Sun 18th **AAC Meeting & BBQ**—1030 Atherton

### Other 2022 Events

**Sept** Sun 18th **NQAC Air Race**—Details Page 12

**Oct** Sat 15th & Sun 16th **Warbirds Downunder 2022 Temora**

**Oct** Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd **Donnington Jabiru Flock-In**



An advertisement for Office Choice. On the left is a photograph of an Office Choice store exterior with a red and white facade. To the right of the photo is the text: "Support your independent, locally-owned, business." Further right is a red speech bubble containing the text "KEEP IT LOCAL BUSINESS · JOBS COMMUNITY" with a small black silhouette of a person pointing up at the bubble.

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You've joined our Containers for Change team doing our best to make a real difference in our communities and to our environment. We're super excited to have you on board.

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Scheme ID

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iPhone users



Android users



If you don't have WalletPasses installed, you will need to download it from the Play Store.

# Northern Flyers

**Donnington Airpark (YDOP)**



**Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)**

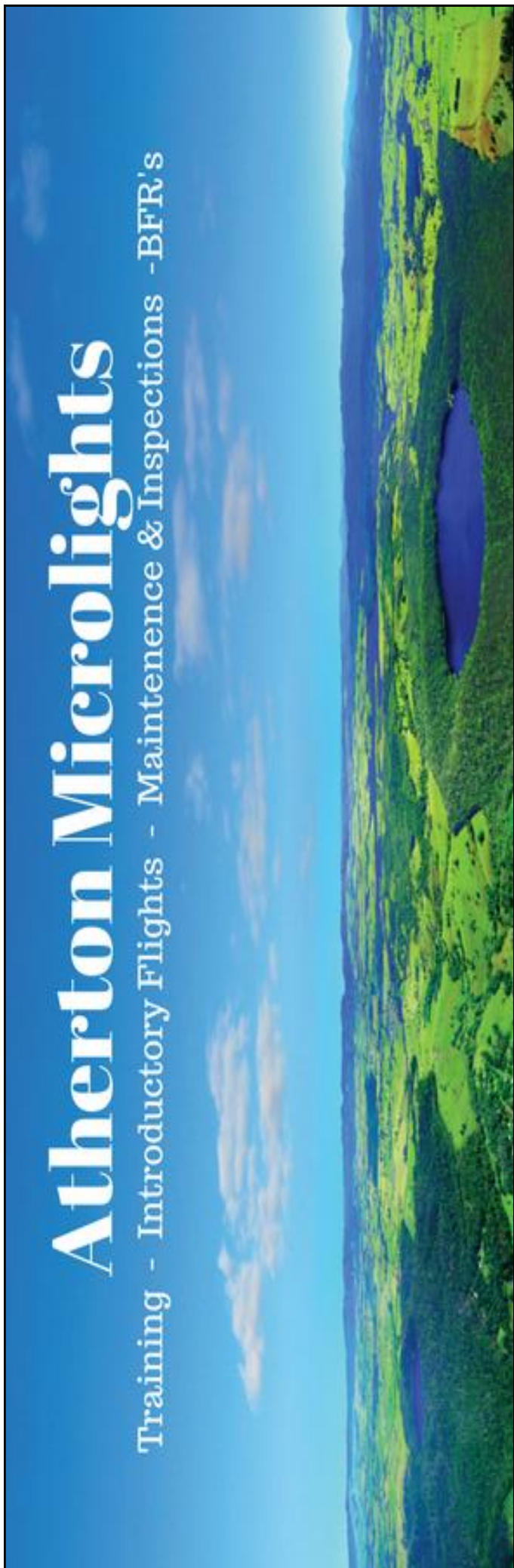


**Atherton Aero Club (YATN)**



# Atherton Microlights

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



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/>

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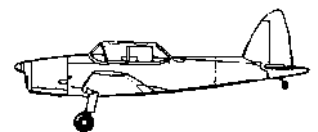
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## Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

New Member

Returning Member



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Street address		State	Postcode
Postal address		State	Postcode
Email address		Occupation	
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### 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> <i>Stephen Klaproth</i> <i>PO Box 227</i> <i>ATHERTON QLD 4883</i>	or email to: <i>sjklaproth@gmail.com</i>
Payments can be made by: <i>EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank</i>	
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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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