



Newsletter No. 346

June/July 2024

*Next Official Club Meeting
Sunday 18th August 2024*

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.



*In The Kimberley
With Neil Bates
Photos inside*

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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 346. In this issue, members taking advantage of the better flying weather, fantastic photos from The Kimberley, an update on activities at the FNQ Air Museum and upcoming events. Keep those flying adventures going and remember to send us your photos and stories.



A thank you to Neil Bates, John Martin, 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 Function** will be our regular monthly social get-together and BBQ Lunch on **Sunday the 18th of August 2024**. *This month will also include a short Club Members Meeting.*

From **10:30am** to around midday at the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** facility.



AT LAST! - SOME GOOD FLYING WEATHER



A very exclusive little group at the June AAC BBQ. (We did get a couple more turn up later.)

Great to see so many club members out taking advantage of the glorious weather and heading off for some serious long distance flying.

We look forward to hearing what they got up to and how lousy and cold the weather was in the far south.

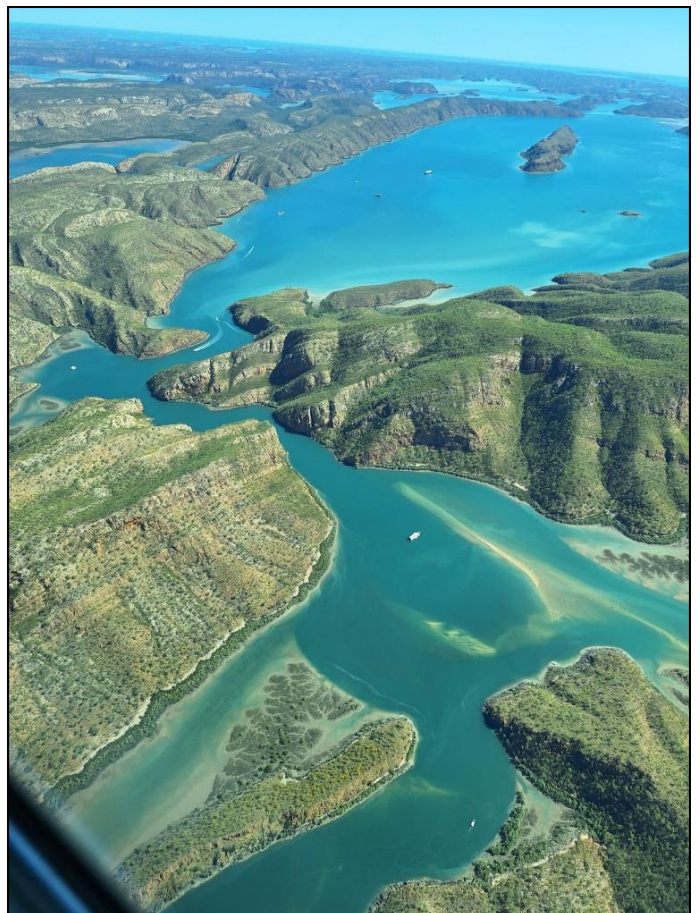
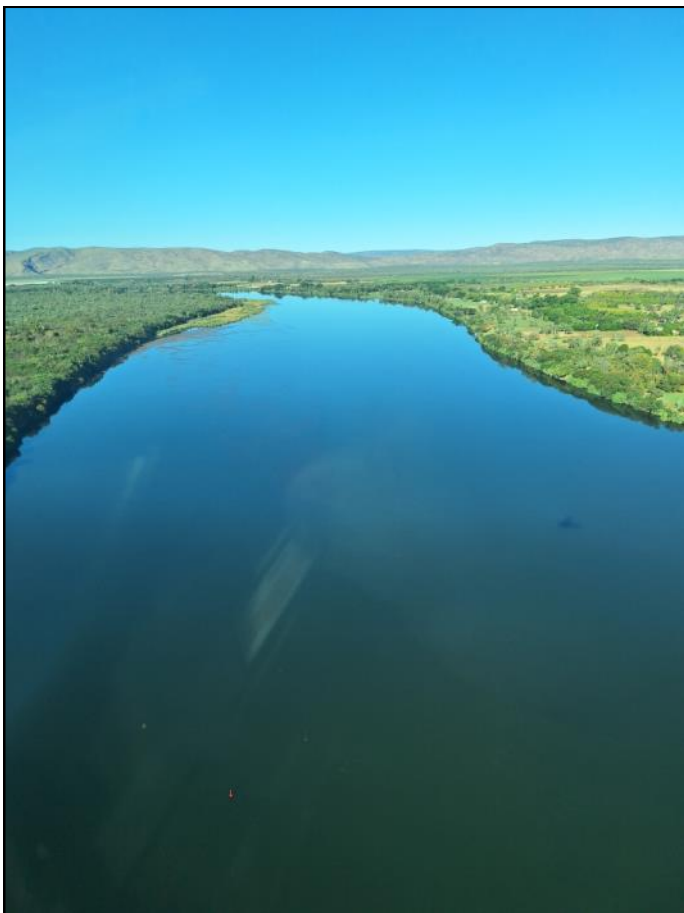
North Queensland Soaring Centre News

WE HAD A TRIPLE J TYPE DAY TODAY!
Joe, Jane and the Junior, Both pilots transitioned into their first single seater glider, our SZD-51 Junior, being congratulated by the NQSC CFI. With effort, comes reward... two fine examples right here!



A trip around The Kimberley conducting Low Level Endorsements July 2024

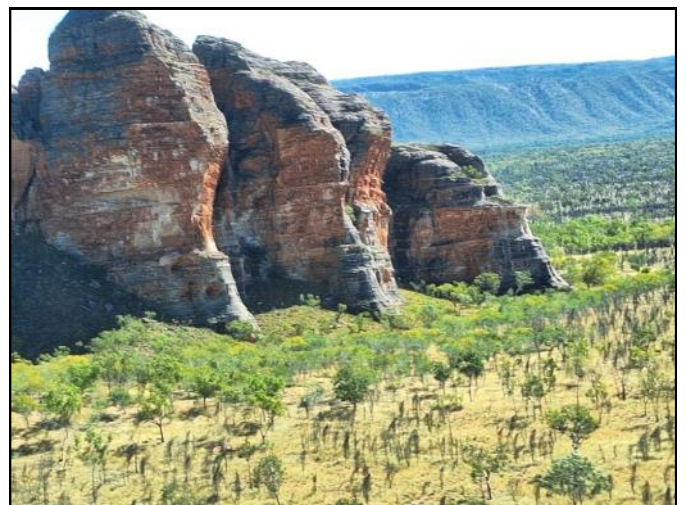
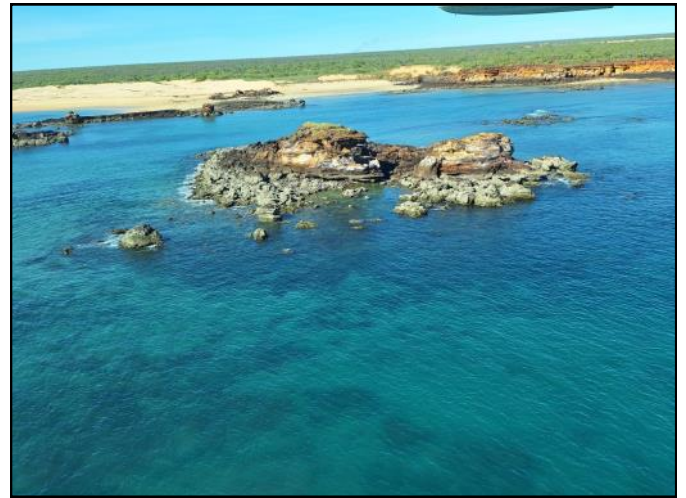
Photos Courtesy Neil Bates



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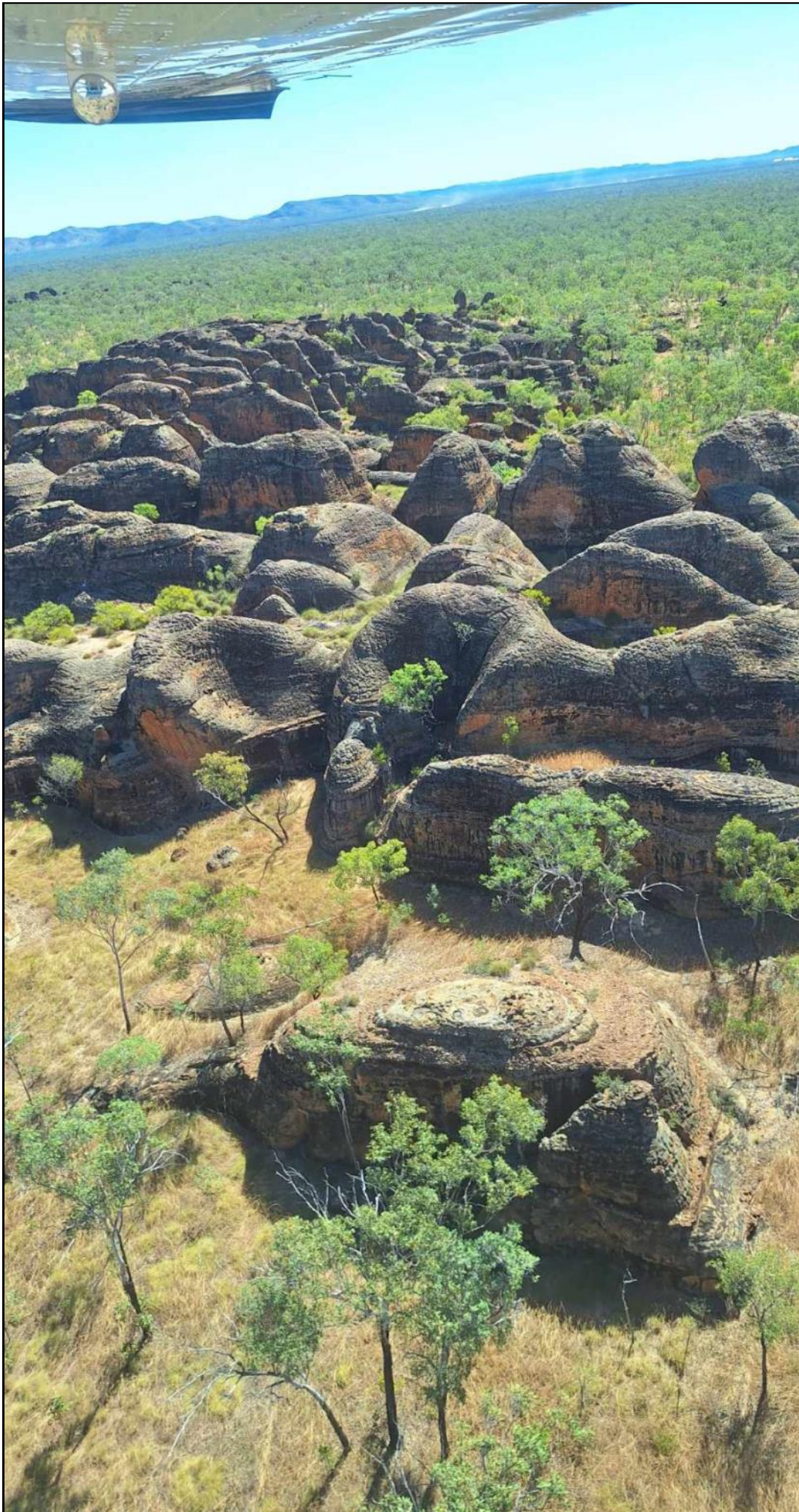
A trip around The Kimberley July 2024 - Continued

Fantastic scenery, Thank You Neil.



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Last but not the least of Neil's Kimberley photos:



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

TALAROO / PINNARENDI WEEKEND Report and photos by John Martin

Landing Talaroo



Talaroo Board Walk



Talaroo Main Pool



Talaroo Board Walk Viewing



The Flyers At Talaroo

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Early July 2024 has finally seen the beginnings of good weather and the NQ Aero Club took advantage of the weather to have a Flying and Camping Weekend to **Talaroo Hot Springs** and **Pinnarendi Station**.

The hot springs are located on Talaroo Station, north west of Mount Surprise. The springs have become the centerpiece of a tourism venture with a café, camping area and boardwalks and swimming pools around the springs.

Six aircraft with 18 people on board headed out from Mareeba and Atherton and landed on the smooth well maintained long grass strip. We were met by a guide and transported the three hundred or so metres to the administration centre and café.

From there we were taken by the guide on a short walk down to the springs.

The springs are well appointed with paths, signage and raised board walks. You are only allowed to go through the area as part of a guided tour but it was well worth the small cost. The guide gave a wide ranging narrative, from the geology and formation of the springs to the local indigenous mythology and then even diversified into local bush tucker and medicinal plants.

The water emerges at 63 degrees from the main vents and then flows through several pools getting cooler at each step. The second pool is set up to allow sitting and putting hands and feet into the 45 degree water and then to a third pool where the water is 35 degrees.

The third pool is a normal swimming pool but with sitting steps all around where guests can sit and soak in the warm water. There are also private above ground pool tanks where people staying in the accommodation can soak.

Use of the main pool is part of the tour but the time is a bit limited.

There are four tours a day but the guide suggested that the 10 am and 2 pm tours are the best for seeing the vents and getting good photos.

After a café style lunch we loaded up the aircraft and headed across to Pinnarendi. Jack Doyle drove out from Mareeba carrying excess camping gear and we set up tents in the busy camp area. We were treated to the usual fantastic pizza dinner by our hosts Ronnie and Nadine.

The morning saw a cold clear sky and we packed up before a hot breakfast in the Pinnarendi café. Then a flight home to round off a great weekend.

More photos, videos and commentary on Youtube channel **Jabirus Up North Down Under** or use link <https://youtu.be/D0v5mPv6Uhl?si=bjdkb0kkzbEkXKE8>

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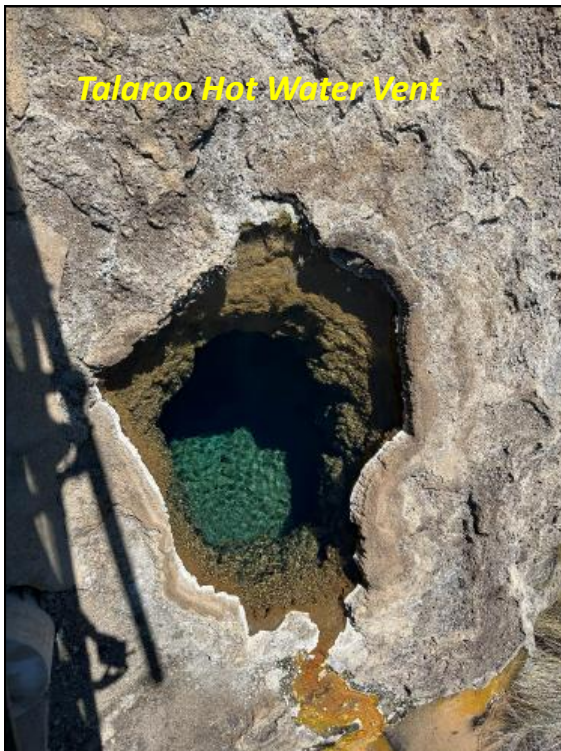
PHOTOS TALAROO / PINNARENDI WEEKEND



Talaroo Board Walk



Talaroo Board Walk



Talaroo Hot Water Vent

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PHOTOS TALAROO / PINNARENDI WEEKEND



Pizza Night



Pizza Night Pinnarendi



Departing Pinnarendi

FNQAM NEWS

Hi All.

The inaugural Herberton "Troops and Trains" WWII Weekend was a great success and it was great to be up there supporting other like-minded volunteer organisations.

Thanks to the many bus loads of locals, cadets and travelers who came and visited us over the weekend. Well done to the Herberton RSL & Historic Railway event committee on your inaugural event. Thanks to our members who helped immensely to help us put on such a great display and assist setting and packing up! Special shout out to Ian and Joan who have been organising displays and items for sale for some time! The weekend was a great networking, fundraising and increasing public awareness opportunity.

We launched the first of our Virtual reality aircraft experiences with many enjoying their first real aircraft flight (not just a simulation) through our VR goggles. We took several members visitors for a flight, including Richard, a helicopter veteran pilot of 37 years who immensely enjoyed the life-like experience.

Here's a couple of pics from the weekend.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for our big event of the year - our **Open Day Saturday 21st September 2024!** Stay tuned for updates.

Thanks to the Ratch Mt Emerald Wind Farm and the Queensland Government Accessible Tourism Infrastructure Fund and aircraft Captain Gary for helping make this VR project, a virtual.. reality.

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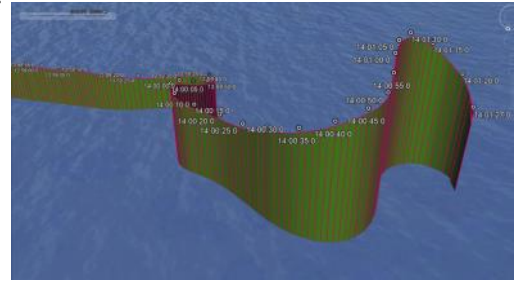
The FNQ Aviation Museum is a brand new facility due to open in the near future showcasing the incredible contribution that aviation has played in Far North Queensland's history. The Museum will create employment, volunteering, educational and training opportunities that will benefit the community and boost tourism.

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Ignore the YouTube crash detectives—it's usually pilot error

by John Zimmerman

When a high performance airplane crashes in IMC, the self-proclaimed experts on social media quickly spin elaborate theories about autopilot failure, in-flight icing, structural failure, carbon monoxide poisoning, or some other incredibly rare cause. It makes for good entertainment (“hit that subscribe button!”) but the reality is usually much less interesting and much more depressing.



READ MORE on the following link:

[*Ignore the YouTube crash detectives—it's usually pilot error : Air Facts Journal*](#)

FLYING IN UKRAINE

GENERAL AVIATION IN A TIME OF WAR



Link: [*Flying in Ukraine - AOPA*](#)



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AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Atherton Aero Club 2024 Events

Aug Sunday 18th—**AAC Meeting & BBQ Lunch 1030 at Atherton YATN**

Other 2024 Events

Aug Sat/Sun 10th & 11th—**NQAC Helenvale Overnight**

Aug Sat/Sun 24th & 25th—**Wirraway Warbird Flights at Donnington YDOP**

Sept Saturday 21st—**FNQ Aviation Museum Open Day at Mareeba YMBA**

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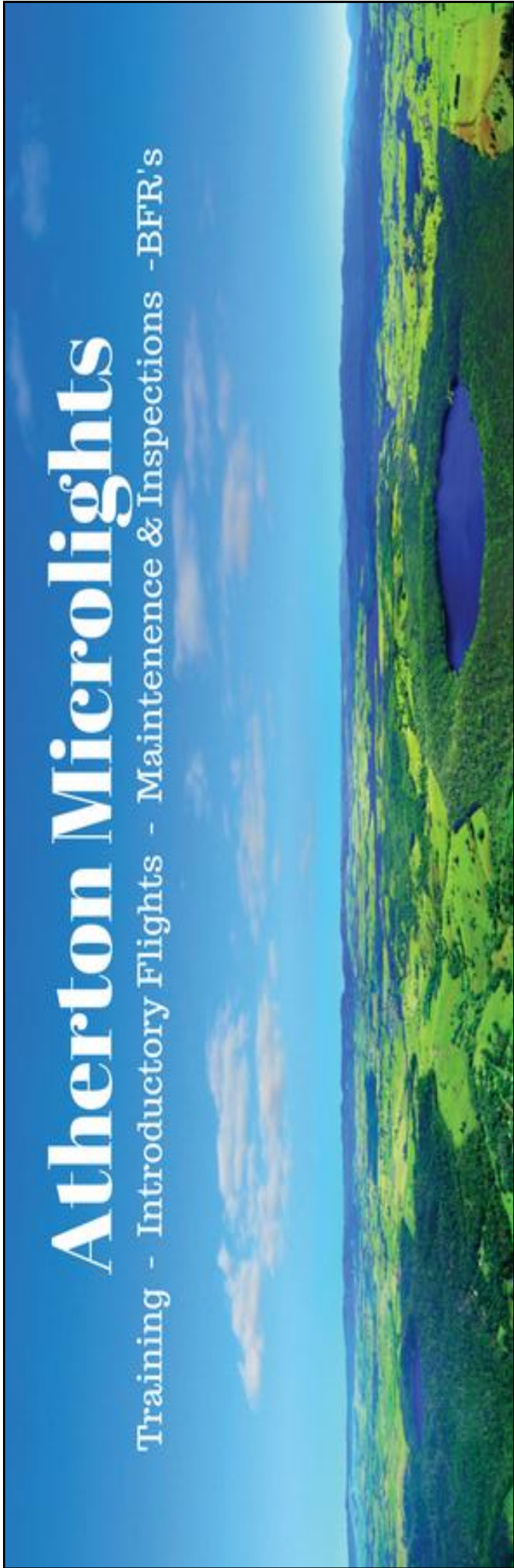


Atherton Aero Club (YATN)



Atherton Microlights

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



Right Circuit Rwy 33
(All circuits to the East)

This UNOFFICIAL Map is for
general reference purposes only

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

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.

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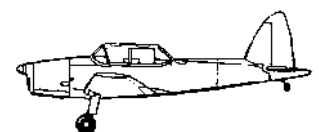


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New Member

Returning Member



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Street address		State	Postcode
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Email address	Occupation		
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<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

<p>Forms to be sent to: <i>The Treasurer</i> Atherton Aero Club PO Box 227 ATHERTON QLD 4883</p>	<p>or email to: <i>xjac@bigpond.net.au</i></p>
<p>Payments can be made by: <i>EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank</i></p>	
<p>EFT Details: <i>Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331796 (Ref - Your Name)</i></p>	

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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