

# GYMPIE AERO CLUB



## NEWSLETTER #7

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### **GYMPIE AERO CLUB NEW CLUB HOUSE FEDERAL STATE SCHOOL BUILDING**

The result of the New Club House vote held a couple of weeks ago was a majority in favour of Option #4, a building containing a kitchen, store room, toilets and open space for use as terminal space as well as club meeting space. This option requires a concept plan and costings to be submitted to Council in time for their June budget allocations. Council funding will be needed for the provision of toilets accessible to the public and waste water disposal, as well as compensation for the provision of terminal space by the Club. It also calls for an application to be made to the Jupiters Casino Community Grants program by the incoming committee.

During the voting period, we became aware that the Federal State School buildings may become available for community use. Natalie Pilkington, the school headmistress, has notified the Dept of Main Roads of the Club's interest, and they in turn

are meeting with the Education Department this week. The school is to celebrate its centenary this year, and there will be considerable community concern at the loss of local heritage when the Bruce Highway is re-routed, the school relocated and the buildings demolished.

The Club should be able to put forward a compelling argument that by relocating one of the buildings to the Aerodrome it will remain within the locality and still be accessible to the public as an airport terminal meeting place.

If we are not successful in our negotiations to secure one of the buildings, we will have option #4 to fall back on. Either way, an application for funding will be made by your Committee to Council next week since toilets and waste water disposal will be included in either option.

### **INTER CLUB COMP DAY & TRASH and TREASURE**

Sunday May 16 saw a good crowd at Gympie Aerodrome checking out the trash & treasure and the static plane display while 16 competitors took up the challenge of spot landings and target bombing.

Over-all club winner was Gympie. The over-all individual winner Ian Ross, flying his Aeronca 24-7224, had trouble keeping the smile off his face as he collected his booty. He also won the prize for the best bomb drop and best wing and nose wheel parking. Tony Hanlon in his Bellanca Decathlon 8KCAB VH-MCM (*hope I got that right Tony*) came 2nd overall and Blair Rowan in his Savannah 24-7377 won the best spot landing.



*Winners are grinners - GAC President Graeme Alexander presents a case of wine to over-all competition winner Ian Ross*

**PHOTOS FROM THE COMP DAY**



A non-competitor tries for a spot landing



Overall winner Ian Ross's Aerocopa 24-7224



Maroochy Aero Club's VH-CEV trying to retain the Club Comp trophy



Adrian Webb and his Cessna 182 VH-BOH



Rob Fraser and his Drifter 25-790 - his observer adopts crash position as he heads for the marks!

Louis Mego and his Pulsar VH-IEZ



Best Spot Landing winner Blair Rowan in his Savannah 24-7377



The Egg coming in for a soft landing - hopefully! Graeme Alexander and his Cessna 206B VH-EGG



Non-competitor Tony Green in his Cessna C-165 Airmaster VH-ZTG, manufactured in 1941, returns from some formation flying with Tony Hanlon over the field



2nd overall winner Tony Hanlon in his 8KCAB VH-MCM going for the softer grass spot landing



Rob Neely's Cessna 401 VH-ARI roars in for a spot landing



John Yates and his Commanche VH-EQM also adds to the roar on the field



The familiar Sportstar 24-4499 adding yet one more landing to its impressive number of Gympie landings.



The father of the over-all winner, new member Brian Ross, and his J3 Cub VH-IMR



Ian Wagner and our Flight Design CTL5 24-5445



Ian Ross receives the "Best Wing and Nose Wheel Parking" prize donated by Suncoast Cooloola Flying.



Trash and Treasure Sale on the grass



Blair Rowan is presented with the "Best Spot Landing" prize donated by Brian Andrews.

The Inter Club Comp day was declared a success, with a nett profit of \$307.26, greatly assisted by a generous donation of \$100 made by Mike Oulton. Treasurer Bob, always with the Club's financial well being at heart, has reported that some members of the Noosa Car Club were present on the day. They were impressed with what they saw and will be taking back to their executive their impressions of the day and possibly a recommendation that they be involved next time if invited.

It is possible that between 20 & 40 vintage cars would turn up to be put on display at a return of \$5 each to our club; several competitive cars would also turn up if they could have say two 15 minute segments during our programme to demonstrate their prowess on the runway; our return on this would probably be about \$45 a car.

They are suggesting a gold coin donation from the public and they would run advertisements in a couple of local papers; they also have access to scout groups, rotary, lions if areas had to be roped off to control spectators and needed marshalls etc.



Over-all winner and his plane - Ian Ross beside his Aeronca



### FUEL REPORT

As one of your Treasurer's last actions before he stands down, he has ordered more fuel, so you can have fuel rather than air in your tanks

### FAREWELL

*This is farewell from me as your secretary. I will not be standing for nomination at the AGM. I hope you have enjoyed the communications I have attempted to set up over the past 12 months and I am prepared to continue running the web site and writing these newsletters if the incoming committee and members wish.*

*deb wagner*