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Aviation buffs all in for fly-in

Diverse aircraft destined for airfield

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IT IS not so much the road less travelled that will bring tourists to Toogoolawah this weekend but the flight path less frequented.

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield will be the venue for the All-In Fly-In on Saturday, an aviation open day full of entertainment.

Organiser Bruce Clarke said the day would showcase the diversity of all kinds of aviation.

"If it flies, it's welcome at Watt's Bridge," Mr Clarke said.

Mr Clarke said he expected between 50 and 60 aircraft to turn up for the event with free entry for

planes and aviation fuel available.

"The All-In Fly-In is an all-day event with catering and coffee available," Mr Clarke said.

Mr Clarke said a few old engineering and pilot hands like himself were working with six students from Toogoolawah State High School on an aviation structured work experience program.

"We've got two licensed engineers with over 100 years of experience," he said.

"We're hoping to build a First World War replica plane with the students."

Watts Bridge is the home base for a wide range of

aircraft including vintage, aerobatic and recreational aircraft as well as gyroplanes, war birds and a variety of homebuilt aircraft, and all will be on show on the day.

If you are travelling to Watt's Bridge Airfield by more conventional means, it is about 10km east of Toogoolawah.

If travelling north along the Brisbane Valley Hwy, turn right onto Mt Beppo Rd at Toogoolawah.

Then turn left into Lower Cressbrook Rd and right onto Cressbrook-Caboonbah Rd.

The day is on from 9am-4pm and is supporting Youth for Education.



BEAUTIFUL BIRD: Bruce Clarke's Sopwith Pup will be on display at the Watts Bridge aviation day on Saturday.

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