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### PROJECT UPDATE

Don and Bevan have been making great progress with their 'Affordable Ultralight' project. As these recent photographs show, the engine installation is essentially complete with cowls in place. Bevan has installed a VW 1800 conversion engine while Don has gone with the Jabiru 1600.

The fuel capacity is approximately 50 litres with the provision for tip tanks to be installed at a later stage if required. Both these engines consume in the order of 12 litres / hour so the endurance should be a quite respectable 3.5 hours with reserves.

As they say 'Watch this space' for future updates with news of the first flights being close.

- QUEENSLAND VINTAGE AVIATION GROUP
- FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT - 29th, 30th, 31st AUGUST
- A GREAT flying weekend at Watts Bridge Airfield with Vintage Aircraft by the score.
- A fully catered Saturday Dinner -with Bar Facilities - An Event worth supporting.

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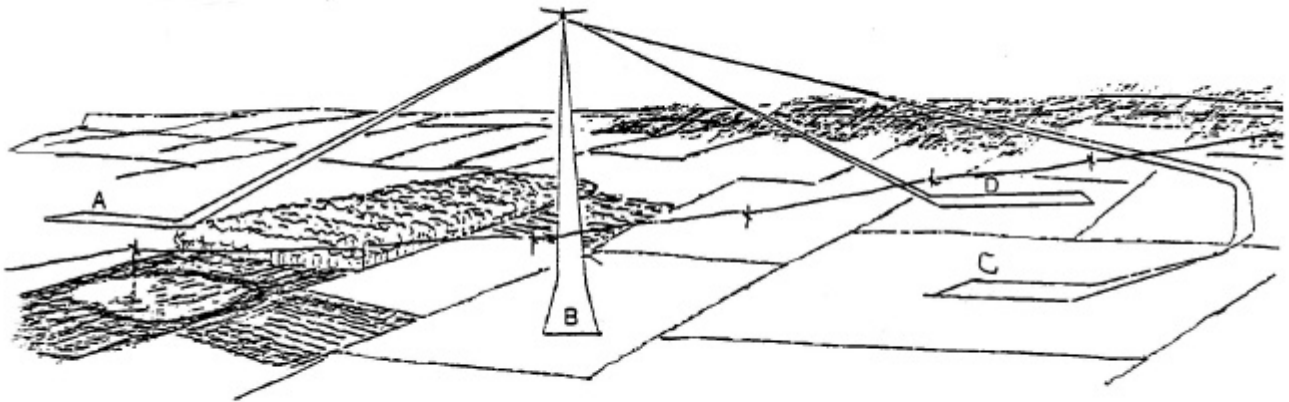
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Have a look at the picture below and decide where the best place is to land in the event of an engine failure (A, B, C, or D). Wind speed is 20 knots - But where from? It's all in the picture.

Bring your thoughts to Monday Nights Meeting and join in the debate.



### CLIFTON BBQ BREAKFAST

Reported by Trevor Bange

Great day at Clifton last weekend for the fly around. Nine aircraft on Saturday and guess what, the Jacobs well lineup of 6 aircraft turned up on Sunday. A quick trip to town and bacon and eggs was the time of the morning hosted by club members Murray Knight and Keith Bange (my brother) ably assisted by the ever faithful Helen Morton from Brisbane.

A great time was had by all, it was just that they looked at the date, saw the 9th and assumed it was Sunday.

Visit the new web site for our school [www.loneeagleflyingschool.org.au](http://www.loneeagleflyingschool.org.au) and check out the two articles written by Helena.(one in news and one in stories)

The Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assn. Inc. (incorporating our AUF flying school) is hosting a ten day flying safari to Rainbow Beach from

### HANGAR SPACE AVAILABLE

Need somewhere to Hangar  
your aeroplane ???

Well look no further....

The Queensland Ultralight  
Association has space in the club's  
hangar at Watts Bridge Airfield.

Rental is just \$65 per month for  
QUA Members.

But you don't need to be a QUA  
Member to use the hangar

AVGAS is available on the field with  
Toogoolawah township just a  
5 minute drive for all your supplies

Contact Richard on (07) 3818-1988  
for all the details.

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### RAINBOW BEACH FLY AWAY SAFARI

Rainbow Beach, on Queensland's Cooloola Coast, has an Authorised Landing Area (ALA) conveniently situated north of the township, close to the coast. Fraser Island is just off the adjoining coast.

The airfield is 3 nm south of Inskip Point and at lat 25 deg 51.154 min S: long 153 deg 04.167 min E. Elevation is 15 feet; runway - 15/33, overall - 850m x 60m, surface - grass over sand. Parking is south of hangar. The strip is cut from the surrounding bush which has scrub to heights of 15/20 feet. The surface can be soft in dry weather but OK when wet. Use the centre of the strip. Frequency 126.7

Avoid noise sensitive areas over Rainbow Beach town & over Rainbow Shores resort. Approach & climb must not be made over any part of the town.

Prior permission is required with pre-flight report to Ray Parker on 07 5486

3132. Landing fees apply.

Taxi service is available on 07 5486 3164.

Accommodation & tours are readily available.

The Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assn. Inc. incorporating the Lone Eagle Flying School, based at Clifton, will be operating from Rainbow Beach airfield for the period 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2003 to the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2003 inclusive offering to members, friends and visitors a fully operational AUF flying training facility operating our Drifter.

As your next aviation related activity why not

fly-in or drive-in to Rainbow beach airfield. Have a holiday at the beach with aviation overtones. The clubs on field organisation will assist you in this adventure.

You or any of your friends are invited to attend during this period to savour the delights of flying over this very unique area. You may only want to drop in for a day, perhaps stay overnight, a few days or as some are doing, staying for the week.

There will be vehicles on site for those who fly in to give you transport, however the only fuel available will be mogas. Accommodation is

your own responsibility however there is available from the club a detailed list of what is available and full contact details. Some are staying in rental housing, units or the caravan park, whilst the hardy are either sleeping under the wing of their plane or camping at Inskip Point National Park facilities.



On either or both Saturday nights (at a place to be determined) an informal "dining out" will be held as a social opportunity. Prior booking will be required for this nights activity.

All those attending are requested to contact either Murray Knight or Trevor Bange prior to their arrival.

#### **For more information contact:**

**Trevor Bange** on (07) 4695 8541 or email: [trevorbange@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorbange@bigpond.com)

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

#### AUGUST 2003

Meeting opened 8.30p.m.

Apologies Lloyd Salisbury, Robyn Salisbury, Andy Dunlop and Margaret Vote.  
Visitors Roger Kelly  
Chairperson Mike Smith

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved and accepted as correct  
Moved by Col Thorpe -2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Sweetapple

#### Treasurer Report

Final Balance \$16,232.28  
Moved Peter Frazer - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tanys McCarron

#### A.U.F. Report:

Don Mellow

C.A.S.A. Meeting held in Sydney A.U.F. Gyro's and all Sport Aviation Represented.

Meeting attended by Paul Middleton(A.U.F).

A.U.F. Reps and C.A.S.A. Meeting to be held in September.

Discussion of Raglan Fly-In. Educating Pilots about Rules of Air and good / bad decision making

EG. Flying down strip at 50ft. Missed Approach? Interpretation .

Use of Drifters in Mustering Cattle and Unregistered Aircraft.

#### Social Directors Report.

Fly-In	Clifton	9 <sup>th</sup> August. 03
Fly-In Dinner	Watts Bridge	29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> August, 03
A.U.F. Board Meeting	Canberra	18 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> September 03

#### General Business

Robyn and Lloyd Salisbury travelling with Andy Dunlop and Margaret Vote in bus on holiday from Perth back to Brisbane via Darwin. Just outside Geraldton there is an explosion at back of bus. Rear window is blown out ? Gas bottle exploded. Andy goes under bus to see what problem is and is burnt on face by gas bottle. And taken to Hospital for Burns. Face bandaged . Fate of Andy's eyesight unknown at this time. Best wishes for Speedy Recovery to Andy.

Thanks to Mrs Frazer for supper.



### Watt's Happening....

On Sunday August 17 Watts Bridge held an extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of deciding whether to adopt a new constitution. After various amendments, those attending voted for the resolution.

The change that particularly effects us is our role in the management of the airfield. In the past we have been obliged to provide someone to sit on the Management Committee along with the other Home Base Group delegates. This system has changed to a Board of five who will be elected at the AGM from Ordinary members, their Home Base affiliation being irrelevant. To ensure Home Base Groups aren't left out in the cold, an Airfield Council has been set up comprising one candidate from each Home Base Group. Their job is to assist each other in the organising of events on the Airfield and, probably most importantly, to watch the Board and ensure we as individuals aren't hung out to dry. The two groups will exchange minutes and either can call a combined meeting to discuss points of contention.

So if you wish to be part of Watts Airfield management then become an Ordinary member (\$60) and put your name in the hat for election as a Board member. The changes voted in will be sent to the appropriate government department and expected back in six weeks, nomination forms will then be sent out for Board positions and a couple of weeks later the AGM notice will go out with resumes of the hopefuls attached.

This could well herald a new era for Watts with some of the in fighting and disorganisation of the past staying there. I've heard through the grapevine that in recent times Jacobs Well and Caboolture have been having some serious differences of opinion within their management structures, so we could be the stable ones for a while. Let's hope so. Tanys