



Watts News

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INFRASTRUCTURE!

Shown here is the new culvert across clubhouse lane awaiting its concrete end supports, as well as the new emergency gate on Silverleaves Rd. What hasn't been shown are the two additional new gates into the tie down area. All pretty mundane stuff, unless you're putting them up in the heat of summer. It will take around 100 hours of work provided you can get all the gear you need. For this you'll probably save the airfield thousands of dollars. Not quite so mundane after all we would all agree! Many thanks to Rod Mill and Peter Freeman.

Leaseholder's Report

An excellent attendance was noted for the re-convened leaseholder's meeting chaired by Mal McKenzie. The meeting was congenial and informal with plenty of conversation both during the meeting and around morning tea afterwards.

Items raised included the council's recent rate increase, possible implications from the recent council amalgamations, housekeeping matters and future development.

Richard Faint is updating the website and would like photos of people and aircraft in front of open hangars as well as some telephoto aerobatic shots.

Leaseholders are advised that the next meeting will be held on Sunday May 18th at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield at 10am.

From the President's desk

It is interesting to note the way this issue is about infrastructure. Usually Watts News is about aircraft activities and while there is more of that than ever, the focus this time is more about providing things that benefit aircraft and their owners.

There is the new fire fighting unit and its dedicated trailer, the new QUA clubhouse, new gates and very soon a new public toilet designed to service the hangar precinct and provide a nice amenity for visitors. Interest in site sales is growing and more planning for building development is underway.

The main entry roadway is certainly in better shape and will become even better with the application of additional material while similar treatment is foreshadowed for the rough spot adjacent to the vetiver grass plantation at SS1. Peter Freeman has modified the spreader for the 4 in 1 bucket on the Euro Leopard tractor and in conjunction with the powered roller it is making a real difference. Rain is required but not too much for these jobs to be done.

On behalf of the Board let me express our thanks to all who are striving to make Watts Bridge the premier airfield for recreational aviation.

Mike Nelson, President, WBMA.



The latest addition to the clubhouse precinct is the Queensland Ultralight Association's clubhouse. The picture was taken towards the end of construction some weeks ago. Watts Bridge congratulates QUA on its enterprise in making its home here.

WBMA Dates to Remember	
Friday April 25th	ANZAC Day Ceremony at the flagpole at 7.30am
Sunday May 18th	Leaseholder's meeting at AAC 10am
Saturday July 12th	QUA Poker Run and Christmas in July in AAC
Saturday/Sunday August 30th	QVAG Festival of Flight



A nice shot taken by Mal McKenzie recently over lake Somerset. At the time it was 90% full. Looking closely you can see that it wouldn't take much to go over the spillway.

Calling all Homebase groups

ANZAC Day is an opportunity for all homebase groups to show their colours. During the ANZAC Ceremony at the flagpole near Clubhouse Precinct, opportunity will be given for homebase groups as well as individual members to lay a wreath in honour of those who have fallen defending our freedom. Wreath-laying will precede the recitation of the ANZAC Ode and the sounding of the Last Post.