

AACQLD iLOOP Newsletter

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Australian Aerobatic Club Qld Chapter

Newsletter



AACQLD Christmas Party – Nov 2010

What a wonderful turn out and great to see some new and old faces at the event.

Even some interstate people came along to enjoy the Queensland hospitality and I believe they were not disappointed.

From NSW came (Uncle) Phil Unicomb and (Doctor) Larry Jongbloed who came specially after hearing about how good our parties are.

Alan and Carley Kilpatrick and Tony Bansmer it was so good see you and catch up again. Alan is now based back in Brisbane so hopefully we will see him a bit more.

A presentation was made during the evening the AACQLD gave Tracy Hearne a Coffee Machine to replace the one she lent to the club in 2007 and is still in use today.



Cooking up a Storm



Dinner



Alan & Carley Kilpatrick



Presenting the Coffee Machine

Weather

How could anyone send anything out without mentioning the weather?

Well due to the El Nino weather patterns this has had a real effect on the flying conditions over the last few months. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and not have had too many problems with rising water and flooding issues.

There has been so amazing stories of survival and of the generosity of those that have not been affected helping those that have.

To all those that have in any way been touched by the floods our thoughts are with you.

Even though Watts Bridge was closed due to water lying around there was no damage to any buildings or aircraft. The clubhouse stayed high and dry.



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How Far We Have Come

(tracy hearne)

With the request that went out to members in regards to an interest free loan to bring the Clubhouse to completion it had me thinking back to the “good” old days before the clubhouse.

Watts Bridge became the “home” of AACQ around the year of 2000 (don’t quote me) or as long as I have been involved with the club. Prior to that I believe practice use to be where it could be organised, Gatton Tent Hill airstrip and Mal Beard’s property was used to some extent.

Liz Cook has worked tirelessly to have the club established at Watts Bridge and in doing so also became the Secretary of the Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield and is a position she still holds today.

When I became involved the practice weekends were just starting to happening at Watts and there were no facilities for us to use. In the summer time we use to huddle in any shade we could find while the Decathlon VH-DEC would be consistently flying with very new aerobatic pilots trying to come to grips with the graduate and Sportsman programs. I won’t even mention winter.

Merryn would even then try and look after us by bringing out an Esky with bits and pieces in it for Lunch etc

QVAG took pity on us after awhile and let us use their facilities when we held a State Comps and eventually let us use their kitchen to make the lunches etc during practice weekends.

Toogoolwah Motel and Pub got to know us quite well as we would stay the Saturday night and have tea at the Pub, this usually consisted of a 6 to 10 people.

Having the clubhouse has definitely made life a lot easier at Watts Bridge with all the comforts of home.

In 2006 the work on the Official Clubhouse began and has been progressing in stages ever since. Most of the work has been done by members under supervision of Brendan Scilini so thank you to those hard working people.

The DA is due to Expire in Feb 2011 again with the help of a few generous members who have elected to help with an interest free loan this should now be completed. It has been a long and sometimes hard journey but...I think we are almost there

On the next page is a pictorial history...enjoy!



Clubhouse in 2004



Start of the Official Club House in June 2006



Lunch Break



Really Starting to Take Shape...2006



June 2010



The purpose it was built for - it's members 2010

Membership renewals due

If you haven't renewed your membership NOW is the time to do it.

The membership runs for 1 calendar year and is due 1st Jan each year. So if you haven't done it yet but keeping thinking I will get around to it...then DO IT NOW!!

Go to <http://www.aerobicsaustralia.com.au/> and click on Membership and then the link to renew.

Coming Events for your DIARY!!

Victorian State Titles 25th – 27th Feb

More details on the Australian Aerobic Club Website

26 & 27 February 2011	Practice Weekend	Watts Bridge	Steven Hudson 0432 822 182 Brendan Scilini 0418 719 396 Tracy Hearne 0419 715 332
26 & 27 March 2011	AGM held on Saturday with Practice Weekend Mini Comp (Sunday)	Watts Bridge	Steven Hudson 0432 822 182 Brendan Scilini 0418 719 396 Tracy Hearne 0419 715 332
23 - 25 April 2011	2011 Australian National Aerobic Championships	Parkes NSW	Tracy Hearne 0419 715 332
21 May 2011	All In Fly In Home Base Group Event	Watts Bridge	Steven Hudson 0432 822 182 Brendan Scilini 0418 719 396 Tracy Hearne 0419 715 332

As catering is ONLY supplied for those that advise they will be attending the events

Don't forget to go the website www.aacqld.com.au and fill in the form.

Editors Note

This is your newsletter so please submit any articles, ideas to tracy@aeros.com.au

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Till Next Time.....Tracy