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October 2014 Newsletter

The Fly-in Breakfast was held in reasonably windy conditions on Saturday 18th October, preventing many of the regular smaller aircraft from attending.



The breakfast area was largely protected from this as the wind was more southerly than easterly, still making for an enjoyable and calm morning on the ground at least.



According to our photographer, David Wilson, there were lots of interesting approaches and landings as many aircraft landed long, flying past his usual position from which he photographs aircraft landing. This was of course because pilots

were adding an appropriate gust factor into their approach speeds to compensate for the gusty conditions and wind shear.



Fortunately, Dunwich has plenty of runway length available to wash off the speed and land a bit past the normal touchdown spot.



Our regular helpers at the barbecue, Doug and Joan, were away on holidays, so club member and former Dunwich airfield owner, Brian Shadler volunteered to cook our bacon, sausages and eggs, ably assisted as usual by caretaker, Billy Cooper.

Thank-you as usual to our President, Pat Bowden, for her tireless work in the kitchen preparing the bain-marie dishes and fruit platters, and to the many visitors who assisted in some way.



Of great interest to our guests were the excellent photos of the recent flying trip to Great Keppel Island and Agnes Waters, organized by Graham and Val Pukallus, who were accompanied by Ken and Ann-Maree Cox and a few others of our regular flying visitors.



A new kitchen has been installed in the shed, complete with two sinks and new tapware, which has brightened the area up considerably.



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Straddie Aero Club took up an offer to include an article about it in Sibelco's newsletter, the Sand Times. A limited number of copies of this are now available in the shed to interested members.

November Breakfast Date Change.

Because of the G20 airspace restrictions, which would have involved everybody flying in to the breakfast being required to lodge a flight plan and fly under the direct supervision of Air Traffic Control, the November Fly-in Breakfast will now be held on Saturday 22nd November, 2014, the fourth Saturday of the month.

*Text by Duncan Shiels, Photos taken by
Dave Wilson & edited by Ken Cox.*