

This is the first broadcast email from your new committee. Firstly we apologise for the delay in communicating with you, but we have been on the back foot a bit catching up with outstanding business left by the previous committee.

The committee has put in a lot of effort since the AGM understanding the state of affairs and what gaps exist. The key issues have now been identified and contained. Furthermore, a clear plan has been developed that positions us well moving into 2016.

We have had to create a membership list, as the one we were given did not comply with the Rules of Association. We also had to hunt around for email addresses, as that information was not passed on.

As you can see from this email, we have created a new club email address, which is kilcoyairfield@gmail.com. We firmly believe that club communication should be conducted through a club account and not private email addresses. We had a hotmail address but the past committees decided to use their private email addresses.

We have also created a new website which is kilcoyairfield.club. There was a problem with the previous site, as the club did not own the domain. We have been attempting to get this person to pull down the site, but so far this has not happened. The club owns the domain kilcoyairfield.club and as it is a requirement that an individual owns it, we can transfer it to each successive President. It is our intention to develop this site further and would appreciate photos, articles or any other information. In addition, club details will be loaded onto the site, so any person can access the Rules of Association, the club lease, forms and information pertaining to hangar sales and other matters.

Another outstanding matter is the updating of the Rules of Association. We are in the process of doing that in accordance with the club resolution to allow non voting members to stand for certain committee positions. When the draft is completed, we will put it to the membership for ratification.

We are also attending to the outstanding compliance matter in regard to the tractor shed. It is essential that as a club, all matters relating to compliance be addressed promptly.

We have been kept busy with hangar leases, correcting some of the past transfers and dealing with new ones. This includes providing information to Council, which was left outstanding. There has been quite a bit of new activity in that area, which is pleasing to see. It has kept us busy obtaining the relevant consents etc.

As you are aware, one of our main tasks is to commence negotiations for a new lease. We presented the proposition to Council to allow the club to have direct dealings with Seqwater. It received favorable consideration and Council has agreed in principle for SEQSAC to have direct negotiations with Seqwater to secure a new lease. This decision of Council is on the basis of continued public access and use by visiting aircraft. We are now in communication with Seqwater to progress the matter. There are a few options available and we will cover all of them to obtain the best outcome for the club. You will be kept fully informed on this important aspect of the clubs' future. We hope to have a follow up meeting with Seqwater prior to Christmas

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The airfield is looking good after the recent rain and all of you in mowing mode will be kept busy dealing with the recent growth. The club now has access to a drag bar and in the coming months will use it to make a smoother taxiway and runway. We have also had a local fencer do some upkeep on the boundary fence. It is standing up well, but has needed a bit of attention.

On another matter, the committee believes in spreading the workload, providing as much open communication as possible and utilising the talent of club members. To that extent, we would like to expand the committee by two and have taken the initiative of recruiting Dick Hay and Evan Andrews. We also believe that in having a slightly larger committee, we can bring people online and bring them up to speed for future club positions. It will allow a wider spread of information, which is very beneficial to the membership. We will seek club ratification of that move at the next club meeting.

While Dick has sold his hangar, he is staying on as a voting member. He will be able to assist the committee with club history and this is an important part of our new lease negotiations. Evan is an engineer and a senior leader. He has a wealth of knowledge in regard to aviation as well as developing future planning initiatives for the club.

The committee would also like to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and a great flying year for 2016.

We are here to serve the club and would like to receive feedback from you.

Regards from your committee.