

NEWSLETTER NO 2

We are continuing to develop the club's website and in the future we will be able to utilize it as the clubs main source of information. A new web site has been constructed and we are now loading relevant documentation such as forms, the Rules of Association and other relevant paperwork. It is coming together nicely, but we still need local input from members. We were experiencing a problem with PDF's when used on mobile devices such as Ipad, smart phones and Tablets, but after many hours of research, this has been solved. You should now be able to access this documents and print them out from any device.

To solve these problems, we had to change the very base of the website and our web host spent countless hours on email and phone to the web developers trying to solve the problem of PDF's being able to be seen, printed, and generally operating as they should. I would like to thank Marylou for the weeks she has spent on this task at no cost to the club. Without her assistance, we would just not have an effective website which works. She is not a club member, has little interest in aviation and has done this a favour to the club. I feel sure we will reap the benefits of this work in the future. Thank you again Marylou.

Without getting into a plethora of stats, you might be interested to know that in January we had 6115 hits on the site and 1626 pages accessed. In February, the number of hits was 10,281 with 772 pages accessed. Many hits could be "robots" and people who arrive there in error and do right back out. It is a better gauge of the success of the web site to see how many pages are accessed.

Hits are coming from approximately 25 countries. The top five being:

1. Australia
2. USA
3. China
4. Germany
5. UK

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A number of things have happened in the past couple of months and some new ideas have emerged.

It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of two Committee members, Ron Dyball (sec) and Evan Andrews (committee). The Committee has appreciated each of their service and inputs. Both have cited personal reasons and we wish them well. It can be a difficult task at times to balance our commitments at home and work with the addition of taking on club responsibilities. Both these people stood up to the plate and we thank them for doing so. We hope to see them settle back as regular flying members, enjoying the great surrounds of Kilcoy airfield.

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As a result of the resignation of Ron Dyball, I approached John Adams (G4) to take on the role of Secretary. The Committee has endorsed this and John has graciously accepted the appointment of Secretary for the remainder of the year. , Welcome aboard John, your contribution is much appreciated. We can now promise you lots of work.

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Further, Mike Wallace has advised he no longer wishes to serve as Airfield Manager. We thank Mike for his contribution. He indicated he would still have a continued involvement with the mowing.

It is important that as many members understand the administration of the field as possible. Future Committees can have insight by being part of what is happening right now. Think about it.

Also of importance is willingness to "step up" to completing maintenance tasks and not let the burden fall disproportionately on a small number. To that end, we are seeking another Committee person. Additionally, we are seeking a person who can be the "Airfield Reporter". This may be one and the same person, who knows?

I have mentioned the website earlier in this newsletter. To be vibrant and informative, it needs refreshing regularly to continually be read with pictures and stories of interest that have some connection to Kilcoy or wider aviation appeal. This could be an interesting aircraft that has visited our field or a short report on a fly in or event. If someone, preferably connected with the Committee would prepare this material, say, monthly and send it to the Webmaster it would be valuable indeed.

Anybody ready to take on one or both positions? At the next GM there will be some various options put forward for keeping our field looking great. In the meantime I shall be coordinating mowing and would appreciate support and input with this task.

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We have also been in contact with Council and Seqwater regarding our lease. We hope to have a further "across the table meeting" with Seqwater in the coming weeks to discuss and further advance the assignment of the head lease to the club. We are also talking with a firm of Solicitors to represent the club as required during this process. At this stage, Seqwater are preparing a document for assignment of the lease to the club.

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We hope to have regular updates and would ask if any member has any queries to contact a committee member or send an email to kilcoyairfield@gmail.com

Regards

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