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CLUB NEWS

Evenin'all,

Well after the initial news of the pending new Club House, there have been some major changes to the scenery in that area. The old building is no longer and the finishing touches are now being applied to the new "**General Aviation Terminal**" housing *The Rockhampton Aero Club*.

The official opening will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 1st March and President Graham and the committee invite you and your family to this "historic" occasion. We also hope to extend these celebrations to an Open Day on the Sunday (2nd March). For those who haven't seen our/your refurbished Cessna C172, "VH-OZY" this is an ideal opportunity to inspect it for yourself and hopefully *give it a go*.

Please contact the Club for the start time as this had not been finalized at time of printing.

If that's not enough to sway you, then we would like to dangle a carrot in front of you with the fact that the new building is now FULLY AIRCONDITIONED, and we even have a couple of dunnies (sorry toilets) and a proper kitchen located in the building, neat eh!!

Special Offer: Although January is historically a slow month for the Club, due to some television advertising offering special rates for pilots and reminding people of our Trial Instructional Flights we have clocked up some reasonable flying hours.

Wot, you didn't see it....

Well, you had better be quick, fly the Cessna C150 for \$95.00 / Hr private or \$130.00 Dual with a stipulation that the flight must be paid for on the day by cash or cheque only.

Members Achievements:

Congratulations go to Brendan Rossow and Ropindi Singh, who recently passed their GFPT tests and James Watt and Neil Richardson for

gaining their PPL's. Remember to mark your calendar for Wings Night on the 14th November at the R'ton Leagues Club again.

A.L.A.C.'s: This year the Australian Light Aircraft Championships are being held in February, just prior to the Avalon Air Show and as usual, in conjunction with the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia AGM and conference. President Graham and George will be representing The Club at the conference and again this year, George will be officiating as a Judge during the ALAC's. "Tough job" but someone has to do it...

Lost Pilot Formation

Although not a member our the club, for a short period last year **Dr. Nichole Burman** frequented the Club and our Friday night barbeques and brought a fresh young face and bright spirit to the "regulars". Nichole passed away yesterday (25th January) in Brisbane after illness and our sympathy and thoughts go to her parents, family and friends during this time of loss.

BBQ: A reminder about the only regular social event for the Club, the famous Friday Night BBQ. This Friday night will be the first in the new building and we would be over the moon if you and your family and friends joined us. We kick in about 0800 UTC (1800 local) and give Chris (the cook) a hard time if we can't smell cooking by 1900 hrs.

Thanks: Our thanks again go to our "casual" pilots, Capt. Dave Tempest and Shanka for their continued unpaid non-flying help around the Club. Dave is also the man who works behind the scenes to prepare for the Friday night BBQ's.

By the way, Rhonda (boss hog of the office) has asked me to remind those members who have overlooked their membership dues.. ***They're now OVERDUE.***

Members, please remember , this is your Club, if you have an idea or suggestion (keep it clean), the management committee would love to here from you either signed or anonymous. I have included a questionnaire if you wish to post or drop it into the Club. Of course, the other option is email the Club or any of the committee.

If you would like your copy of Club Newsletters emailed instead, please email us or note it on the feedback sheet and let us know.

On that note, I'm outta here,
Happy flying.



Our Staff (after a good scrub-up)



The new "OZY"
(also after a good scrub-up)

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Feedback / Suggestion Sheet

Name (optional): _____

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What I DON'T like about the Club: _____
(and would like changed)

What I do like about the Club: _____

New ideas: _____

Unless otherwise requested, we will list ALL your suggestions and comments (no names) in the next edition .

Please take the time to improve YOUR Club !!!!!

See you there soon,

Thank you.