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## February 2013 Newsletter

February's Fly-in Breakfast was held under difficult weather conditions with low cloud and periodically heavy showers and poor visibility meaning a much reduced number of visiting aircraft. Those who arrived very early or later in the morning had the easier time of it.

Despite the poor weather, there was a relatively strong turn-out from Heck Field and Southport but the more operationally difficult flight from Redcliffe and Caboolture meant none of the regulars from those fields were able to attend.

The good news was the wind remained calm at around 10 knots from the south-east.

This poor weather also meant that the barbecue had to be abandoned every so often by our volunteer cooks, Mike, Doug and Billy, as heavy showers rolled across the airstrip.

Pat organized an extra table in the shed to provide additional seating for twelve people while a holding area was established outside under three umbrellas for those waiting for a seat or having their breakfast standing up.

An added complication was of course that the shade sales, which were damaged and taken down in the cyclone of three weeks ago, were not able to be replaced in time

for this breakfast. Pat has had new shade sails made up and they will be professionally installed very soon.

The breakfast was excellent as usual and thoroughly enjoyed by all, despite the inclement weather.



The take-offs were an exciting spectacle as can be seen in the accompanying photos of the huge sheets of water kicked up behind the rolling aircraft. These hard-working pilots and their aircraft were the subject of much interest, discussion and speculation by the gathered watchers from the shed.

In all, thirteen aircraft arrived and twenty-six breakfast sales were made, which Pat was very pleased with under the circumstances.

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