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A Yak, an RV-6 and a Nanchang do a V-formation pass over the airstrip during breakfast.

After raining until 1.30pm on Friday, the weather cleared up to a gloriously fine, nil wind day for our Straddie Fly-in Breakfast, held on Saturday 21st June. Stabilised and smooth approaches into YDUN were a rare treat to be appreciated on this morning.



There were sixty-eight breakfasts served to the tune of comments overheard such as, "This is wonderful."

Possibly because of pent-up demand or interest due to the cancellation of the May breakfast, we had a very creditable thirty-eight planes arrive, many of them first time visitors and many of them rare and interesting types of aircraft that are very definitely not typical of the aircraft that usually fly in here. Welcome!



Thank-you to our President, Pat Bowden, for her tireless work in the kitchen, preparing all the fruit platters and the bain-marie dishes and to all those who assisted her.



Thanks to Doug and Joan out at the barbecue, cooking our eggs, bacon and sausages, ably assisted by caretaker Billy who is constantly running trays of this food into the buffet breakfast in the clubhouse.



We would also like to thank those guests and other members who assisted Pat with all the washing-up and with putting away the tables, chairs and umbrellas.



This Aero(Rockwell) Shrike Commander 500U was an impressive and rare visitor to our airstrip.



This New Zealand registered Cessna 182 is to be put on the Australian Register very soon. It was flown out to Archerfield last month by one of our breakfast guests via Norfolk Island, Lord Howe Island and Coolangatta, a flight total of 12 hours. No ferry tanks were required but a life-raft was!



This very rare Mooney Cadet, the only aircraft of its type on the Australian Register, was also a visitor this breakfast morning.

Remember, whale-watching season is upon us at the moment, so whenever you are flying to Straddie, be sure to go coastal and look for the spectacular migrating humpback whales.

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