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March 2014 Newsletter

The March Fly-in Breakfast was held on Saturday 15th. Thirty-two planes arrived and sixty flyers had breakfast.



Assistant caretaker, Patch trying to interest the passing humans in a game of "Catch."

We had another near-perfect flying day. Fine weather with an east-southeasterly wind made runway 15 the runway of choice.



The airfield has had regular rain in the last month and thanks to the mowing efforts of member Doug and caretaker Billy, looks great.



Thanks to Doug, his wife Joan and Billy for their excellent work on the barbecue.





Thanks are due also to President Pat for her tireless work in the kitchen preparing the breakfast spread and the bain-marie dishes. Thanks to member Rod for his assistance with this as well as preparing the fruit entrees for each table.



Other News:

The three self-guided bushwalks are now all fully cleared from the January bushfire and re-marked with flagging tape where required. Kathryn and Duncan have worked hard clearing the dozens of felled, burnt-out trees and replacing the burnt markers.



The last section of track from the lookout down to Dunwich is cleared to a passable standard but there are still a few trees collapsed across the track that have been left that can be stepped over and new small detours built around the larger fallen trees that are too hard to move at this stage.



One unintended bonus from the bushfires is that the view from the lookout is uninterrupted by any obscuring vegetation which was completely burnt out by a veritable firestorm sweeping through this area leaving the ancient dune exposed back to the sand with just a few of the larger trees surviving.



Thanks also to Fletcher for repainting the main vehicular access track signs, which had all the paint scorched off them by the fire.



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