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## September 2013 Newsletter

The Fly-in Breakfast was held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, a fine calm day with just a few small bumps on finals to Runway 15 to make it interesting. We had twenty-one aircraft fly in and served forty-one breakfasts.



Numbers were down, probably due to an event being held at Heck Field and a fly away involving many Southport Flying Club members. People's social calendars also start to fill up at this time of year and perhaps, this day being the first day of the Queensland State school holidays, family commitments may have kept some of our regular flyers away.

But one of our regular visitors, Keith Galloway, flew three and a half hours in his Sportstar from a property near Injune and Carnarvon Gorge to his breakfast here on Straddie this morning.



Two interesting aircraft types that are not seen too often at Straddie breakfasts were a Lake Buccaneer and a V-tailed Bonanza.



The cooked breakfast was enjoyable as usual thanks to the efforts of Doug and Billy on the barbecue. Pat, of course, was working tirelessly in the kitchen as usual. Thank-you as well to all the other volunteers who assisted.

On a house-keeping matter, for pilots of larger, more powerful aircraft, please be

aware of the effect your prop-wash has on the umbrellas and light plastic chairs in the dining area behind you and park well away from the area or else park at an angle.



Many of us had to hang on to furniture and umbrellas to stop them blowing away while one pilot sat oblivious in front of us in his aircraft presumably waiting for his turbo to cool prior to shut-down.



On another matter, the track into the airfield was graded recently but the many fire appliances and water trucks that attended the recent burning off to the south of the field as well as other traffic have created already some very large potholes hidden in the otherwise relatively smooth sections of the road - a trap for the unwary.

While the track is easily trafficable by all types of vehicles, drivers are requested to use caution.



Attention to all financial members. There will be an AGM held after the November\* breakfast at about 10.30 a.m.

*Text by Duncan Shiels, Photos by Ken Cox and Dave Wilson.*

\*Previously advised incorrectly as being after the October breakfast