



LOXTON AERO CLUB

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Newsletter

Autumn 2022

Committee news

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie's Asset & Property Management Officer Adrian Dick met with our committee to discuss the proposed lease of the airfield apron area and hangars, handing to us the responsibility to collect site rental fees from the hangar owners. The committee agreed with this in principle and are going ahead with negotiating the details.

Cameras

Four weather cameras have been installed on the clubrooms providing a 360 degree view of the conditions prevailing at the airfield during daylight hours. Pilots can access these images through their Electronic Flight Bags (Oz Runways or Av Plan) or directly through a web browser at:

<https://airportweathercams.com/ylox/>

or

<https://myairportcams.com/>

or

windy.com



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Images are uploaded every 8 minutes between 06:00 and 20:00. The cameras were installed by Tom and Rohan with assistance from Peter Brookman of Keith who is advocating for these installations at airports around South Australia, and the cameras were supplied by Brent Christensen of Victoria who is hosting the websites and linking the images to the EFBs. A couple of members can log directly into the cameras for monitoring the live feed and troubleshooting or reconfiguring the settings if needed.

These cameras are invaluable when planning and conducting flights and increase safety with real time images to assess weather conditions. As you can see on the map, there are many of these

cameras around the country but we are the only ones in our area between Murray Bridge and Mildura.

The **Weather station** in the clubrooms has been inoperable for some time due to the ravages of sun and time, so we've replaced it with a new one and relocated it for easier access to replace batteries etc. No excuse now for not knowing wind strength and direction before going flying.

Central Air Services have finished chasing crows and corellas for another year. While Tom was here, the lawns received a weekly mow and regular watering and are looking great.

The **CASA AvSafety seminar** is scheduled for April 10th and will be the first BBQ we've held for some time. Please come along and support CASA in their ongoing safety education program. There's always something new to learn, and Terry Horsam always delivers the goods.

The 5333 Jabiru has a new owner in new member Brian Stott. Brian has relocated the plane and is now renting space in hangar 2.

Previous member Trevor Smith has also re-joined the club, and is hanging his microlite in Hangar 1.

Welcome to these new members.



There is a proposal that the club holds a Landing Competition on Sunday 12th June, with a view to making this an annual event. Pilots will be challenged to make a glide approach from Base to land as near as possible to, but after a marked line across the strip. Points would be allocated on a sliding scale reducing the further past the line the wheels first touch down. We'd like to invite entrants from around the Riverland initially with the possibility of expanding this even wider if it takes off. There may be a prize offered and of course a BBQ lunch to announce scores. Your thoughts and feedback on this proposal would be appreciated.

Spotted this unfortunate aircraft at Ballarat recently, with an even more unfortunate Rego©



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