



# LOXTON AERO CLUB

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## Newsletter June 2023

### Spot Landing Competition

A small but enthusiastic gathering witnessed the Loxton Aero Club (LAC) 2023 Spot Landing Competition on Sunday 26th March.

The winner was Peter Humphries from Renmark, followed by Tim Laidler (Berri) and Bryon Powell (Renmark). This year we presented trophies with the prize money - presented by LAC President, Alex Wild. Thanks to Alex and committee members Dianne Clarke and Brian Stott for donation of prize money.

We all enjoyed a hamburger lunch (it takes two hands .....) prepared and served by our small but keen catering crew. Yum!

Thanks to all those who attended. Weather kept participants from southern and western areas away. Let's hope for better weather next year!!



### Council Facilities Lease and Hangar Licence

At our recent Committee Meeting we reviewed the lease documents from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW). Several questions arose and two members of the committee will meet with Andrew Waters to request clarification of some points in the documents.

The facilities lease appears to be quite a generic document and therefore a lot of the very lengthy coverage of subjects is not relevant to our club. We will attempt to rationalise the document and make it more relevant to our situation.

## Certificate from SA State Emergency Service

On behalf of the Loxton Aero Club, Treasurer Rohan Scarfe received a Certificate of Appreciation from Loxton SES Deputy Unit Manager, John Kindness. This was for the use of our clubrooms and facilities for the SES helicopter pilots during the 2022-2023 River Murray Flood Emergency or "as a mark of recognition for assisting with a staging area in support of air crews during the River Murray Flood incident."



**Riverland Sport Aviation** have invited members of the Loxton Aero Club to a navigation trial beginning from **Renmark Airport** on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

After the completion of the trial you will arrive at a pleasant destination for lunch.

You are also invited to another event, **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, visiting the **Greenock Aviation Museum.**

You will need to drive to this event as there is no convenient local airstrip – a barbecue lunch can be arranged at the museum.

Loxton Aero Club members  
are invited to a  
**FLY-IN and OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Wentworth Airport

## 'Try 'n Fly in July' open day at Loxton Aerodrome

We are planning a 'Try 'n Fly in July' day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. The plan is to invite owners of planes throughout the Riverland to come along and put their planes on display and for some to take members of the public (15yo or older) for a sample flight. We hope to attract those people who have an interest in learning to fly but have not been able to experience a flight in a plane. We will also invite Tim Laidler to attend to promote his flying school and give people access to training. Watch our Facebook page and local media for more details.

## Mice, mice, mice



If you own an aircraft that is stored at the Loxton Aerodrome be warned that there is a mouse plague and you may sustain some damage to your plane/possessions. Many hangars are not rodent proof and you will need to set up baiting stations to control the pests.