

The Aviation Historical Society of Australia (Qld) Inc. is dedicated to researching, recording and sharing Australia's rich aviation heritage



# AHSA (Qld) Inc. Newsletter

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## Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the AHSA (Qld) Inc. Newsletter. The new Management Committee was elected last Friday night and they are working hard towards having the Group Incorporated in the very near future.

They will be holding a Management Committee Meeting at Archerfield on 1 September 2017 (today) to discuss the way forward. Look out for an announcement in the next edition of this Newsletter.

This is a short Newsletter this time, but it is hoped that it will grow in size for future editions. I look forward to receiving some historical material from members to include in future editions of the Newsletter. Perhaps you could also send me some Aviation Jokes to use in a future edition.

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## Aviation Humour

Q: What kind of chocolate do they sell at the airport?

A: Plane Chocolate!

Q: A plane crashed and every single person died except two, Why?

A: Because they were a couple.

Q. What's the difference between a pizza and a flight instructor?

A: A pizza feeds a family of four!

## General Meeting

A General Meeting of the Aviation Historical Society of Australia (Qld) group was held at Archerfield Airport on Friday 25 August 2017. We will start our journey towards Incorporation. It was agreed that we would submit an application to incorporate our current Group as an incorporated association under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 2011. The name of our new group will be the "Aviation Historical Society of Australia (Qld) Inc."

It was agreed that we would adopt the Model Rules developed by the Office of Fair Trading. The new Management Committee was elected as follows:-

President	Warwick Henry
Vice President	Peter Dunn
Secretary	Donald Furlonger
Treasurer	Drummond McKenzie
Member	George Palmer

Following the formalities, Peter Dunn showed a video that he had edited to publicise our new group. Peter also showed some colour film of the WWII Townsville Air Depot. Peter also advised that he had set up a Twitter account and a Gmail address for AHSA (Qld) Inc.

George Palmer then gave a Powerpoint presentation on his flying experiences to Cocos, Christmas, Manus and Nauru Islands.

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## BNE OPEN HOUSE



AHSA (Qld) will be participating in Brisbane Open House at Archerfield Airport on Saturday 7 October 2017 from 10am to 4pm in support of the Archerfield Airport Corporation. It is an opportunity for us to showcase our new soon-to-be Incorporated Association and attract new members. We need a few volunteers to look after our display and represent our group. If you would like to assist please contact George Palmer who will be co-ordinating our participation.

## Who was Charles Smith?

**BIRTHS.**

**GROOM.**—On the 8th February, at Indooroopilly, the wife of Littleton E. Groom, of a daughter.

**SMITH.**—On the 9th February, at River View Terrace, Hamilton, the wife of William Charles Smith, of a son.

**RUSSELL.**—On the 9th February, at Sandgate, the wife of H. Vernon Russell, of a daughter.

Courier Mail 13 February 1897

Charles Smith was born at Hamilton in Brisbane on 9 February 1897 in a house on the corner of Riverview Terrace and Hamilton Road. The family moved to Vancouver, Canada when Charles was six years old. Two other Smith families lived in the same street and to ensure they received their mail, the family changed their surname to Kingsford Smith. Kingsford was the maiden name of Charles' mother. Thus Charles Smith became Charles Kingsford Smith. And in about July 1953 Hamilton Road was renamed Kingsford Smith Drive in honour of Australia's famous aviator Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.

## AHSA (Qld) Inc. Video

Peter Dunn has edited a video to promote AHSA (Qld) Inc. You can view an advance copy on YouTube by pasting the link below into your browser. It will be made public once we are Incorporated.

[https://youtu.be/sgvPi\\_DRNfk](https://youtu.be/sgvPi_DRNfk)

## Call for Speakers

We continue to strive to bring our members a monthly aviation themed presentation by a guest speaker at Archerfield Airport on the last Friday of the month. We have a few more excellent speakers in the pipeline but would welcome any suggestions for presenters for future monthly meetings. If you know of someone who would deliver an interesting and entertaining presentation please contact Don Furlonger.

## New Web Page

It was agreed at our inaugural Management Committee Meeting at Archerfield Airport this afternoon (Fri 1 Sep 2017) that we would establish our own web page. This will take some time, but we hope to acquire the URL [www.ahsaqld.org.au](http://www.ahsaqld.org.au)

## New Meeting Area

The Conference Room in the Terminal Building at Archerfield Airport has been our meeting room now for 10 months. As the room can only squeeze in around 25 people, some of our meetings have been rather squishy. As we anticipate our numbers will grow, I had a meeting today with Archerfield Airport Corporation and we have since received approval to use the much larger lounge area in the Terminal building.

## Breaking News!!

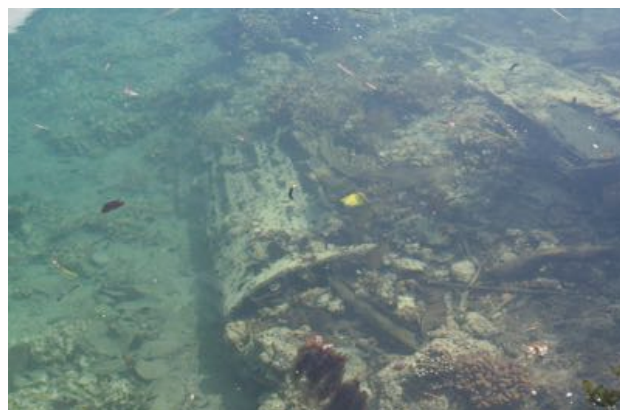
Warwick Henry confirmed late this afternoon that our application for Incorporation has been submitted.



George Palmer shared a Powerpoint presentation on some of his recent flying experiences with Airwork at our meeting at Archerfield Airport on 25 August 2017. Below are some of the photos that he shared with us.



WWII aircraft engine in the sea at Manus Island



WWII aircraft wing in the sea at Manus Island



Manus Island Airstrip



Airwork 737 at Manus Island



Airwork 737 Cocos Island



Airwork 737 on Nauru Island



Airwork 737s Port Moresby



RAAF P3 Orion on Cocos Island