

Pilot Safety Program, Bathurst, 6-8 November 2021

The next Mooney Pilot Safety Program will be run at Bathurst, NSW from Saturday 6th November to Monday 8th November but we encourage you to arrive the day before on Friday 5th November. We had to cancel the 2020 PSP due to COVID but, otherwise, the PSP has run every year since the first in 1996. We hope that it will now be possible to get back to our usual practice of running PSPs each year alternating between the East and the West Coast.

We believe that the PSP is the best type specific training program in Australia. It involves a day and a half of theory sessions and two half-day sessions in your own aircraft with an experienced Mooney instructor. The instructors teach you to fly your Mooney the way the factory intended - "by the numbers". Mooney's test pilots worked hard to establish the right combinations of power settings to enable us to fly their airplanes safely, efficiently and well. If you are new to Mooneys and are "making it up as you go along" then you'll find the method we teach will not only make the plane easier to fly but it also might just save your life one day.

If you think that you have a better way of flying Mooneys than the test pilots, then you really do need to attend! Over the years, we have had many very experienced pilots demonstrate "their" method to our instructors and, almost without exception, they have admitted that the factory method is better once they have tried it.

The PSP instructors are highly qualified in Mooneys and other types and are mostly CFIs, ATOs and Grade 1 instructors. We bring them to the PSP from all over Australia to give you the benefit of their experience and skill. Our Honorary CFI, Erik Mol, is intending that the format of this PSP will be similar to those of recent years. The prime focus will continue to be on helping pilots to fly their Mooneys efficiently and well and to avoid handling errors that have resulted in past accidents. There will some sessions that address other forms of pilot error and how to manage them, but the focus will be on those things that are "specifically Mooney".

We are hoping to be able to increase the number flying places from the usual 12 but it will also be possible to attend just the theory sessions. We will not be including Biennial Flight Reviews (BFRs) and Instrument Renewals as part of the PSP but, if you want one, then we will put you in touch with your instructor to discuss and arrange any additional requirements either before or after the PSP.

The theory sessions will take place on 6-7 November and the flying sessions on 7-8 November. The PSP will be based at the Aero Club at Bathurst Airport and note that there are tie-downs on the grass opposite. The charge for the PSP theory sessions (including a course dinner on Saturday 6th November and ground transport around Bathurst) will be \$350 and the additional cost of 3 hours of flying instruction and a few hours of briefing/debriefing for flying participants will be \$800. You will need to have a copy of the 2018 Edition of the Manual. Some people will have them from the 2018 PSP but, if not, then it will cost you an extra \$120.

If we need to limit numbers due to COVID, then priority will be given to those enrolled for the full program (theory & flying) and then in order of the date we receive your completed application form. The application form is attached. To keep your place, we'll be asking you to pay by 30th June. If AMPA has to cancel due to COVID or any other reason, then your payment will be fully refunded. If you withdraw after 5th October 2021, then we will be unable to offer a refund unless we can fill the place.

If you have any queries then contact me at john@hillard.net.au or 0417 084400

John Hillard (AMPA PSP Organiser)

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Bathurst Accommodation

The motel that we have used in the past (previously called the Governor Macquarie Motor Inn) is:

Littomore Suites
19 Charlotte St, Bathurst NSW 2795
Phone: (02) 6331 2211
Email: bathurst@littomoresuites.com.au

If you are booking the full program then you'll need to book three nights (in Friday 5th November and out on Monday 8th November). If you sign up just for the theory, then you'll just need to book two nights (in Friday 5th November and out on Sunday 7th November).

They say that most of their rooms are recently renovated and they have offered a rate of \$125 p.n. (with free cancellation up to 24 hours before arrival). You'll find that this is about the same as the price currently on offer through www.hotels.com so it is up to you whether you book direct with the motel or online.

There are other motels nearby (e.g. Bathurst Motor Inn or Panorama Bathurst) that are slightly cheaper and you are welcome to book there – but you will be responsible for getting yourself to Littomore Suites on time as the bus will leave only from there.