

## **Pilot Safety Program, Bathurst, 28-31 October 2022**

We tried to organise a Mooney Pilot Safety Program in 2020 and then 2020 but COVID caused us to cancel. Let's hope it is third time lucky! The plan is to hold the next one at Bathurst, NSW from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 31 October 2022 but we encourage you to arrive the day before on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Other than cancellations in 2020-21, 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 29-30 October and the flying sessions on 30-31 October. The PSP will be based at the Aero Club at Bathurst Airport and note that there are tie-downs on the grass opposite. The charges have not yet been finalised but what we had in mind last year for the PSP theory sessions (including a course dinner on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October and ground transport around Bathurst) was \$350 and the additional cost of 3 hours of flying instruction and briefing/debriefing for flying participants was another \$450 (so a total of \$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 30<sup>th</sup> June. If AMPA has to cancel due to COVID or any other reason, then your payment will be fully refunded. If you withdraw after 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, then we will be unable to offer a refund unless we can fill the place.**

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