

Clifton Airfield Local Operating Procedures

CIRCUIT TRAINING

All circuits on runway 06 (East) to be right handed due to hilly terrain to the North All circuits on runway 24 (West) to be left handed

TRAINING AREA

The designated training area for Clifton is the boundary defined by straight lines drawn between: Leyburn (28 01.5'S; 151 35'E); Felton East (27 47.9'S; 151 46.3'E); Pilton (27 52'S: 152 03'E); Hendon (28 04.5'S; 151 57'E); Leyburn (28 01.5'S; 151 35'E) **Heights:** from surface to 4500 feet QNH

LOCAL AREA RADIO FREQUENCIES

Clifton CTAF area (approximately up to 10 nm, in the vicinity)	126.7	
Brisbane Centre (available from circuit height 1,000 feet AGL)	121.2	
Toowoomba CTAF	127.65	
Toowoomba Automatic Weather Station (AWIS)	127.05	Phone: 3007 4191
Wellcamp CTAF (Security Controlled Aerodrome)	127.65	
Wellcamp Automatic Weather Station (AWIS)	133.6	Phone: 3007 4195
Warwick CTAF	127.85	
Oakey Clearance Delivery (for airways clearance)	133.35	
Oakey Approach	125.4	
Oakey Automatic Terminal Information Service (ATIS & AWIS)	124.3	Phone: 3007 4181
Amberley ATIS (for Amberley information and weather)	123.3	Phone: 3007 4150
Pittsworth & Millmerran CTAF (Pittsworth -right hand circuits on 02)	126.7	

RESTRICTIONS

- No circuits in the Drifter (or other noisy two stroke engines) before 8.00 am
- If flying the Drifter before 8am, preferably take off on runway 24 (west) and angle away from houses immediately after take off. Go away and conduct upper air work only
- Clifton airfield is on black soil. Dryness and firmness of surface must be ascertained prior to use, especially after rain. Following rain, surface can be so heavy that it is hard to taxi (dry bogged)
- Note houses, multiple farm buildings 2 km South and South West of the airfield. If possible, avoid flying immediately over these houses as a fly neighbourly procedure
- All club aircraft must be tied down, even for brief periods, when outside the hangar

CAUTIONS

- Eastern 300 meters of airfield has a 1% up slope to the East, a side slope of 1% to South
- Watch for vehicular traffic on the bitumen road if approaching on runway 06 or especially on the <u>unmarked</u> landing area for 12/30 (12/30 for local member only use, usually due strong X winds)
- Water course running across the airfield midway can be easily mistaken as a cross runway
- The area west of a line joining Cambooya to Leyburn then west to Millmerran and Cecil Plains and back to Wellcamp, is used by Flight Training Adelaide QANTAS Academy School from Wellcamp. Greatly increased aircraft traffic in this area (FTA operating 44 aircraft) up to 6500 feet QNH
- FTA aircraft traverse Clifton airfield North to South and South to North at 3,500 feet en-route
- Note: the circuit direction on Pittsworth runway 02 is now right hand to avoid the town
- LEFS training area north of a line Clifton township Mt.Molar Brookstead is used for flight training by Toowoomba training schools. The area 1 nm north and east of Felton is used for aerobatic training
- **BEWARE** Vehicular traffic crossing the east end of the runway 06/24 unannounced
- BEWARE Numerous Birdlife of magpies, crows, galahs, corollas, ibis, hawks, etc. cohabit the airfield
- **BEWARE** Low flying military and other helicopters transit across the airfield (usually at right angles to the strip alignment) and nearby areas, regularly unannounced, at or below 1000 feet AGL. **Keep alert**
- **BEWARE** LEFS training area is within the **D621A**, **D621B** and **D630D** low flying areas for military operations. Assume that these are active most times, so keep a good lookout. Confirm with NOTAMs
- **BEWARE** Visiting aircraft often do not make inbound radio calls and regularly do a left hand circuit on runway 06 (unannounced). Maintain a good lookout in the circuit at all times
- Visiting aircraft regularly use Clifton for precautionary search and landing training, touch and go landings and licence tests.