

Tribe Chief Report Year to October 2024

The past 12 months has seen an increase in activity with our members as hopefully we have passed the worst of Covid.

Our last AGM was combined with a Fly-away to Bendigo with our thanks going to Tony and Jan Van der Spek for stepping in at short notice to put on a great weekend for us. Great to see some of our recently joined members attend.

Unfortunately due lack of accommodation our Deniliquin PPP was cancelled despite attempt to relocate/ This proved how important forward planning has become with what appears to be many more people travelling.

Lawrence and Kerrie organised our Fly Away to Goolwa which was a great weekend and well attended. Danny Georgson takes the prize for flying the furthest !

July saw the first Queensland PPP run at Maryborough. This was well attended and well organised thanks to Jim Mullett, Ken Holdsworth and the team at the Maryborough Aero Club. It is in the Calendar for 2025.

Our Spring Fly Away to Airlie Beach was another great weekend thanks to Chris and Tina Hayhoe. The Shute Harbour Airport made us very welcome. The company of our Queensland members made through our mutual love of the Comanche Aircraft had everyone relaxed and enjoying the Whitsunday atmosphere. Manfred and Allison drove further than most of us flew to attend.

Our future with ICS Internationally has been a concern for the past few years. Membership worldwide has fallen to 701. Our Australasian membership is 96 or 14% of the Worldwide membership.

Our concerns have bought us to spend 3 + days specifically focused on our Tribe / Membership / Benefits and additionally hoe we might contribute in a meaningful way to the ICS internationally. (We are remitting approximately A\$174.00 per member to the ICS and in return we receive 6 Magazines.)

Our Strategic Plan was tested with our longer serving members and our strategies for the future are very briefly as follows :

* Participation with the ICS. We are not getting value for our membership and nor are we being effective at Board level to drive change. We have offered solutions to significantly reduce our membership costs so that our

membership fees can be more beneficial. Our fees are paid to the middle of 2025 by which time our concerns need to be addressed.

- * We must become proactive in promoting the benefits of the Comanche type to ensure demand for the type. Encourage the next generation of owners to join our club.
- * Extend the Non-Executive participation of our members in the following areas to ensure achievement of our strategic goals:
 - * Membership
 - * Manufacturing
 - * Communications
 - * Pilot Proficiency Programs (Training for both new owners and recurrent for others)
 - * Technical Group
 - * Webmaster
 - * Events co-ordinator North
 - * Events co-ordinator South
 - * New Membership co ordinator “Everyone”
- * Activity Schedule Planning is essential. The draft programme for 2025 is:
 - PPP Deniliquin Last weekend in February
 - Fly Away Tasmania Last weekend in March
 - PPP Maryborough easy July
 - Oshkosh July 21-27 Assist with ICS display / activities
 - Watts Bridge (or close by) September 20th
 - AGM October (Narromine)
- * Participate in cross-type initiatives.