

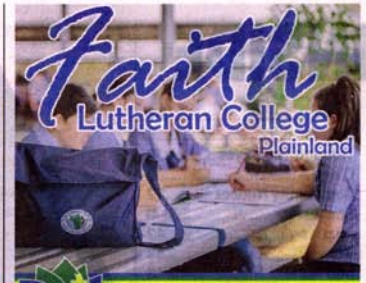
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NEW HEIGHTS: Kellie Woollett and Jake McKay, from Redbank Plains, take it all in at the Brisbane Valley Airshow on Saturday, August 27.
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Airshow takes off

More than 10,000 people attend Brisbane Valley Airshow

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Airshow a soaring success

THE skies above Toogoolawah came alive with an aviation extravaganza for the Brisbane Valley Airshow.

Planes of all makes, styles and history converged at the Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield for the two-day event with organisers estimating a crowd of more than 10,000 flowing through the gates.

Groundside manager Bruce Clarke said people came from across south-east Queensland for the show.

"We have so many unique and unusual aircraft here and that's what people came here to see," he said.

"People from Brisbane and those areas have been looking for something like this for some time."

Craig Jones was among many pilots who flew their pride and joys to the airfield for the show.

Mr Jones flew his newly purchased Cirrus SR22 Australis from Byron Bay

and was amazed with the turnout.

"There's military, vintage, ultra-lights and a big crowd," he said.

"It's an amazing airshow.

Mr Jones said it was pleasing to see people come out in support of the event.

"It's the biggest regional airshow I've been to by a long way," he said.

"The aviation industry is in decline generally because of the expense and regulations, so it's good to see so many enthusiastic people come out here and support the show."

Along with a wide variety of aviation history on show, crowds also turned their heads skywards for a number of aerobatics and formation flying displays from the L-39 Albatros, the Trojan T-28, De Havilland and Spitfire planes among many others.

The Globemaster C-17 descended for a low flypast to cap off the Brisbane Valley Airshow.



FLY HIGH: Brent Morton with his nephew Ezzy Castle at the Brisbane Valley Airshow on Saturday.

PHOTOS: TOM THREADINGHAM



Plenty of planes flew in for the Brisbane Valley Airshow.



Tom Watson with his son David.



FLY-IN: A wide variety of planes flew in for the Brisbane Valley Airshow.



Brendan and Lucas Burke travelled from Karalee to attend the Brisbane Valley Airshow.



Kellie Woollett and Jake McKay.



Trevor, Frankie and Stuart Harvey at the Brisbane Valley Airshow.