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## **Press Release**

*Flying to new heights: Sunshine Coast Aero Club achieves enhanced pilot training capability.*

The Sunshine Coast Aero Club is a hub for the local aviation community, plane spotters and trainee pilots. The Aero Club operates from the Sunshine Coast Airport, training new pilots in light sports aircraft alongside medium passenger jets, in controlled airspace.

The Aero Club has acquired a new G1000 flight simulator. The aircraft model is a C172, one of the world's most widely recognised light aircraft.

Club Chief Flying Instructor, John Johnson, is pleased with the benefit the simulator is providing club members. "Already we have had great use out of the simulator in the short time that we have had it. It is an amazing way to learn in a safe and controlled environment for a fraction of the cost of the real thing. The best thing about having a simulator is that we are able to simulate conditions that would be impractical or even dangerous to perform in an actual aircraft. This greatly improves the students aeronautical decision-making skills; making safer and more competent pilots."

Club co-Director, Naomi McQueen, is thrilled with the part the Club's youngest aviators played in acquiring the simulator. "The Sea Eagles group, acting as a junior advisory team to the Board of Directors, investigated a number of options for a flight simulator for the Club. Options were assessed based on functionality, realism and cost with the G1000 C172 presented to the Directors as the best fit".

The Aero Club is open seven days a week, bookings for the simulator or flights can be made by calling 5448 8458. Gift vouchers are available for truly memorable experiences.

In addition to flying operations, the clubhouse is open to all from 4.30pm every Friday afternoon for bar snacks and drinks, a game of pool and plane spotting.

*Flying to new heights everyday*

