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Airfield sold but operating

Aviation lover has flying plans for the long-term future of Rylstone's historic Aerodrome

By DON MAHONEY

Rylstone Aerodrome will continue to be used as an airfield even though it was transferred to private ownership about a month ago.

New owner Robert Loneragan saw an opportunity in the aerodrome to further his long-term love of aviation and at the same time return to the district he loves.

"I was born in Gulgong and was involved in the family business and just over twenty years ago moved to Sydney when the family decided time to let everybody go their own way," Robert Loneragan said.

"At that time I moved to Sydney with my family with my children's education a focal point.

"However, I have never lost my love for the district and always intended to return one day.

"My children still call this area home and my daughter is planning to be married at Mudgee."

Mr Loneragan first became interested in the Rylstone Aerodrome about seven years ago and made enquiries with the former Rylstone Shire Council about its future right back then.

"In about 2003 I was returning Driving back to Sydney via Rylstone and drove onto the airstrip here, which led me to contacting Kerry Morrissey who was at that time Acting General Manager of the Council.

"I thought this is a beaut little airfield, nothing was happening there and it looked unloved and from that I made my initial enquiry.

"Kerry Morrissey, who I had gone to school with, said not a lot was happening and that Council would like to offload it as it was a liability and would like to get rid of it.

"The Shire then called for expressions of interest from the public, but the State Government's amalgamation of councils put everything on hold.

WIND IN THEIR WIND SOCK: Pilot instructor Bill Moyes and owner Robert Loneragan have plans to ensure the Rylstone remains as an aviation facility for the district.

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