

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest edition of the ASC e-News.

Another wet day at Gawler today with not too much action at the airfield, except for the plovers!



Safety Reports

All members are reminded of the importance of ensuring safety around the airfield at all times and the need to report any near misses or incidents. It's really important that we maintain the high standards the club has had in regards to this and to have a culture of continual learning and improvement.

A New Golf Buggy!

The new buggy is in operation!

The Committee agreed to purchase this after the old one got beyond its economic use-by date, and Tom Leech and Steve Pegler did the research and organisation to get it here – many thanks.

Thanks Geoff for the sensationally structured, award winning photo.



Rolling along



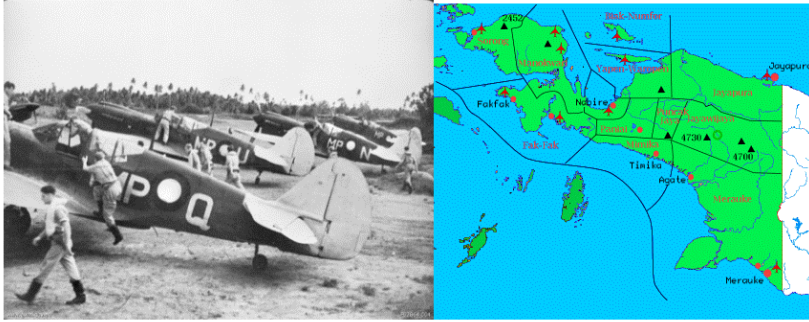
The grass runway sides have been rolled over the last week using a leased roller, following a successful trial last year. Thanks to airfield manager Tom Leech for organising this – is this the coolest roller driver ever?

A visitor to Gawler

Paul Tridgell is the CFI at Richmond Gliding Club and his wife will be flying down in their Tug (4 seat Zodiac CH640) and leaving it parked at Gawler from 8th-12th Oct.

If you see Paul, make him welcome.

A History Lesson.... (thanks Rob)



86SQN Kittyhawks, Merauke, Apr 44

Initially equipped with Kittyhawk fighters, No 86 Squadron formed at Gawler, South Australia in March 1943. After staging through Townsville the squadron deployed to Merauke, Dutch New Guinea in July. Whilst at Merauke, the squadron flew standing patrols over the area, undertook Army co-operation exercises and supply dropping, and escorted vessels like the *Islander* and *Soedoe* which travelled between Merauke, Thursday Island and Tanahmerah. On this day, the unit fought its only major combat of the War when fourteen Kittyhawks engaged 36 enemy fighters and bombers as they raided the Merauke airfield. During this attack many of the Kittyhawks suffered from gun malfunctions; however, three enemy fighters were shot down. For the remainder of the war the squadron flew regular fighter sweeps and ground attack missions - which were generally uneventful in nature. Further air combat opportunities occurred in the first weeks of 1944 when No 86 Squadron Kittyhawks shot down three enemy aircraft near Cape Valsch. In May 1944, the No 86 Squadron was transferred to Bohle River, north Queensland where -- in June 1945 -- it began to re-equip with Mustangs. Four months after the cessation of hostilities, the unit was disbanded.

Barossa Airshow

This great event is on again on the 2nd April 2017.

2016 ASC Christmas Dinner

Make sure you keep the 10th December free for a great night. (Please note this date has been changed from the original date of the 3rd.)

Worth a look!

Get Totally Wild with Brenton Swart.... <http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild>

A Busy Calendar

October 2106

6 -10 October: Oz-Kosh (formerly Ausfly)

16 October – Dual Aerotow Day

November 2016

6-10 November : Coaching with G Dale at Gawler

11-19 November : Club & Sports Class Nationals are this year at Waikerie

December 2106

10th December – ASC Christmas Dinner

27-31 December: SA Coaching Week at Waikerie

ASC on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidesoaring?fref=ts>

Please shut the gate

Please remember to shut the gate if you are the last person leaving the airfield of an evening.



OUR EMAIL LISTS - A reminder of their purpose

ascannounce - **This site is for conveying official information within the club.** Only officials of the club can post items on this list. Typically only one email per week is posted on this site so it is not a problem in terms of overloading anyone's email system. This is a vital function for our club and all members are urged to read all material that is presented on ascannounce.

ascmembers -This was intended to be a chat site. Any club member can post anything on it which concerns club matters. It is moderated only to the extent that any obscene or illegal material is removed. Naturally not everyone wants to receive the posts that result, so you can opt out of this site if you wish.

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