

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

Strategic Planning for the future

In the near future all members of the ASC will receive a brief (online) questionnaire about our club.

This questionnaire is the first step in a Strategic Planning process that we will be undertaking in the second half of this year. The Strategic Planning committee feel it is really important to start the process by gathering the thoughts and opinions of our members.

The questions will be along the lines of:

The clubs Mission and Vision Statement (To enjoy safe flying, friendship, and sharing our passion for aviation) – is it still relevant to you?

What are the strengths of the ASC?

What are the weaknesses of the ASC?

If you could change one thing about the ASC, what would it be?

What is the one thing about our club that must not change?

Projecting forward over the next 5 years, what do you see as the one biggest challenge/risk that the ASC faces?

Rate (1-10) your experience at the ASC over the last 12 months in the following areas and give a reason...

Flying

Social

Official communication

Instruction

Why should all members take the time to respond to this on-line survey?

To help in the process of making decisions that will help shape and form our club into the future! (You might be interested to know that the last Strategic Plan our club had expired in 2006.)

When you see the email link come out, please take the time to share your thoughts and opinions.

They will be invaluable.

The survey will only be open for a couple of weeks, so please complete it as soon as you can.

Happy Birthday Tony

Happy Birthday to Tony Edge as he turned 80 on Friday 16th June.

Gliding Annual Flight Reviews

Glider pilots are reminded that an Annual Flight Review (AFR) needs to have been completed each year to exercise command privileges. An annual flight review is valid until the end of the month in which it was done 12 months following the review. It may be conducted at any time in the 3 months before it is due and the renewal date remains the same. Reference: GFA MOSP Pt 2 Nov 2016 Pg 29. 10.4. Instructor and Independent Operator ratings also need to be ratified at the AFR.

CASA advises that CAAP 166-01 v4.1 has been published.

This CAAP provides guidance on Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF) procedures and on a code of conduct (good airmanship) to allow flexibility for pilots when flying at, or in the vicinity of non-controlled aerodromes. It should be read in conjunction with CAAP 166-2 - Pilots' responsibility for collision avoidance in the vicinity of non-controlled aerodromes using "see-and-avoid".

Gawler is a very busy airfield and unnecessary use of the radio has the detrimental effect of reducing the real purpose of effective radio use, i.e., to enhance "see-and-avoid" principals. The following appeared in a CASA document - the second paragraph is of particular interest:

Golden rules of radio calls

Brief and clear: It's all a waste of everybody's time if your transmission is not easily readable. Have a think about what you're going to say before you transmit, make it slow enough to be understood and project your voice so that the words are clear. Basically, other pilots will want to know what type of aircraft you're in (to assess speed), where you are and what your intentions are. So keep it brief and make sure you include only the useful information - particularly important on a congested frequency.

Too many calls: Try not to clog up the frequency with unnecessary radio calls. If you've made the recommended calls, we don't need to hear the life story of your circuit unless you feel the calls are required due to possible traffic conflict. Listen carefully to other calls and assess from these whether you need to clarify your position to avoid traffic conflict. And use some airmanship – if you can see that an aircraft ahead of you is about to land, perhaps you could delay your call for a few seconds to minimise the distraction for him or her.

Jabiru 24-8198

At last 8198 is now serviceable and back in the air. Thanks to the efforts of Mick Wright it has been fitted with a new Jabiru Generation 4 engine and includes an engine management system that will monitor CHT and EGT. This feature will prove to be an effective diagnostic tool. A new propeller has also been fitted.

As always, good engine management procedures should be adopted:

- Take-off power should not be applied until the engine has been properly warmed.
 - To avoid propeller stone damage be very careful not to apply excessive power when taxiing over loose surfaces.
 - Take-off power should be applied smoothly - no slamming the throttle open.
- A feature of these new Generation 4 engines is that oil usage is expected to be negligible. Please, do not add any oil without prior reference to either Mick Wright or Karl Faeth.

From bedpans to the board room and an Order of Australia Honour from the Queen (from a press release)

Silver Chain Group, which includes the Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS SA), congratulates its employee Judy Smith, who has been recognised on the Queen's Birthday 2017 Honours List, being made a Member of the Order of Australia.

Mrs Smith has received the Order of Australia Honour for her significant service to community health through pharmacy regulation and health practitioner roles to nursing, and to aged persons. Thrilled to receive the prestigious honour, Mrs Smith said she has had a fabulous and rewarding career that began from very humble beginnings.

"For girls back then, you either became a nurse, teacher or worked in a bank as a teller – and once you were married the expectation was to stay at home and look after your children," Mrs Smith said.

"I've been involved with nursing for more than 50 years and it's amazing to see how the world has changed for the better. Thankfully, what has remained the same is the massive difference and impact nurses have on individual's lives.

"With nursing, it's often the smallest acts that have the biggest impact, such as a palliative care nurse putting their arms around a carer and offering comfort."

Mrs Smith has dedicated much of her life to caring for others, first as a nurse at the age of 16, through to the boardroom as an Executive Director of Nursing and now as a semi-retired Consumer Liaison Officer at RDNS SA.

Now 68 and semi-retired, Mrs Smith is happily married with two children, three step children and nine grandchildren. She also continues to help others in her part time role as a Consumer Liaison Officer, advocating for the voice of consumers and ensuring RDNS SA's policies and procedures have a consumer focus.

"Consumer centred care is the main course, it's not a side dish," Judy said.

"Recognising consumer needs and catering to them is the core of what we do in community care, nursing and aged care. If you get that right, everything else falls into place."

Not one to stop pushing boundaries, Judy became a pilot two years ago – a feat that reminded her that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.

Jokingly, Mrs Smith admits she wanted to become a pilot out of pure self-preservation.

"My husband was learning to fly and if I was going to be in the cockpit with him I wanted to know how to land the plane, just in case," Mrs Smith said.

"I love the feeling of flying, it takes your brain to another level. It is very humbling to think back to my time as a 16-year-old nurse, and all that I've accomplished as a professional woman.

"Compared to men, there has been significantly less women that have received the Order of Australia honour, so I encourage people to support their female peers and nominate people who they believe should be recognised for their community contributions."

Did you know?

That there was an interview with Ollie Wines featuring Karl Faeth which aired at half time of the Port Power match last Thursday night. Ollie actually mentioned our club & the cameras threw to an aircraft with the logo prominently displayed.

That the dishes won't wash and dry themselves. And they won't put themselves away either!!

The Bar Manager is away for 5 weeks (from the 9th July) and so we are in need of a fill in during that time.

That the lost property bin is choccas....

Our AGM is on the 19th August this year – please keep that date free.

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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