

ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

Farewell to Jon Joubert

The Monday gliding family gave JJ a fitting finale this afternoon with a farewell social gathering in the club rooms. Plenty of good food, drinks and friendship with moments of nostalgia was a fantastic way of ensuring JJ will definitely not forget us or the camaraderie formed.

All present had a moment to say what JJ has meant to them or what he has brought to the club to be remembered for - quite an emotional session.

We raised our glasses in a toast to JJ and will welcome him back anytime! (When he gets sick of Benalla and misses the Mon arvo wind (*wined) down sessions)



Some historical photos...



Congratulations

Carina Law receiving her trophy and wall plaque for "CFI Award, Student Pilot of the Year 2017" from members of ASC Instructor Team, Colin Drew and Phil Pullem.

Carina was unfortunately not able to attend our good fun AGM & Awards Presentation Dinner on Saturday 19th August.

Congratulations also ...



...to Ryan Breslin and Akilesh Verma who have both recently gone solo. !

Special GFA AGM e-News

Last weekend we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Melbourne and launched Soaring to the Future (S2F) and the new associated website <https://discoversoaring.com.au/>

All GFA officers were appointed and approved at the AGM – a full list is available on the Contacts page of the GFA website. The Executive welcomes Jenny Thompson as the new Chair of the Sports Committee. A big thank you to Greg Schmidt who stepped down as CSC this year.

On Sunday the Board elected President Peter Cesco, Vice President Lindsay Mitchell and Treasurer Dave Shorter. Mandy Temple was appointed as Chair of S2F, with this new role being added to the Board (non-voting). Mandy also remains as Immediate Past President.

Family Membership and Flying Family Membership

As a first step to increase participation in the sport we are pleased to announce a new Family Membership, which is available to close family members of all GFA full flying members. This membership is FREE and does not require them to become a club member, but we hope that clubs will provide this opportunity to make them feel even more welcome. This membership option is in line with practices of other large successful sporting organisations. The essence of the new membership is to enable family members to more easily engage in the sport and the club and provides BBL insurance cover when volunteering in the sport. It should also allow the flying members more time to follow their passion.

Family members can fly as a Private Passenger at any time, but if they decide they would like to take gliding a little further they can take out a Flying Family Membership. The cost of this flying membership is \$60 per year and the rights and privileges are very similar to those of an Air Experience Flight – in essence it is a 365 day AEF membership but with no limit on the number or length of flights. (Flying Family Members have no pilot-in-command rights, no solo, they must fly with an instructor to touch the controls and they must be a member of a Club). We hope that clubs will embrace this initiative and offer a minimal or zero membership fee to encourage family members to start to learn to fly.

Naturally the hope is that a number of these Flying Family Members will then progress in their training and wish to go solo and become full members of GFA. If they show interest it is then possible for them to progress through to become full members.

The on-line application will be available on the web page by Friday 8th September.

I have been in direct contact with all club presidents and they all have more details on how this will work.

AGM Live Streaming on Facebook (FB)

The presentations at the AGM and the Question & Answer sessions were videoed and posted live on the GFA Facebook page. It is still available to view – although if FB is to be believed over 1300 people have already viewed it. You do not need a FB account to view this. Just click on “videos” on the left hand side.

https://www.facebook.com/glidingfederation/?hc_ref=ARRtHrNUIY9NFeABxuF2v7-gXdp1hqI9MtbJaKMRmvsimR5IQ026bdTj16T-m2B8VHs

Since this was so successful we will do the same thing at our Q&A Members Forum at the Board meeting which will be held in Temora on 4/5 November.

GFA Awards

The awards dinner at the AGM saw a large number of GFA members recognised for their contributions and performance over the past year. The full list and details of their contribution can be found on the home page of the GFA web page. Just look for the photo of a happy, laughing Mandy Temple.

Club Insurance

Clubs are reminded that the Broad Based Liability Insurance carried by all GFA members has a maximum of \$1M public liability. Clubs who have the GFA Hangar Keepers Liability Insurance have a \$10M limit. Clubs and glider owners are encouraged to contact their broker to arrange the necessary level of cover for their own situation.

Members Survey

Preliminary results of the survey were presented at the AGM but with so many responses it takes some time for a final analysis. There were some clear trends around

- more support for small clubs,
- more junior and female members,
- provide clear pathways for coaching, airworthiness, training
- More requests to streamline and standardise the training.

As a result of this each State Board member has been tasked to identify a small club (defined as 25 members or less) and to work with them to find out what we can do to help. We will do more work on this data at our Strategic Planning meeting in November at Temora. The AGM report launching S2F and summarising the survey results is published here.

Club Spot – not Tracking!!

The Board approved a subscription to the Club Spot service offered by Sports community. This offers economies of scale and services that we hope will be of benefit to all clubs. The account will be set up shortly and members will then be able to log in and access a vast range of services.

Check out

<https://sportscommunity.com.au/club-member/our-services/club-spot-training-resource-hub/>
DI Video

Airworthiness are working on a DI video to assist with DI training standardisation and reduce duplication of effort.

Safety Posters and Calendars

The Safety committee have produced a series of Safety Posters for clubs. They will be posted out to clubs in coming weeks. They are also going to be published in the magazine and will be made available for download. In December they will be combined into a 2018 Calendar which will be available through the GFA Shop.

Record of Experience

Airworthiness have produced a draft Record of Experience for AW work to provide a clearer pathway for AW progression. Similar to a log book for airworthiness experience.

The transition of tug pilots from the CASA system to the GFA Towing Pilot Certificate is progressing well. The remaining 100 or so tug pilots who have not yet transitioned are reminded that there is a hard end date of 24th December 2017 for this to occur.

Weather site

The GFA is going to put out a tender for a professional National weather forecast site for all members, a product similar to RASP. The details of the tender are being considered and will be available soon.

Soaring to the Future (S2F)

This initiative was launched at the AGM. There is a website <https://discoversoaring.com.au/> and we have now also set up an S2F Forum. Send an email to S2F@glidingaustralia.org if you would like to join. We already have a number of volunteers and going forward we will need more to be part of our Focus groups to provide feedback on various sections of the initiative. Going forwards S2F information will be sent out via the S2FForum.

Our next Board meeting is in Temora in early November and will be focussed on updating our Strategic Plan. We will live stream the Members forum on Facebook.

Thank you for reading to the end....

Mandy Temple

STERLING NORTH Via Pt. PIRIE FLY-IN, Saturday 9th Sept. 2017

- Departing Gawler 0900 or from home base.
- Arrive at Pt Pirie Airfield 1000 for morning Tea - Coffee and scones.
- Depart Pt Pirie 1100 for Stirling North Airfield.
- Arrive at Stirling North Airfield 1130 BBQ Lunch, meet and greet.
- Depart 1400 or at own discretion.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend for numbers. srccrew@gmail.com

Shaping up for a great event so far, weather permitting.

Thanks All, Scott & Jeff

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.

Daryl Trigg (ASC Secretary)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE OR ANY OTHER CLUB TOPICS CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF YOUR COMMITTEE.....

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