

# ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

## The Entrance Road - Fund My Neighbourhood

Lots of work continues towards finding an affordable solution to the entrance road leading to the clubrooms. Lots of planning and meetings have been happening and progress has certainly been made.

One of the initiatives to support the costs of fixing up the entrance road is the 'fund my neighbourhood' grant scheme. Voting polls are now active. There are a few mentions of it including the link on the Facebook page. <https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/>

You need to create an account or use Facebook to login. From there, you move your location pointer to somewhere that will include the airfield (as you can only vote on projects within a 5km radius).

You can view each project by clicking the blue target icon, and then "shortlist" the project. Once you have 3-5 projects in the shortlist you can click on the vote now button. You will need to enter your mobile number to receive a code number by SMS to verify your account and log the vote (to stop mass SPAM votes).

There are 'how to vote' links on the website which do help.

The more votes we have, the more chance we can finally be in the running for funding our entrance road!

## Vale Alan Killmier by Rob Moore



Regrettably, I have to advise you of the death of one of the clubs Founding members Alan Killmier yesterday (Tuesday). He had been in palliative care in the RAH for some months

He will not be well known to many present members but he was a Life Member of the Club having been a Foundation Member in 1944. Over many years of membership he was Secretary and President of the Club

as well being involved in the construction of its early wooden gliders so long ago. But perhaps his most significant contribution was his management ability

He was also an Instructor for a considerable time. As a young Accountant, his most significant early contribution was the setting up of the club business systems as well as drafting its first Constitution and his skill as Treasurer.

The main contributors in those days were largely in their late teens and we lacked mature adult leadership for some years. Alan largely filled the void at many times in the life of the Club. There were times when he and his Twin Brother Ray paid for the rent of the Club workshop where the gliders were being built at the North East Road Collinswood, before shifting to Wilson Street, Prospect. Two notable youthful fellow builders, both carpenters were Alan DeLaine and Ray Dukes. They were very skilled. The original mature members soon left when the building effort and time became apparent.

Alan, late in the war, was selected by the R.A.A.F for pilot training. Much to his disappointment the war finished before completing his training and after a short period he returned to Club flying and assuming his leadership role, and instructed.

Alan and Ray “discovered” the Gawler airstrip for the Club when he was its Secretary with the unique experience of being bailed up with a shotgun by its caretaker (Zbierski). Alan’s representation to DCA secured the qualified use of it. It seems incredible at the time Adelaideans were unaware generally of its wartime presence.

Alan also became the financial adviser to Edmund Schneider when they arrived in South Australia and commenced their first activity here in Jojn Wotherspoons Jaywoth factory area at Rosewater. His association with the Schneiders was to become more than a business relationship but a friendship which lasted for a lifetime and cemented a special relationship between that firm and ASC. Harry and he also set up an Australian distance record in an ASK 13 in one year.

Alan also became the second Secretary of the S.A. Royal Club in its long history succeeding Churchill Smith its original Secretary. Here he strongly fostered relations between both clubs. This led to the first aero tow in South Australia. Firstly in its practice at Gawler and later being publicly displayed at an Aero Club pageant at Parafield. Kevin Sedgman who by this time had joined ASC was the pilot of the ASC Grunau Baby used in this development.

Alan’s business interests in later life somewhat curtailed his gliding activity but he had Presidential periods and membership in other aspects of the Committee. He generously permitted us of his Adelaide office for Committee meetings without charge to ASC.

In later life he became a member of the Aviation Museum at Port Adelaide where he made a significant contribution over many years. He was also elected as Vice President of the Mitcham Branch of the R.A.A.F Association. He continued as a force in many recreational flying activities until ill health ended his participation.

He received an O.A.M, in 2017 for his services to recreational aviation and particularly gliding. He struggled at the end of his life but met his lot with bravery and fortitude, assisted by his loving wife, Rose. Colleen and I offer our condolences to Rose and the extended Killmier Family.

We owe much to these few young fellows who started our great club.

Regards  
Rob Moore OAM

### **Final glide – Alan Killmier by Geoff Wood**

The funeral was held on 24 October of Alan Killmier. Alan was one of the club’s founders in 1944, and a person who served the club in many capacities such as president, instructor and builder. A large crowd of people was present to pay their respects including the Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le, and a number of ASC club members.

Speakers referred to Alan’s lifelong commitment to aviation in all its aspects, but particularly to the ASC in its early years, and to the SA Aviation Museum more latterly. Farewell Alan – your significant contribution to the club will always be remembered.

## Machinery shelter

Have you noticed the construction near the tractor shed? It is the new shelter designed to protect trailers and other pieces of machinery from the elements. This new investment will save us from some of the repair and refurbishment costs which have been necessary in previous years, and will also help to ensure that trailers are ready for instant action when needed.

## Instant coffee now free!

Instant coffee is available in the clubhouse kitchen and payment of a charge of 50c has always been in place. This has now been waived so that we can all relax and enjoy ourselves in a social setting. It also rewards our hardworking volunteers, and is available to make visitors feel welcome at no charge.

There is no change in respect of the espresso machine, located in the bar, as it costs a fair bit for ingredients and maintenance. The charge there remains at \$3.50.

## Did you know....

...how much it costs us (i.e. everyone in the club) for electricity every year? It's over \$8000 per year!

That's a lot. It's half what a new Jabiru engine costs, it would pay for a new suite of glider instruments – pick your own desirable improvement round the place.

It's good that we are able to be comfortable, but there's no need for waste. Here's three things to avoid –

- Leaving lights on in hangars. Sometimes there are 20 lights going with nobody in a hangar, on a bright sunny day.
- Leaving the door open to the briefing room when the air conditioner is running. Keep it closed. (In contrast, the clubhouse one is evaporative and one or more doors and windows must be open for the cooling to work.)
- Leaving the coffee machine on when you go home. This is a fire risk too.

We all want better facilities, infrastructure and equipment, and to control rising prices. One easy way is to avoid waste - every little bit counts.

## Congratulations



Sam Benwell and Mark McLauchlan are congratulated by Karl Faeth for their first solo flights

## Memberships

All membership fees are now due!! Please pay membership fees as our insurance relies on you being current and all membership fees paid to ensure smooth running of our club.

## HUMAN FACTORS TRAINING DAY (includes BBQ LUNCH)

ASC Club-Rooms  
Sunday 5th November 2017 at 9:00am

A reminder that under RAAus and GFA regulations, all pilots and maintainers MUST have completed human factors training !

Also, repeat exposure to HF training environment has been shown to be very beneficial to aviation safety. So come again and get some more !

PLEASE REGISTER PROMPTLY by contacting the ASC Office with your intention to attend.

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## Jabiru Engine Maintenance Workshops

2018 Dates Released!

Workshops are run at a rate of 1 workshop per month with a maximum of 4 people (preferably) per workshop for hands on experience. Our engine workshop covers some 100hrly maintenance, leak downs, practice fitting valves, measuring guides, seating valves. We do measuring of engine components or if we get a customers plane to work on we might go right down to as far as changing through bolts, pistons, inspecting cylinder heads and troubleshooting.

Duration of the workshop is 4 days - Monday to Thursday  
Cost of attending a workshop is \$495 which is payable approximately 8 weeks prior to start date

Below are the dates which have been released for the first half of 2018.

15 – 18th January  
12 – 15th February  
12 – 15th March  
16 – 19th April  
14 – 17th May  
11 – 14th June

If you would like to book into a particular workshop above please contact Sonya at Jabiru on 0741551778 or email: [sonyah@jabiru.net.au](mailto:sonyah@jabiru.net.au)

Also another option to think about, if you are attending our workshop and your Jabiru engine is due for a service or requiring some engine maintenance to be carried out, your engine might be a great fit to be volunteered for one of the workshops above. When volunteering your Engine for a workshop, there are no labour rates charged for the period of the workshop and parts used are offered at a discounted rate.

As this mail out has gone to our entire customer database and also our waiting list that we are holding some workshops may book out quickly given we prefer to only have a maximum of 4 people per workshop.

If you are emailing your choice of workshop date, please let us know your top 3 choices of dates (in case your first choice &/or 2nd choice has been booked out prior to receiving your email).

Should you have any further queries on the workshops please let us know.

Happy Flying!

### Please shut the gate

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



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