

# Out of the Blue



Waikerie Gliding Club Newsletter

August 2011

## The 2011 Annual General Meeting Brief Report

It was a very full and busy day for most members of the club. Commencing around 9:30 we had a Training Panel Meeting. The panel discussed flying operations, training and safety management. A general shortage of crew was noted particularly as the majority of instructing duties rely on the same instructor every second week we fly.

Gliders were then prepared for some flying. The weather was fine and it turned out to be a good training day with a few of the single seaters also spending some time in the air.

A very successful Annual General Meeting was held on in the Clubrooms commencing around 14.30. Members are encouraged to attend these meeting and I am pleased to report that we had a good turn-out of members to enable the Committee to conduct this year's business.

Reports were presented and are available to review on the clubs Web page.

Apart from Election of Office bearers and

committee members for the next 12 months one of the major items to be voted upon was the updating of the Club's Constitution, which was foreshadowed at the last AGM and Draft documents provided on the Web page. After one or two minor points of clarification the new constitution was passed.

Peter Robinson presented two items of interest to the members. 1. The club has adopted a comprehensive safety management code of practise. This document is based on a risk management assessment of every activity we undertake around the club. Setting out how we manage our risks and members responsibility for safe conduct and operations. 2. An enormous amount of work and thought (by Peter) has been put into a FUTURES document for the club (we have some challenges). As reported at the AGM, this document generally looks at where we are currently and sets out a possible course of action for future operations of the club.

Following the meeting we enjoyed some bar activities and a lovely dinner prepared by Jean. Presentations followed with many of the club trophies being claimed and the awarding of Wings to new solo members.

We then literally turned night into day around the Bonfire with a few luscious Ports.

Book next year's AGM now because it will be a special one – one of 75 actually, we will have past members and special guests; all who have been part of our 75 years of history.

## DIARY DATES

<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Next AGM May 13 <sup>th</sup> 2012
<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2011
<b>Member's Flying Days</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2011
<b>Full Time Operations</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2011-15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

### Clubs portfolio holders filled un-opposed or appointments as ratified at the AGM.

Club Safety Co-ordinator – Peter Robinson  
Club Technical Officer - John Ridge  
Chairman Training Panel – Craig Vinall Chief  
Flying Instructor – Mark Morgan  
Newsletter Editor - Greg Jackson  
Public Officer – John Ridge SAGA Sec  
Representatives - Craig Vinall, Greg Jackson  
Social President – Nigel Baker  
Tug Master – John Hudson

### Training Panel

The Training Panel is a relatively new GFA initiative formally called lots of things, for example crew, operations or instructor panel.

Under the new system, coaches have a minimum instructor rating for pre-solo work and be responsible for elements of the training syllabus pre-and post solo. As previous, instructors will be responsible for safety, teaching control of the aircraft, emergencies, takeoff and landing. The ab-initio syllabus will be expanded to include such additional elements as thermalling techniques, speed to fly, height bands, weather, basic navigation and flying with other gliders which presently are not prominent.

The concept will result in a new GFA rating which will be issued on satisfactory completion of the syllabus resulting in a reliable and independent glider pilot who is ready for intermediate and advanced cross country training. A, B and C certificates remain as is, but elements of the new extended syllabus can be provided by either coaches or instructors. (Gliding Proficiency Certificate) GPC

Clubs have moved away from “Instructors Panels” and instead adopt “Training Panels” comprising instructors and coaches. The chair of the panel need not necessarily be an instructor however the CFI or equivalent remains responsible for safety, standards and operational decision making.

Members are asked to assist the Instructor to move the Pie-cart and stow all equipment at the end of the days flying.

### Club Documentation

This members section on the web page can be found by going to the Club Documents section of the web page (click on New Doc's) [New Documentation Page](http://www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/docs/)  
<http://www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/docs/>

Talk to the committee if you think an expanded special members only section would be of interest to you as members. You may like to be able to review your financial position and your Flying account details.

### A Busy 2010/2011 Summer Period

The highlights of the past year have been the competitions and events that have been staged at Waikerie;

- The 2010 SA State Competition, in November 2010 and won by Terry Cubley.
- The 2010 Junior National Gliding competition, which we picked up at short notice in mid December 2010, was won by Andrew Maddocks, from Queensland.
- Coaching Week, from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2010 to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2011, under the guidance of Cath Conway.
- The 2011 SA State Competition, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011, was won by Graeme Parker.
- The 2011 Horsham Week 5<sup>th</sup> Feb to 13<sup>th</sup> Feb was a great success story – 3 gliders from WKI all placed third in their respective class.

### WANTED YOUR NEWS ARTICLES



My email address is – [greg.jackson@tpg.com.au](mailto:greg.jackson@tpg.com.au)

## AS K21 Gel coat removal & repaint

1. Spin Kit. A factory *spin kit* has arrived from Schleicher and been fitted as part of the restoration works. This will allow spin awareness, recognition and recovery training for students and members undertaking their Annual Flight Reviews.
2. Two new shock rubbers will be fitted when the repainted undercarriage is re assembled in the glider.
3. New instrument panels back and front, under construction with an upgraded array of instruments to be fitted.
4. Interior cockpit, and seat pans will be cleaned up and repainted.
5. New layers of fibre glass to wings and repairs to fuselage and control surfaces have been undertaken by Nigel and John (great effort)
6. We look forward to another couple of hundred hours work to remove the gel coat from the second wing, prep and undercoat.
7. Final respray and painting of the glider will be undertake hopefully within the next few weeks (weather permitting) and the Glider should be back in the air late September or early October 2011 after undergoing refinishing of the new painted surfaces.....



### Sept 2011

- 4 Sep: ASC breakfast, Gawler
- 10-11 Sept: GFA Conference and AGM, Melbourne
- 17-25 Sept: Bunyan wave camp

### Oct 2011

- 2 Oct: ASC breakfast, Gawler
- 22-23 Oct: Everything that flies, Waikerie  
Everything Aeronautical  
2008, 2009 and 2010 events have been run.  
<http://www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/everything/> .  
(Copy this URL into your web browser) and [some photos](#)  
Come for the day - Saturday 22nd October - or the weekend. Accommodation and campsites available, but book soon!
- 31 Oct: Parafield Airshow, Parafield

### Nov 2011

- 6 Nov: ASC breakfast, Gawler
- 4 – 7 Nov Coaching sessions with G Dale will be held at Waikerie

### Dec 2011

- 4 Dec: ASC breakfast, Gawler
- 17-23 Dec: State Gliding Championships, Gawler

### Jan 2012

- 26-31<sup>st</sup> Jan: Performance Week, Waikerie
- 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Orange Week Waikerie
- 2-13<sup>th</sup> Jan: Club and Sports Class Gliding Nationals, Benalla
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan –10 Feb 2012 Multi Class Nat Narromine

### Feb 2012

- 4 - 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Horsham Week

## Working BEE Dates

The new 2012 calendar is out now. Would be fantastic if you could book these important dates for next year;

[http://www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/docs/2012\\_WGC\\_Flying\\_Program.pdf](http://www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/docs/2012_WGC_Flying_Program.pdf) (Copy this URL into your web browser)

It's a gratifying satisfying productive day to help the club - lunch is provided.

We have one further tentative working bee programmed for Sept 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 2011 - Plenty of jobs remain on the published working bee list refer Web page under club documents. Plan to come up to the club and undertake one or two jobs prior to flying.

## 2011/12 summer breakout.....

We look forward to our full time operations from 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011 through to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

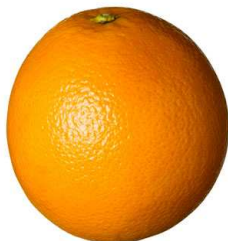
- including Coaching performance week  
- A new styled action packed blast from the past 'Orange week.

Planning now for 'Horsham week' on again from 4<sup>th</sup> Feb to the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012

Start your preparations and I hope to see you in the air.

## ORANGE WEEK

Stay tuned for news of this exciting Waikerie Gliding Event 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012



## Invitation to our overseas members and friends

With regard to the recent events in Japan. (I am sure we all had concerns for the wellbeing of our Japanese friends) We look forward to receiving another group from Japan for this year's summer soaring season. Hope you will again come to fly, relax, recharge your batteries and enjoy our hospitality. Kind regards from Greg Jackson.

## With SADNESS

We recently lost two of our overseas members; both died coincidentally within a week of each other. The Waikerie gliding Club have passed on our condolences to family and friends of Yasuhiko Terakawa and Tohru Ikeda.



Ikeda with the Jenke Brothers Trophy for his flight in 2000.

## AS K21 – Spin Kit Instructions.....

1. Attach ballast box to fin and secure with duct tape.
2. Add required number of Riverland oranges in accordance with weight and balance chart in flight manual.
3. Attach lid and secure with duct tape.

**Note:** Cockpit placard to read "Spin ballast weights must be Riverland grown, fully hydrated, and within their use-by date".



Art Hohmann demonstrating fitting of kit  
Article Courtesy John Ridge