



ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club **1st JULY, 2025.**

- *A trip to Lameroo by Jeff Schuster*
- *Andrew Wright organised a very pleasant gliding day at Gawler*
- *Congratulations to Steve Miranda for being promoted to the status of Senior Instructor LSA*
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Karl Faeth

AEROSCENE LAMEROO TRIP Jeff Schuster

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An Excellent day was had last Sat.

With 3 aircraft from Gawler including my-self in 8399, with student pilot Janine. Flying to the Sport Aircraft Club event to Lameroo.

Unfortunately some were delayed and prevented from attending with the morning fog at Goolwa, and Murray bridge areas.

Many thanks to the organisers, and Lameroo Anfield owner Kevin Traeger giving us early birds a guided tour of his interesting aircraft based there.

Also to the Mallee Spirits owners looking after us with transportation to their Shearing Shed Gin Distillery, where we had a great lunch.

Jeff.



Sunshine at Lameroo



A hangar full of aviation

AN ENJOYABLE GLIDING DAY by Andrew Wright

Friday 20th June.

Starting just after 9am, 5 Gliding students enjoyed beautiful flying conditions with the last flight landing just before sunset.

Sincere thanks to instructors

Paul Mason and Stuart Coles, without whom the day would not have happened.

Thanks also to our great team of gliding students including:

Ethan Bye

Bruce Henshall

Julian Matto

Tomasz Redel

Max Schmidt

Everyone pitched into help and to make it a most enjoyable and safe day.

Andrew Wright

AND ALL THE EFFORTS WERE APPRECIATED

Thanks Andrew for the efforts on what resulted in some well planned and very productive tow activity

It Was champagne weather with calm conditions (albeit lacking in thermal activity) and a sun that warmed the soul

The whole team worked well on the ground to keep the birds flying

I experienced a memorable postcard moment as Ethan took control of a 3000ft glide into the last rays of the day watching the shadows forming on the ground. Our smooth decent to the runway on 23 felt like we were melting with the sun which was soon to hide beyond the horizon

I was privileged to share the cockpits with Bruce (welcome back), Julian and Ethan - some superb flying on all fronts. Great have some smooth flyers in the ranks.

Thank Paul also for keeping the show in check

Regards

Stuart

FARINA STATION by Jeff Schuster

Jeff certainly gets around. Again he has attended the below service in outback Australia. Full marks to him for flying this great distance to be present at the memorial service. Only 2 aircraft and Jeff was 1. The other was Doug Sprigg in his old Auster.

Once again it was a privilege to Attend the John Napier Bell Memorial Service at Farina from YGAW in 8399. Flight time 2.8hr both ways.

This time i got to meet Doug Sprigg, and his better half Vicky. Flying in from Arkaroola in his vintage Auster aircraft. Thanks to Bill for organising, and the Farina Station owner Anne, for the lift to and from the airfield.

I also remembered this time to by my better half Marlene a loaf of bread. From SA's most remote underground bakery. Jeff



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FARINA STATION - THE OUTBACK



The Service

EOFY TAX DEDUCTION SUPPORT FOR THE ASC GLIDING FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

Gratitude is expressed to all those members who in the past, have generously donated to the Gliding Scholarship program.

Now that funds for past programs have been mostly expended, there is an opportunity for members to consider future donations, so that the scheme has an ongoing future.

Tax deductible donations can now be made via the Australian Sports Foundation, nominating the ASC as the beneficiary. They can be made online at <https://asf.org.au/projects-adelaide-soaring-club/asc-gliding-scholarship-program/>, clicking on the DONATE tab.

It is stressed that donations made through the Australian Sports Foundation attract income tax deductibility status for the donor.

Other Support Methods

Non- tax- deductible one- off donations can be made directly to the club or via a periodic payment (monthly etc.) via a Direct Debit.

Contact the ASC office by phone on 08 852 21877 or by email at office@adelaidesoaring.org.au to organize a donation process of your choice.

- All donations received will be pooled and then managed through the ASC Gliding Scholarship Management Group in conjunction with the ASC Committee.

Wills / Estates

- As is common with many organizations, particularly Not-for-Profit ones, individuals may wish to include nominated amounts within their Estate documentation to support the ASC Gliding scholarship program. This can be done in conjunction with the ASC Office.

CONGRATULATIONS Steve MIRANDA



A lot of study, hard work, hours of flying, listening to and agreeing or appearing to, what Instructors told him has finally come to fruition and Steve has been officially appointed as Senior LSA Instructor. Certainly congratulations and pats on the back from everyone at the ASC.

WELL DONE STEVE.

Here he is after sending Arki Hilder off on his first solo flight.

ANOTHER HAPPY SOLO FLYER



Steve is certainly a very busy Senior Instructor.

Here is another very happy flyer who has just been sent solo by Steve, Congratulations to

James Christou.

From the OFFICE

Thank you to Megan Gabell and a number of ASC Members we have an excellent Club room and kitchen facility. All beautifully fitted out and air conditioned under the supervision of Frank Johann.

BUT PLEASE Anyone using these beautiful facilities **make sure you clean up afterwards.**

Not nice leaving dirty dishes etc on the sink – it is **NOT** the office staff duty to clean up after the weekend.

R.A.N. GLIDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now OPEN for the **Royal Australian Navy Gliding Association (RANGA) Scholarship**, proudly administered by Gliding Australia. If you've ever dreamed of learning to fly, this is your chance to soar, literally!

This annual scholarship offers one person **up to \$1,500** toward ab-initio gliding training and Gliding Australia membership costs. It's designed for those new to flying, with no prior solo experience, just a passion for aviation and a desire to get airborne.

Great news! The application deadline has been extended to 31 July 2025.

Don't miss your chance to be part of Australia's proud gliding tradition. Submit your application, share your aviation dreams, and you could be the next recipient to take off with the support of RANGA. Or if you know of someone who should apply, please forward this information to them!

Ciao and warm regards,

Doug Flockhart | CEO
Gliding Australia

Radio squelch

Do you know how to use the radio squelch function? Do you know what squelch is?

Squelch in the most basic terms is signal strength threshold that is used to remove the continuous background noise (static) that is present all the time. You set the squelch threshold to eliminate signals you don't want to hear (background noise) and allow through signals you do want to hear.

Here are three common ways pilots use the squelch setting on the radio.

1. Test the radio and volume setting. If you want to test the radio, but there is no one around to call. Dial back the squelch until you hear the background noise (hash) and set the volume. Now you know the radio volume is set so you can hear. Now turn up the squelch until the radio mutes the background noise.
2. If you want to talk to someone far away, you may notice that their audio keeps cutting in and out, making their transmission unreadable. What is happening here is the signal from someone a long way away is very weak, and almost down into the noise. With the squelch set to normal, parts of the transmission are strong enough to unmute the radio, but other parts are not strong enough to keep the radio unmuted. To make the transmission easier to hear, dial back the squelch so you can hear the background noise and ask the other party to repeat the message. Now you won't get the audio clipped up, but it will still be weak and hard to hear.
3. If all you want to do is hear aircraft that are close to you and not weak signals a long distance away. Turn up the squelch so the weak signals don't break the squelch threshold and now you will only hear messages from people close by. **Warning** this is not a good way to leave the radio, you won't be able to hear anything but the strongest signal.

As always, stay safe and enjoy your flying.

Paul Marshall

ASC Gliding CFI

MORE HAPPY SOLO FLIERS



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