



ASC e-News

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

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Karl Faeth

A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST. by ASC Office



Glider Air Mail. This was received in the office the other day. Sent in by David Caughey.

LOOK OUT FOR ROCKS



Andrew Wright is our Safety Officer and always keeps our safety in mind. Here he is operating machinery that can throw stones etc . So he reminds us to lookout – when approached from the front, he can see anyone approaching and throttle down and lessen the stone risk. Approached from behind – he can't see anyone approaching and can't lessen the stone risk. SO – BE AWARE.

On the left is the **REALLY BIG** rock throwing machine. In the middle is the common **MEDIUM** rock throwing machine and on the right is the **SMALL** rock thrower. Even this can toss marble sized rocks that can cause dents and paint scratches.

FLYING FURTHER by Tommy Kalsbeek

What is Flying Further

The flying further course is an intensive course to train the soaring competencies of the Australian Glider Pilot Certificate. The course consists of a combination of classroom lectures and training in two seater gliders. Over a 6-day period the goal is for students to complete the training and be competent with the soaring skills of the GPC. This includes the following units: Thermal Centring

- Thermal Entry
- Soaring with other gliders
- Thermal sources and structure
- Flight preparation, glider, trailer and pilot
- Navigation and airspace
- Meteorology and flight planning
- Advanced soaring instruments and flight computers
- Cruising, speed to fly, height bands and thermal selection
- Demonstrated cross country capability

The course does not cover out-landing training. In a nutshell: train you how to become a competent soaring and cross country pilot.

When and How

The course is planned for the first week of the October school holiday. Theory session the 29th of September (depending on weather forecast).

- Theory and Flying sessions from the 30th of September to the 4th of October.

The course will be provided by Pete Temple and Alan Dean with support of other coaches.

Each morning we will focus on the theory of the different GPC components as well as a debrief of the previous day. In addition each day the assessment of the weather and flight planning will be conducted as a group.

Who

The course will be suited for any member that has achieved the requirements for their B certificate **and** is current in general flying. Ideally you would have completed the out-landing checks, but that's not required.

Interested?

Please submit your interest to (tommy.kalsbeek@gmail.com). Please provide details on your total and recent flying experience. As there is a chance you will outland, please also provide details if you have access to a retrieve vehicle.

The course is limited to 4 spots, which will be allocated by the 10th of September.

Regards,

Tommy

FLINDERS CAMP from Brenton Swart

The Flinders Camp is on again next year. Brenton has put out some info for all of those interested. The camp has been scheduled from **11/4/26 to 19/4/26**.

It is important to point out that is in the school holidays so it is IMPERATIVE to book accommodation (if required) as early as possible. Rawnsley Park Station +618 86480700.

Brenton advises that members do not need to attend every day, they can come and go as required. Anyone intending to attend – please put your name on the sheet on the club room notice board.

Any questions – Please phone Brenton 0411885 320.

POWER PILOTS – ENGINE OIL TEMPS by Ian McDonald



Managing oil temperature isn't housekeeping—it's engine life insurance. In our air-cooled Jabiru 2200/3300s, oil does two big jobs: it lubricates moving parts and carries away heat.

Get it too cold and it's thick, flow is poor, clearances are tight, and moisture/acid stay in the sump—perfect conditions for premature wear. Let it run too hot, and the film thins, pressure drops, oxidation accelerates, and bearings and rings cop the punishment.

Winter magnifies “too cold” risks. Short, gentle warm-up followed by a proper run-up gets the oil into the usable band so it protects the engine. Don't be tempted into high power before it's ready—cold oil can't reach and protect everything quickly enough.

Summer magnifies “too hot” risks. Long ground runs and tailwind holds can heat-soak the engine before you’ve even lined up. Face into wind when possible, keep taxi/hold times tidy, and use an airflow-friendly climb. In cruise, manage power and attitude to keep oil in the happy range; in descent, avoid long idle drifts that strip cooling balance.

Bottom line: treat oil temperature as a primary engine control. Fly the numbers in the POH and you’ll add years to the motor and margin to every flight.

Limits and Practical Tip. Jabiru run-up (2200/3300)

Quick limits

- Begin low-power run-up checks (mag check at ~2000 RPM) once oil temp $\geq 15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and rising.
- No full-power checks or take-off until oil temp $\geq 40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and CHT $\geq 100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Why / references

- Gen-4 engine manual: warm at 1000–1200 RPM, continue ~2000 RPM until oil $15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, then ignition check at 2000 RPM; do not apply full power until oil $\geq 40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and CHT $\geq 100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- J230-D POH (Rev 8, 13 Feb 2025): oil temp ABOVE $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ before take-off; reiterates 2000-RPM run-up items.

Practical tips

- Practical: point into wind; keep ground-run short to avoid overheating (ground oil-temp limit $100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$). In flight, target oil $80\text{--}100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; absolute max $118\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Rule of thumb: Use limits above.

GLIDING SCHOLARSHIPS by Peter Sachs

ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB 2025 – 2026 GLIDING FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Adelaide Soaring Club (ASC) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2025 – 2026 Gliding Scholarship program. The principal aim is to financially assist club members at all levels to develop their flying skills and to increase their exposure and commitment to our great sport at the ASC.

If you believe you may qualify, or know of someone who might, please encourage them to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Applicant eligibility criteria

1. Must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident.
2. Must remain a flying member in the ASC and GA for a minimum of 12 months and be financial with **both** organisations at all times throughout the scholarship period.

Terms and conditions:

1. Scholarships will be offered to those who show a demonstrated commitment to Gliding at the ASC and a strong desire to progress the sport within the club.
2. The overall scope of this scholarship period is from the commencement date- 13/10/25 to 31/12/26 or when the allocated funding has been spent, whichever occurs first.
3. Scholarships may be assigned to single gliding skills/ knowledge developmental tasks, but related multiple tasks proposals will be given a greater priority. (See Annex A for possible gliding tasks) As a consequence, the levels of scholarship funding will be determined, commensurate with the agreed tasks.
3. Scholarship funding awarded may not necessarily cover the full cost of the package proposed by the applicant.
4. All flying is to be carried out in ASC owned sailplanes and using ASC owned glider tugs where costs are based on operations that are directly managed by ASC (i.e. at Gawler or at specified ASC camps like “Flinders” or “Black Springs”). ASC tug(s) used at other club sites (Joey-glide, coaching week etc), under the control of another club are not covered under this scope.

5. The funding will be applied against sailplane hire, Tug rates and ASC Airfield user charges prevailing during the 2025 – 2026 Scholarship period.
6. Scholarship applications will be assessed on their merits by the Gliding Scholarship Management Group.
7. No further correspondence will be entered into after the notification of scholarship outcomes. However, the Management Group may provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
8. The Scholarship Management Group will maintain periodic liaison and monitoring with scholarship holders, Instructors and other relevant personnel.
9. If funding has not been exhausted by the end of the scholarship period, or the intentions of the scholarship program are not met, remaining funds may be forfeited, after consultation.
10. Applicants under the age of 18 must accompany their application with the written consent of their parent/s, guardian/s or care givers.
11. Scholarship funding can be applied against any gliding activity within these terms and conditions.

The process:

- **Application Periods for 2025 – 2026:**
The **first** Application Period will open on Friday 12/09/2025 and close on Friday 26/09/2025
- **Commencement Date.** The commencement date will be Monday 13/10/2025.
- Applicants will be advised the outcome of their application by Friday 10/10/2025 prior to the commencement date.

If you think you qualify, please send your application by email to Peter Sadler - peter.sadler50@gmail.com attention “ASC Gliding Scholarships Management Group”, within the above timeframes.

Application Criteria:

In your application please submit the appropriate details against each of the applicant eligibility criteria, as listed below:

1. State how long you have been a member of the Adelaide Soaring Club.
2. Outline your proposed Gliding skill/s development package.
3. Outline why you are seeking a scholarship, including both the short and long term gliding or other related goals you hope to achieve.
4. Indicate any elements (if any) of your involvement within the ASC, other than flying.
5. Indicate how a scholarship would enhance your involvement in the ASC and / or how you would “give back” to the club.
6. (Optional) Provide letter/s of reference from people who would support you in the gaining of a scholarship.

For further information, please call : Peter Sadler: 0435936950.

Annex A

The following lists some potential gliding related activities for which you might apply for scholarship funding:

1. Support for ab-initio gliding training including attainment of “A”, “B”, “C” certificates leading to a GPC.
2. Cross country training or coaching.
3. Silver C, Gold C, Diamond C, higher badges or records.
4. Competition Flying - Regattas, State Comps, Junior or Senior Nationals.
5. Training to achieve Instructor ratings.
6. Specific skills developments such as Aerobatics, Dual Glider towing, ridge soaring, wave soaring.
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AGM & DINNER



The 2025 Annual General Meeting and dinner with prize awards was held on 30/08/25. Again, a good size crowd of Members showed their interest in the club, its activities and financial wellbeing. Facing the Members at the top table were Secretary Ali Swart, Vice President Bradley Leksas, President Tony Lewis and Treasurer Steve Pegler. Our office bearers were pleased with the performance of the club and more details of the reports will be in future editions. There were also a couple of changes to the Committee but no voting was needed.

The AGM was of course followed by a beautiful meal provided by a great group led by Megan Gabell. In between courses Tom Leech organised presentations to the various members for flying and other achievements that were of great benefit to the club. It was another great night at the Adelaide Soaring Club.

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| • Gliding CFI Award – best Gliding Student of the Year | Angus Lippiatt |
| • LSA CFI Award - best LSA Student of the Year | Peter Smith |
| • Paul Rim Trophy - best flight in cross country 1 st year | Max Scutchings |
| • Richard Deane Trophy – best placing in Nat Champs | Phil Ritchie |
| • Darrell Ingham Trophy – most meritorious flight in LSA | Patrick Pulis |
| • President Trophy - best gliding flight during year | Peter Temple |
| • House Group Award - services to the club | Megan Gabell |
| • Presidential Award - for LSA Instruction over a long period | Colin Drew |
| • Presidential Award - devoted service over many fields to ASC | Andrew Wright |
| • Helmut Apitz Award - outstanding service to ASC | Robert Moore |

Some recipients were unable to attend the evening, however most were present.



Members enjoying a lovely meal prepared by the “House Group”



Steve Pegler and Frank Johann handing the Helmut Apitz award to Tony Lewis for Rob Moore



Colin Drew and his wife happy to be recognised for his long period of LSA instructing



Peter Smith acknowledging his Instructors to enable him to win the LSA Award for the year.

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