

Adelaide Soaring Club



A meeting of the committee of the ASC held on
Tuesday 27th January 2026
At Enfield Community Centre
commencing at **7.00 PM**

Agenda & Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting and Welcome

Present: Tony Lewis (Chair), Bradley Leksas, Paul Marshall, Steve Pegler, Marcin Nowina-Krowicki, Mark Ferraretto, Brian Rau, Josh Brown

Apologies: Ali Swart, Sue Ingham, Noah Beckmann

In Attendance: Tom Leech

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 25 November 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Tony. Seconded: Bradley. Carried.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 10 mins

3.1 Update to ERSA and By-law 7 re circuit procedures and upload to website – Paul

Still waiting on CASA's response. It is on their to-do list. They are busy with their current work load.

3.2 Supervision of minors on airfield – Tom, Paul and Tony

Tony has spoken with Amanda Van DeWall. Looking into GA's parent and club check lists for minors. Tony and Tom have done some initial work looking at adapting it for the ASC requirements. Tony has asked Committee members to look at the documents on the Committee drive and to provide feedback.

Action: Mark has offered to take a close look at the wording of the supervision of minors documents.

3.3 Gliding instructor numbers and commitment – Paul

This continues to be a problematic area and Paul is continuing to speak to instructors about it and looking at options.

3.4 LSA instructor scholarship - Tony

Sue is still investigating. She is flying with the chosen candidate.

3.5 Videos on use of new J230 - Tony

Ian McDonald has provided training videos for the new J230 and the Dynon flight system. They have been used to train the LSA instructors and are now being used to train our members.

4. Strategic items – 20 mins

4.1 Ideas for strategic items for discussion over the next 12 months:

- Runway upgrade - we were unsuccessful in the DRF grant and feedback has been provided -
Action: to create a subcommittee to strategise an approach to government/politicians and any other options we may have re runway upgrade. The following members displayed an interest in being involved. Tony, Paul, Josh, Steve, Tom.
- Replacement toilet block - Grant outcome, we were unsuccessful. No further plans for this project were discussed.
- Master airfield plan - On hold until runway upgrade options are exhausted.
- ~~Succession planning~~ - Ongoing issue for maintenance, instructors, CFIs, treasurer, secretary. Maintenance is in good shape for the time being, with two youngish guys in the roles. Instructors are under discussion at the Training Panel. Replacement of CFIs are an issue.
- ~~Fund raising and grant writing => potential projects~~
 - kitchen upgrade
 - outside area
 - toilet upgrade
- ~~Project list for grants~~
 - Document in grants folder on shared drive with list of projects which grant funding could be applied to.
- ~~Marketing and professional image => website revamp~~
 - Ballpark figure \$20-30k. More feedback needed from web developers.
- ~~Mentoring for early solo pilots => coaching and young guns going well, limited resources for mentoring~~
 - ~~Follow up of people who haven't flown in a while => retain the people we already have~~
- ~~Retention and growth of membership~~
 - Interrogate MYOB to see where people's spending habits have changed.
 - A report could be obtained from MYOB, but identifying the trends would take time and effort that exceeds our available resources.

5. New Business – 30 mins

5.1 Grant of \$3k from ORSR - Tom or Tony in Ali's absence

Project to spend it on - temporary suggestion - CCTV. Committee to consider other options and provide feedback.

Action: Ali to explore if ORSR grant can be used retrospectively for the CCTV installation. Committee members to provide other possible ideas.

5.2 SES drone flying - Tony

Tony, CFI's and GAM met with the SES at the airfield to discuss their operations and potential issues associated with that when they operate at Williston oval.

5.3 Arkapeena airstrip maintenance costs - Tony

SAGA is working through the options for maintenance at the Arkapeena airfield. No outcome at this stage.

5.4 Indemnity Insurance for instructors - Tony

The Committee is waiting for Geoff Wood to complete his final discussion paper before making any determination.

Action: Mark to follow up with Geoff Wood and go through all of the relevant policies to explore indemnity insurance for instructors further.

5.5 Reimbursement

After a discussion around concerns that some members have sought to spend club funds without seeking the appropriate approvals first, the Committee agreed to reimburse the member for the purchase of a \$249 Battery Jump Starter Kit.

Moved: Tony. Second Marcin. Carried.

The Committee would like to remind members that they are not allowed to spend club money without going through the appropriate approval process.

Action: Tony to send a letter to the members involved re getting approval in advance before spending club funds.

6. Reports – 30 mins

6.1 General Management

Reports – 10 mins

Infrastructure & Admin – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

Committee gave approval for the following:

The GAM to follow up with the Sir Ross and Keith Smith Fund.

To engage Super Sealing to complete the last section of Taxiway crack sealing.

To go ahead with TIF's in the J230 at the prices recommended by LOG.

Committee denied approval for the following:

The sink for the LSA hangar was denied due to confirmation from Light Regional Council that grey water cannot be distributed on to open ground by a commercial organisation. We would be required to plumb it back to our septic system. As we already have toilets with hand washing facilities it was deemed to be an unnecessary cost to our members.

Action: Tony to let the member requesting the sink in the LSA hangar know the outcome.

The Committee denied the CFS request to change the position of the 31 shelter at the CFS's expense.

Denied the purchase of a Mogas nozzle. Go back to the MOGAS fuel hose providers to ask them to exchange the diesel nozzle for a Mogas nozzle as a part of the package as the advertising stated that it was suitable for unleaded fuel.

Marketing & Promotion – Tom Leech

As per GAM's report.

The new Website will go live by the 31st of January 2026.

Finance – Steve Pegler

Treasurer's report presented by Steve.

Abnormally high costs associated with LSA and tugs (Pawnee AD) have affected the bottom line for the first 6 months of this year. We should see an improvement for the second 6 months.

Need changes to our Temporary Memberships to differentiate between Australian residents and overseas visitors.

Motion: That we adopt a 1 month International Temporary Membership only available to international visitors with no limit to the amount of times it can be renewed and a 3 month Temporary Membership for Australian residents that is non-renewable, with both priced at 30% of the Full Member rate.

Moved: Steve. Seconded Josh. Carried.

Action: Steve P to update Bylaw 9 and the Membership Categories Summary to reflect the changes to temporary membership categories.

Motion: that the following list of members have their membership terminated due to non payment of membership.

- Adrian Cooper
- Thomas Gilchrist
- Lachlan Gitsham
- Daign Kotz
- Meharban Mangat
- Keenan O'Sullivan
- Darrin Tulk
- Matthew Tusar
- Joshua Wood

Moved: Steve. Second Tony. Carried.

Discussion on how to deal with our 2 bad debtors.

Suggest we take them to Minor Civil Claims Magistrates Court.

Motion: That we pursue James Niederle and Darrin Tulk through Minor Civil Claims Magistrates Court

Moved: Steve. Second Tony. Carried.

Action: Steve to start the process of pursuing James Niederle and Darrin Tulk for their outstanding debts through the Minor Civil Claims Magistrates Court.

6.2 Fleet, Maintenance, Safety, Training

Reports – 10 mins

CFI LSA – Sue Ingham

Per Sue's report

Pretty much Ops Normal. The hot weather has reduced flying hours. No fleet issues have been advised.

Instructor Indemnity insurance - In the past, we have relied on the good faith of our instructors, pilots, and students. It is getting harder to attract people to volunteering roles. We live in a more litigious society too. The club should be prepared for such an action against the club and instructor pilots. Just because it hasn't happened in the past, is no way to look ahead. Thanks to Geoff Wood for investigating this serious matter.

As discussed earlier.

CFI Gliding – Paul Marshall

Going well with good junior progress.
LS8 is finally complete.

Tugs – Steve Pegler

Americans are now engaged in the process with the FAA proposing to adopt visual inspections using borescopes rather than complex eddy current NDT inspections. Lavia (the type certificate holder) are considering moving to only requiring inspections every 2 years. The combination of these possibilities, if approved by CASA, would mean much cheaper and easier inspections.

Due to the extra expense of the regular NDT inspections required by the AD for the tugs it was recommended that we apply a temporary levy on the tug fee while these inspections are required.

Motion: To help cover the extra cost brought by regular inspections associated with the current Lavia AD that we add a levy of 50 cents per minute to the tugs. Effective from the 1st of March.

Moved: Steve. Second Marcin. Carried.

Glider Maintenance – Tommy Kalsbeek

Per Tommy's report.

LSA Maintenance - Richard Young

Per Richard's report.

Safety – Andrew Wright

As per Andrew's report.

6.3 Community, Culture, Inclusion

Reports – 10 mins**Update on COG – Tony**

Nothing to report

History Team – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Social and House – Tom

As per GAM's report.

Sports & Events – Tom

From the Events calendar:

- Jan 10 - Information and induction session (presenter Bridgette M)
- Jan 31 - Information and induction session (presenter Steve Miranda)
- Feb 21 - Information and induction session (presenter Paul M)
- Mar 14 - Information and induction session (presenter Andrew W)
- Apr 11 - Information and induction session (presenter Tony L)
- Apr 11-19 - Flinders camp

New Members – Ali

- LSA
 - none

- Gliding
 - David Schoemaker (10 TIP)
 - Aidan Correa (1 month interstate pilot)
 - Matthias Couste (1 month overseas pilot)
 - Paul Parker (returning 3 month overseas pilot)
 - Peter Lawrence joined at info session 10/1/26, yet to start
 - Gurvinder Singh - joined at info session 10/1/26, yet to start
 - Max Suponya - visiting from SCGC-NSW - 1M temp
 - Cynthia Robinson - visiting from UK - 3M O/S membership
 - Ged Terry - visiting from UK - 3M O/S membership (was here in Sept, no new form, just new term)
- Social
 - none

Motion: That the committee accept the applications for membership from David, Aidan, Matthias, Paul, Peter, Gurvinder, Max, Cynthia, and Ged. **Moved: Tony Seconded: Mark. Carried**

Resignations

Name	Gliding	LSA	Reason
Simon Livingstone	x		Simon (dad) came along to support son Kieran in having a interest outside study. May come back.
Kieran Livingstone	x		Kieran now complete uni, has first job & no time atm - may come back at a later stage
Andrew McSeveney		x	Changed employment role & little spare time as well as raising 6 kids. May return in future
Lauren Schulz	x		Busy with new job, maybe come back one day
Ian Roddie		x	Sold aircraft, hasn't been out here for 12 months, thought he'd resigned already, just noted we need in writing
Trevor Forsyth		x	Signed hangar over to son, David, missed seeing resignation email last year, 'mobility challenged'
Avani Grewal		x	Leaving for Defence next year, busy with work
David French		x	Sold Hangar, no longer need to be a member
Leo Morris		x	Moving interstate in early 2026
James Hodges	x		Moving to Canberra RAAF
Chris Gorton		x	Was hangar owner, sold to Jamie Clothier ~ Nov 25
Mark Farley		x	phoned, wishes to resign - loss of confidence in ability to learn to fly. Airspace infringement threatening ASC's viability.
Keith Johnson		x	Just doesn't have the time, and couldn't keep up with changes and training, becoming difficult to learn
Patrick Makeham		x	Deployed overseas (~12 months ago) hasn't seen emails, forgot. Emailed 13/1/26
Anne Czydel	x		Can't justify membership anymore, haven't been flying for years (lives remote - Roxby)

Matt Tusar		x	Limited time for flying. Rising Costs. Taking a year off.
Yeanna Yem		x	Moved away from Adelaide
Mike Hentschke		x	Resigned due to high interest rates, mortgage and cost of living
Sebastian McAlister		x	Life got in the way. Lost passion for aviation.
Ryan Osbourne		x	Moved to San Francisco
Lawrie Osbourne		x	Moved to San Francisco
Janine Owiringmana		x	Finished Study. Looking for employment. Short of funds
Taj Lawry		x	Resigned via phone call via Steve P. Short on funds. Come back in near future.
Zac Holmes		x	resigned via txt Steve P. Not Financially viable
Jade Delen	x		Going to the USA on a working holiday. May return at the end of year.

7. Review of action items – 10 mins

Short Term Tactical Actions	Responsible	Completed
discuss with James Nugent (after end June) requirements and costs around setting up a virtual gliding set up, and bring back to Committee	Ali	on hold
drive online history portal after end 2025	Ali	On hold
finalise list of office holders for 2025 and have published to the website and advise office staff	Ali	done
take to TP how to encourage existing gliding instructors, and grow new instructors	Paul	ongoing
formalise the parental statement for minors on the airfield outside of Club activities, utilising input of Amanda vanderWal	Tony, Tom	done with new action on committee and Mark
advise instructors that they need to advise minors when sanctioned Club activities are complete	Paul	ongoing
take the requirement for supervision of minors to the LSA Training Panel	Sue	pending
take to LOG that all members, including LSA pilots, will be required to comply with the terms of the affiliation with GAus	Marcin	done

8. Any Other Business – 10 mins

8.1 None

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th February at 7pm – via Google Meet

10. Close

9.30 pm