



ASC e-News

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

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Karl Faeth

UP AND AWAY by Peter Sachs

“Up and Away” the 2025 / 26 ASC Gliding Scholarship Program

By way of introduction, it is worth reflecting that the Adelaide Soaring Club is one of the **biggest and best mixed use recreational aviation clubs in Australia.**

Great airfield, great facilities, great aircraft fleet, great Administration, great volunteers and committed membership!!

The 2025 / 26 Gliding scholarship program has been made possible through the generosity of a number of anonymous members who have donated funds for its continuity.

Through their generosity, they are “Paying it forward” for what they have / are getting from the club. (The Film- “Pay it Forward”, worth a look)

Cite also Karl Faeth’s generosity for the new J230 recently acquired.

In that regard, the following club members have been awarded Scholarships to help “launch” them to new heights, in their recreational aviation pursuits:

- The ASC Gliding Scholarship program:
 - Josh Friend, Braidyn Reid- Bedford, Chris Millard, Angus Lippiatt, Ryan Leach, Max Schmidt, Felix Bull.
- The Australian Airforce Cadet’s Association:
 - Axston and Jett Grech.
- Australian Air League: - Ryan Leach

The Scholarship amounts awarded were varied according to the goals outlined in their applications, from which the Gliding Scholarship Management Group looked at not only what the individual flying goals were, but also how they would contribute back to the club – “Paying it forward” in both the long and short term.

As a club, with regards to its Scholarship program, members have been benefitting yearly since 2010 and now that Scholarship funds have been fully committed, further support for this program is sought for its future.

How will you, as a fortunate member of this great club consider “Paying it Forward”?

FLINDERS CAMP for 2026 by 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.

ROADWORKS ON THE FIELD by editor

As mentioned by Tom in the last e-news – the forecast roadworks are now well and truly operating. The pipe-works that were ongoing in the surrounding streets have now reached our entrance road. Initially the traffic was directed manually and I share the concerns of other members who ran into problems on other roads when trying to reach the field.

I was held up near the 23 end, just following a truck leaving the new balloon area. The truck was waved through and I was stopped even though I was right behind the truck. “You can’t get through here – you have to use the other roadway” I replied “There isn’t another roadway” The reply was “Oh I thought there was. Oh well go through then”. Interesting times we live in.

The next time I came in, the traffic controller had been replaced with traffic lights. This worked well but they were obviously controlled by time settings so sometimes it caused a bit of a wait, depending on which cycle one arrived. I noticed that on leaving, an eager member ignored the red light and drove through, Lucky no one was coming the other way.



THE BALLOON by editor

As Tom advises – work is going on. I am a bit of a novice when it comes to weather balloon launches but I was astounded at the work going on, just for the launch base. Apparently the first launch may be in January and there could be 2 a day.



AN AIRTRACTOR LANDED AT GAWLER by editor



I looked out from the veranda the other day when leaving for Naracoorte and there was this impressive aircraft sitting on the visitor grass. Angela in the office advised that the aircraft was on its way from Tasmania to Western Australia.

NARACOORTE by editor

As Jeff Schuster advised at his AERO-SCENE dinner, there was to be a FLY-IN at Naracoorte on the 15-16/11/25 weekend. A number of members made plans and the more confident, preparations, to attend. The new J230 23-2260 was going and Ian McDonald was going to test it and also become more familiar with the new DYNON. Sue offered a seat in her J430 and I was happy to accept her offer.

The morning was a bit iffy weather wise. When I woke up at North Haven, the boats I normally see just outside – were hidden in fog. So I rightly presumed the launch at Gawler would be delayed. Plenty of time for a thorough D.I. and fuel top up. But after 10.30 the weather looked promising and there was a general exodus. Bit tricky over the hills and Sue used her skills to get us through safely. Skills she had honed when we flew the new J230 back from Bundaberg a couple of weeks ago.

There was cloud cover all the way but good clearance towards the coast and under the cloud base. The iPad showed a number of aviators heading for the same airfield. 26 was the preferred runway and I was just amazed at the number of aircraft on the ground at Naracoorte. There was so much activity that the local FOLLOW ME vehicle was busy organising the parking. For some reason we were parked next to 23-2260 which was great.

The local club had an excellent BBQ going at very reasonable prices and a hamburger with onion was ideal for lunch. I saw quite a few of our members wandering around like Mark Michell, David Bradshaw and daughter, Patrick Pulis etc. Sue and I got a chair near the front of the hangar when eating lunch and were entertained by an AIR TRACTOR flying up and down the runway, giving a spraying demonstration. There were also a number of helicopters present with some passenger flying available. Earlier about 7 gyros taxied out, lined up on the runway and then took off. An impressive

sight to see the various designs. I was just so amazed at the number and the variety of aircraft that had flown to Naracoorte and were on display.



It is that time of the year when we get plenty of rain intermingled with a taste of hot weather.

This results in our plants coming back to life and growing prolifically, in particularly areas where we really don't need all that growth.



The other result is that Tom Leech, our Aerodrome Manager, finds he has to remind us of our responsibility to mow around our hangars to keep the weeds down. Easy for some but much harder for others. My advice is to contact Di Young on **0429674731** and have a chat with her. She loves mowing and is happy to agree to a short or long term mowing arrangement. Keeps hangars and airfield looking neat.

ANOTHER VISITOR TO GAWLER



An impressive sight when driving in to Gawler the other day. There it was – the huge semitrailer obviously parked for a couple of days on its way back from Mallala.

J230 23-2260

Ian McDonald conducted a detailed briefing on the **Dynon** system in the new J230 for information of Instructors. Instructors need to be brought up to speed on this excellent system which includes **Auto Pilot**

so they can instruct and examine pilots to safely fly the aircraft. CFI Sue Ingham has sent out information on the club email system so pilots can study the **POH** (quite a few pages) to become familiar with this aircraft. I can report that the 2260 flies like a Jabiru but very well. The **Dynon** takes a bit getting used to as it has so much information available to the pilot that one needs to remember to fly the aircraft.

Instructor Training should complete in the next week or so and eager pilots can then get checked out.

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