

It happened last Summer

Looking back on the summer of floods it seems we were the lucky ones. Clubs to the north and south reported very little gliding in the last summer season. Although we had only a few big 1000klms days we were able to fly for the majority of the season. The tasking area was restricted due to heavy flooding in areas around our site, however, the majority of our visiting members achieved numerous badge flights.

Our working club members

Once again we say thank you to those few members who work so hard in the summer months to keep the club operational for our members and visitors. David Burrell who struggles with the many bookings, Arnie Hartley, David Miller and Paul Thompson who shared the towing with our visitor tow pilot Ben. CFI Ken McAnally who takes responsibility for a safe operation and keeps a good lookout on all the activity and Beryl Hartley who is the daily assistant. A special thank you this year to Hans Raschke who is such a willing club member during the many weeks he spends at Narromine from his home in Germany.

We continue to have excellent support for the social club from Barry Black, Fiona Grimes, Cheryl and Lionel Simpson. The Sunday night bar-b-que is an essential part of the financial viability of our club and we thank all those members and guests who support the club each week.

Ross McLean is always working online to update our web page and does a fantastic job. How are we going to keep him when he joins the banana benders and moves to warmer climates at Hervey Bay later in the year.

The maintenance of the aircraft continues to be a challenge. Arnie Hartley and Mark Rowe are able to manage the majority of the work but it is clear that more man power is needed in this area. The committee is always looking for schemes to attract our members to assist with this work, so if you have an idea, let's hear it.



The Club Annual General Meeting 2011

The AGM is planned for Saturday 24th September. Members are invited to the meeting at 1300hrs followed by an afternoon tea. Any business for the meeting to be sent to:

The Secretary, P.O. Box 240, Narromine.
NSW. 2821.

Changes to the rules for Incorporated Bodies

In 2009/10 the NSW Department of Fair Trading changed the rules of incorporation for incorporated bodies. All such bodies are requested to address the change and your committee is doing this at present and will put to the AGM any recommendation to the membership. Basically the change is that the Model rules have been changed and will now be called The Model Constitution. Incorporated bodies may choose to:

1. Keep the model rules and this will change in name to "Your constitution"
2. Change to the new Model Constitution
3. Submit any new rules for acceptance as "Our Constitution"

Notice will be sent to members with the papers for the Annual General Meeting for any information contact your President, Ken McAnally.

It is happening next summer

Narromine Cup 2011.

The 14th Narromine Cup week is planned for the last full week in November as usual. This year the starting date is the 19th November. This special week is now just one of the many gliding events planned for the 2011/12 season and looking at the GFA calendar it is going to be a busy summer throughout Australia.

Our club relies heavily on the success of this week and we always need more workers than we can find. This year we will be requesting those who are coming to fly to register on line prior to the event so we can better plan the work load. The tried and true formula of the week still appears to attract a mixed number of participants from the first cross country pilots to the world class competitors. Planning is underway with the "Face" of the week Chris Stephens, so if any club member is willing to assist with the Narromine Cup please contact Chris.



Our summer tuggie, Ben with cup winner Bryan]

Ahhh! The politics.

Some members will be aware that the local council staff attempted to impose a \$55 "event fee" on visiting pilots to Narromine Airport. We can report that this attempt was soundly rejected by council. The Mayor and council have strongly stated their support for existing and ongoing aviation events at Narromine and have put in place structural changes to the airport planning committee which will ensure continued co-operation between council and the airport users. The council does indeed recognize the financial benefit to the town from the aviation community and we can be assured of their ongoing support. This support from council has always been one of the significant attractions to aviation events at Narromine.

The 50th National Multi-Class Championships

The first Australian Gliding Champion was Keith Collier with a flight from Narromine to Jerilderie in 1952. Now in 2012 Narromine will host the 50th Championships. Commencing on the 30th January 2012 for two weeks the club will be host to 50 plus entrants. This is a big task for a small regional club and the committee is well aware of the challenge and the benefits of hosting this anniversary event. It will only be successful if we are able to rely on the volunteer efforts of our membership and with assistance from other club members in the state. If you or anyone you know is able to supply some time for this two weeks, please register now with Arnie Hartley. A simple registration form is attached to this newsletter. We know we have talented members who are more than capable of assisting. The club will help with cost for accommodation and meals for all helpers.

"What role can you volunteer for the National's"