

# Out of the Blue

Waikerie Gliding Club Newsletter

June 2003

Open Letter to Members

*The Challenge Ahead*

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Waikerie Gliding Club President

At the Annual General Meeting of the Waikerie Gliding Club on Saturday 31 May 2003, I was elected President, with Craig Vinall Vice-President and Committee members Ron Brock, Graham Francis, Bill Mudge, Allen Hudson and Greg Jackson. From a personal perspective, it is a privilege to given the opportunity to lead the "team" during times that provide some challenges for a gliding club with excellent facilities in one of the best gliding locations anywhere in the world.

With your participation, I am sure our Club can again be one well respected for providing a great place with excellent facilities to fly, in a friendly and enjoyable environment. This is the challenge ahead that can only be achieved with your active involvement. Your Committee will direct its efforts to building the membership and the active involvement of members as one of the priorities.

To our international members and friends wherever you may be, we hope you will continue to support the

Club and look forward to seeing you again in the coming summer, which is already beginning to take shape as a time of intense activity. Waikerie staff under Mark Morgan are looking forward to flying with you.

While international event such as September 11 and SARs create pressures and anxiety which we are unable to influence or control, I can tell you Australia remains one of the safest destinations in the world. Waikerie of-course does not present any problems.

I am very interested to hear of any thoughts or ideas you have which you believe will assist in advancing our Club. I can be contacted as detailed below.

The Club has been given the opportunity to host the 2004 Australian National FAI Club & Sports Class Championships at Waikerie between 11 – 23 January 2004. The planning and organisation of this event has commenced. Member support and participation is required to ensure the success of this event, which we have the opportunity to host again in 2005. Details will be progressively added to the competition website at [www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/clubclass/](http://www.waikerieglidingclub.com.au/clubclass/).

It was revealed at the Annual General Meeting that members have outstanding debts with a value approaching \$15,000.00. This situation is untenable and cannot be allowed to go on. If your account is not in credit, please undertake now to correct this and forward payment to the Club and restore your account to a credit balance. This debt costs us money.

Given our location, facilities and membership base, I

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## DIARY DATES

<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>	Friday 27 June 03, 7.30 PM
<b>Member's Flying Day</b>	Saturday 28 June 03
<b>Cross Country Course</b>	Early December 03
<b>GFA Safety Semiar</b>	19 July 03 at ASC
<b>GFA Safety Semiar</b>	20 July 03 at Balaklava
<b>Sports Class Nationals</b>	11-23 January 2004

Test your Knowledge

What is the optimum angle of bank for minimum height loss in a turn at 1.5Vs?

*See page 4 for the answer*

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am confident that with your active support and participation, we can get back to the great situation that made Waikerie internationally respected. I undertake to give it my best and I encourage you to assist.

It is planned to have a "members flying day" on Saturday 28 June, with the day commencing early undertaking some jobs around the Club, before flying. If the weather precludes flying we will discuss an aspect of gliding of interest to all. It is planned to conclude the day with a BBQ and finish early enough to enable those who have to drive to get home at a reasonable hour.

On behalf of your Committee, I encourage you to join in the effort and participate in Waikerie Gliding Club again becoming the best place in Australia to glide.

With kind best wishes,

John Hudson

The AGM – the new team

It was extremely pleasing to see a large turnout of members to this years AGM and we can report that all committee positions have been filled.

A special thanks must go to Bill Mudge who has held the President's position for the last 3 years. It has been fortunate for the club to have someone of Bill's experience and knowledge at the helm for this time.

Thankfully, he will not be lost as Bill has agreed to remain on the committee. This will be a great help.

John Hudson was elected to the position of President and Craig Vinall continues as Vice president. John has a wealth of experience in Gliding and will be a very capable leader.

Ron Brock and Graham Francis were elected to new terms as Committee Members and Greg Jackson joins the Committee. Allen Hudson will continue on as a Committee member.

We also have a new Social Committee comprising; Nigel & Heather Baker, Rob Thompson, Jean Hudson, Marie Hudson, and Shirley Mudge.

Craig Vinall and Nigel Baker were appointed as SAGA representatives for the Club.

Mark Morgan's Managers Report reminded us of some of the difficulties that we will face in the months ahead. Increasing insurance costs and the uncertainty of international travel for our overseas guests will make

for difficult times ahead. However our club will remain strong if we all do our bit for the club in helping out where we can and of course by making use of the flying facilities as much as possible.

Mark and Dianne continue to be the backbone of the office. They have spent a large amount of their personal time getting the Commercial Operation's books into order in preparation for a new Office Secretary. Several potential candidates have been interviewed for this position and an appointment will be made before the start of the new season.

Mark also reported that the workshop continues to be busy. We are lucky to have someone as skilled and committed as Craig Ward. Also our ranks will be enhanced with the return soon of Mike McLachlan the master instructor and tuggie extraordinaire.

The Club's finances remain sound although pressure will be felt in months to come with increasing costs.

The meeting closed shortly after election of the committee and we were treated to afternoon tea courtesy of the new Social Committee.

New Membership Structure

Members are reminded that the new membership structure is now operational. It has the advantage of allowing those people who are unable to put the time into club activities to use the facilities as they please. But it will cost them a little more. Those who have the time and are able to help around the club will be able to benefit from lower rates.

Please speak to anyone on the Committee if you would like to know more.

Club Class Nationals

The first meeting of the organising committee for the Nationals was held prior to the AGM. It was great to see a large attendance of people wanting to get involved.

John Hudson, Competition Secretary, and Peter Robinson have already completed a number of important tasks such as preparing entry forms and local rules, competition posters and setting up a competition web page with the help of Peter Siddall.

There is a list of tasks covering all areas of the competition including task setting, scoring, airfield management, catering and social activities. Many of the positions have been filled but there are still volunteers needed for some positions.

Please contact John if you would like to help. John's contact details are:

Home Phone 8272 5929  
Work Phone 8224 7784  
Mobile 0419 803 093  
Email [Hudson@senet.com.au](mailto:Hudson@senet.com.au)

### Members Flying Day

The committee intends holding regular Members Flying Days during the winter and spring. These will be days when you know there will be other people flying at the club.

It will also enable us to share a few jobs around the club before flying. If the day is good then some group flying or cross-country tasks can be organised. It will be a great way of maintaining your currency and improving skills.

If the weather is against us then there will be presentations or briefings on some aspect of flying.

The day will conclude with a barbeque organised by the social committee.

Please make an effort to get along and help make the day a success.

### New Food safe requirements

Members are reminded that with the introduction of new State Legislation, there are now strict rules regarding the use of the new kitchen facilities. Anyone preparing or serving food (generally, any work in the kitchen) need to have undergone the required training.

It is not onerous and all of the new social committee have the required qualifications. Please see one of them if you wish to use the facilities or would like to get the qualification.

### Outstanding Accounts

A few members still have outstanding accounts with the club.

It would greatly assist the club if any outstanding account can be settled as soon as possible.

The club pays interest on its overdraft at this time of

the year so it is unfair to all members that a few tardy payers incur unnecessary cost to the club.

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding your account or would like to know the most efficient way of paying your account.

### Airfield Matters

We have had 6 days that recorded rain during May to a total of 36mm of rainfall. There is grass cover now on the airfield in most areas.

However, the drought has taken its toll as the Government will be implementing water restrictions for the coming year. This will take effect as of July 1st this year and will be introduced regardless of how much rain Australia gets this winter. Our water allowance will be set for the next 12 months or until the restrictions are lifted. We are likely to receive less than we need.

We will all have to be careful of our water usage for the next 12 months. It will be important that we not use water in areas not required. This includes things like washing cars or other non-essential uses. It also means that some areas of grass around the clubhouse will be watered less. Staff will strictly regulate water usage. Please avoid wastage.

If you have time up your sleeve and want a job. The Creeping Saltbush on the pads, in the van park & around the Clubhouse is seeding. You will notice small red berries on the plants. Gently pull them out, place them into a bucket and transport them to a bin, hopefully with the berries still attached.

### Fleet

ZBC and XJA will go off line for winter and will come back on line when there is more demand.

### Accommodation

We are now taking bookings for accommodation to members and pilots for the National Club Class Comps period. All accommodation on site will now require a 50% deposit to secure your bed. This will help assure we have maximum occupancy during the Club Class Comps as well as alleviate some of the financial burden we normally suffer during the winter.

Any Accommodation bookings cancelled before

November 1st will receive a deposit refund the same as our glider bookings.

### Safety Seminar

GFA have a Safety Seminar scheduled for SA to be held at Gawler ( ASC) and Balaklava in July. Check the diary dates for the date and times or your copy of Australian Soaring. These seminars are always entertaining and informative. It also lets you in on what/ how other pilots are feeling about safety in their sport.

### Electronic Newsletter

We are planning to send both accounts and the newsletter by e-mail. This will help reduce postage costs and will be much quicker.

Could you please provide your e-mail address to the office particularly if it has changed to enable this to happen.

### Glider for sale

ASW19b VH-GWL - 1/2 share for sale. Mark Schultz. 0427793946

LS4a – VH-IYY. Rudi Gaissimaier. 8524 4595  
[rudiandanna@camtech.net.au](mailto:rudiandanna@camtech.net.au)

Diamant 17 – VH-GUV. Nigel Baker 0418 841 631  
[nigelbaker30@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelbaker30@hotmail.com)

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### Test your Knowledge An Answer

The time to complete a turn will decrease with increasing bank angle. However the rate of descent will increase with increasing bank angle. Although the stall speed will increase with increasing bank angle (100% increase at 75 degrees), the loss of height will vary from a maximum at low bank angle because the turn takes longer to complete, to a minimum where the time taken to complete the turn occurs at a favourable sink rate and increases again as the increase in bank angle produces an increase in sink despite the shorter time for the turn.

An angle of 45 degrees generally results in minimum height loss.

Does anyone have a better answer? If you do, please send to the Newsletter Editor.

### Articles for the Newsletter

Do you have any interesting news or views? If you do, then please consider writing something for our newsletter. It would be great to have some news from our overseas members about how their summer season is going.

Please send any material to [Craig@madderns.com.au](mailto:Craig@madderns.com.au).

## Flying Roster

Flying during winter will be on alternate weekends and will depend on flight crew availability. Flying will be on Saturday and Sunday where possible. Each day will require a duty instructor for operations to proceed. Other days will be scheduled when possible.

Day	Date	Instructor	Phone	Tuggie	Phone
Sat	June 21	Bill Mudge	8541 3570	Rob Pollnitz	8338 0970
Sun	June 22	Graham Marsh	8389 7970	Geoff Horwood	8264 2554
Sat	June 28	John Hudson	8272 5929		
Sun	June 29				
Sat	July 5	Bill Mudge	8541 3570	John Hudson	8272 5929
Sun	July 6				
Sat	July 19	John Hudson	8272 5929	Rob Pollniz	8338 0970
Sun	July 20				

