

18 June 2011

GGC UPDATE

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WINTER SOARING - WITHOUT MUCH WAVE (AGAIN!)

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Winter Soaring Festival at Pomonal

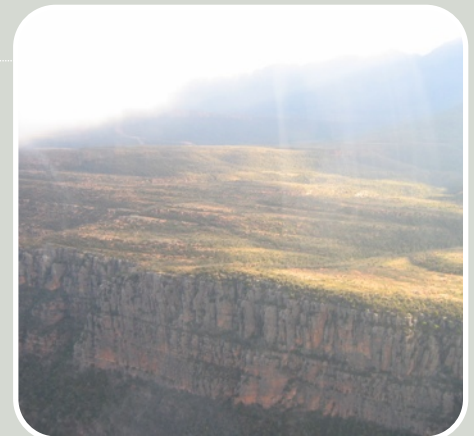
Seven keen and warmly dressed members attended from GGC, towing 4 gliders there and back safely. There was flying on all 3 days, but the best of it was on the Monday when IUD, XOC and WQ were all soaring Redman Bluff together and sharing the sky between the safe return height and a cloudbase that was shifting up and down minute by minute. Rolf, JB, Jeff, Martin, Wayne, Neil and Alf represented GGC. Great food and warm fires made the non-flying time a very pleasant social experience. Our thanks to all the GSC members for making us so welcome and putting on some excellent hospitality. Why not plan to come and share the fun next year? There is no such thing as bad weather - just the wrong clothing. GSC's new bunkhouse is worth a look. Visit them soon and be inspired!

Christmas Camp Research

To better inform members about the Tocumwal option, it's been suggested that we take a trip there to check out the facilities. We need to be sure that there is enough of everything to suit the widest range of people and their needs. If anyone wants to take a drive up, contact [Alf McMillan](#) and we'll arrange a day in the next few weekends to drive up and check it out. Let me know whether you will bring a car, or would like to share with someone else.

We will look at things like camping, showers, kitchen, hangarage / tie down, briefing facilities, family activities, side trips, bad weather options. etc.

Click here for a preview of [Southern Riverina GC](#):



Stay upwind of the ridge

When ridge soaring, be careful not to drift just above the ridge lest you get pushed down by the curl-over. And remember - you may be at 3,000ft, but you are near the ground, so maintain a safe speed!

Talk to a coach or instructor about ridge soaring soon. You know it makes sense.

To check the weekly roster, [click here](#).

COMING UP



Diary dates:

21 Jun:

Wave Soaring Opportunities This Winter | Geoff Vincent | [McKillop Room](#)

25-26 Jun:

Bendigo Gliding Club Bonfire night and dinner at [Raywood](#) (25km north of Bendigo)

27 Aug:

GGC AGM 1700-1900 Bacchus Marsh Clubhouse

29 Oct-1 Nov:

VSA Coaching Weekend Raywood

Form 2 Progress

The Jantar (VH-IUD) F2 is now complete, thanks to Rolf Buelter and his team. The evaluation flight was conducted at Noelhurst by Jeff Farrow, who reportedly had quite good fun putting the aircraft through its paces on Redman Bluff.

The Puchacz F2 - led by John Ashford - is next in line.

VSA Winter Lectures. The best kept secrets....

The VSA aren't always the best at telling their members what's going on. Anyway, we won't let that get in the way. We now have confirmed dates and the location for the lectures. They will be held every second Tuesday, from 21 June to 25 October, starting at 7:30 pm, and ending with tea and coffee (gold coin donation) at about 9:30pm. They are at St Francis Pastoral Centre, 326 Lonsdale Street (access via car park - [Cnr. Lt Lonsdale and Elizabeth Streets](#)).

The first 4 lectures in the series are:

21 June 2011

Wave Soaring Opportunities This Winter | Geoff Vincent | *McKillop Room*

5 July 2011

Derek Reid's Game | David Wilson | *Monastery Hall*

19 July 2011

Electronic instrumentation in gliders | Tim Shirley | *Monastery Hall*

2 August 2011

Preparing for Badges and records | Marta Nadjfeld | *Monastery Hall*

School Flying Day - Publicity

When the students from Melton Christian College VCE Physics class visited Bacchus Marsh a local journalist covered the event. See [here](#) for the article. Our thanks to Amy Humpage for making the effort to come and put some information out there about what a fine bunch of people we are. Thanks to Rolf for providing the lectures and to everyone for coming in early on Saturday morning to get us started by 0830.

Tree Planting

Rolf will be ripping the soil ready for planting trees on 18 June. Watch this space for planting dates.

Online Contest - Clarification

GGC had the 4th highest number of participants among Australian Clubs, but we were the 14th highest in the points. Anyway, thanks again to coaches and instructors for encouraging more people to fly XC. See the latest results [here](#).

Flight Loggers - User Training

Would everyone interested in learning how to use loggers and upload flights please indicate by e-mailing: ggc.panel@gmail.com When there's enough people showing an interest, I feel sure the panel will arrange a training session.

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