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# Uni Gliding



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## WHATS INSIDE

- We have a new President! Read Page 3 to find her words of wisdom and encouragement .
- The inaugural topless calendar for May 2001 is on Page 5 (Sorry it will be Page 3 next time!).
- The AGM has been and gone! Find out who got what club positions on Page 6.
- Want out help at West Beach shed? Page 6 tells you how to get there.
- Notes from the Instructors Panel are on Page 7.
- Notes from the treasurer are also on Page 7.
- Lots and lots of things will be happening this year. See Page 8 for what's happening soon.

### **STOP PRESS**

**19-21 May, Long Weekend flying at Lochiel:** Go flying for the entire week during university holidays. The best way to advance your flying is with several days back to back practice. Call Matt now on 0412 870 963 to let him know which days you will be there.

**Quotes of the Month:** "Derek pulled out because I wasn't tight enough"... Sonya Fennel talking about her poor thermalling technique.

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## EDITORIAL

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Welcome to my first official newsletter for the year (all the previous recent ones were just for practice). This is my second time around at being newsletter editor and I hope to maintain its fine reputation as a prestigious gliding periodical, hence the addition of the topless calendar on page 4. I will also endeavour to return to the old newsletter tradition of a cover page, as well as plenty of news, upcoming events and interesting articles (if anybody wants to write an interesting article for the newsletter please let me know!). I wonder whether I should convince 'The Phantom' or Auntie Amy Biggles to return to the newsletter?

It is also the clubs 25th anniversary year this year. As part of the anniversary celebrations, I have been scanning all of the old issues of the newsletter and converting them into Adobe PDF format. Eventually these will be put onto a CD-Rom for all of those members (and previous members) who are interested.

I am also interested in constructing a brief history of the club as part of the club's anniversary year. The plan so far is to get people to read through a year or twos worth of the old newsletters and extract events from them. I will then collate these notes together into an annotated history. If you are interested in assisting in this project, then please let me know.

Lastly, I am also looking at putting together a compilation of Don Hein cartoons. Who was Don Hein do I here you ask? Apart from being an instructor and CFI in the early days of the club, and Dennis Medlow's father-in-law (in fact it's Don's fault that Dennis even joined the club!), he was also a prolific cartoonist and satirist of events within the club.

This month has seen the completion of the new fire pit. This was successfully tested on the evening of Anzac Day. Thanks to everyone who help in its construction, it will prove to be very enjoyable for many winters to come.

The weather has also been particularly pleasant of late and has given us plenty of opportunity for enjoyable soaring. The ridge has also been working recently, with promise of plenty more ridge soaring to come in the following months. If you haven't been up at the airfield, then you really have been missing out on some great flying.

Come on up to the airfield and join in the fun.

*Anthony*

Editor

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## STAY IN TOUCH

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The club has an e-mail group address, **augc-people@lists.internode.on.net**, that is used to either discuss or arrange things within the club. If you want to stay in touch with the club, send a blank e-mail to **augc-people-request@lists.internode.on.net** and it will send a n automatic reply with instructions on how to join the group list.

You can also get the latest newsletter and up to date news at the club's web page:  
**<http://www.augc.aus-soaring.on.net/>**

## PRESIDENT'S BLURB

Hello everyone,

I must admit I went to the last AGM without the intention to embark on my third term as AUGC president.

Being the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club this year, I feel it only appropriate to share some history with you this year as I write my reports. Anthony is working on a more detailed history of the club and the results of his efforts will be very interesting indeed!

My first term as President was about 1990-91. I'll have to check exactly which year. Second term was a short one in 1994. I took the reins from Anthony (hmmm becoming a habit this is) after his RAAF transfer to Melbourne until the next AGM.

The most significant thing I can remember about 1994 is that this was the year we bought the Puchatek. The Bocian had its accident and we were concerned that a long spell with only one two seater would have an adverse affect on the club. This was certainly true when the Bocian was out of the air from 1987 following its blow-over.



There was a meeting in the corridors of Telstra that looked just like any other normal meeting at that time and not at all like the meeting between President and Treasurer that it really was (gee Dennis, have you really been treasurer that long!) Dennis and I worked out all the details and financial arrangements and by the following summer we had out beautiful brand new Puchatek.

.....Back to 2001.

Congratulations to **Matt** and **Brett** for going solo in the Puchatek and converting to the Arrow.

Congratulations also to **Scott Lewis** for experiencing the delights of the Pik and to **Derek Spencer** for getting his passenger-friendly rating and also being signed out for loops.

The club has changed demographics considerably since 1994. We have far more experienced cross-country capable pilots than ever before. This is why the previous Executive Committee started to discuss the possibility of a 4<sup>th</sup> single seat aircraft. We will continue these investigations, and finance permitting, have a result (meaning a new aeroplane) by next summer.

We have also put together a grant application for the state government's Department of Recreation and Sport's "Active Club" program, in which we have requested some funds to finish the bunkhouse. **Greg Newbold** put in an enormous effort to lead a team to gather the required information and submit the application. Well Done!

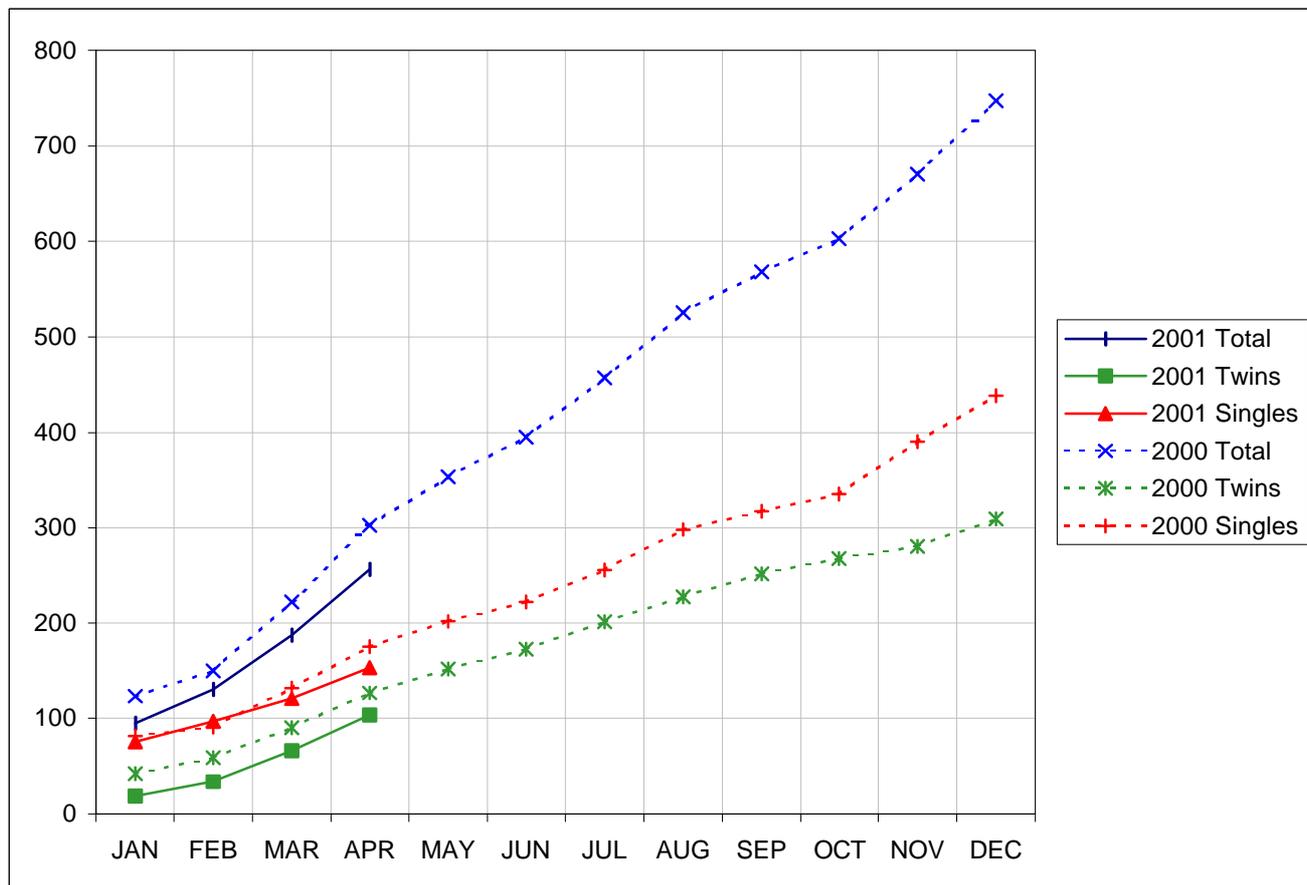
Unfortunately, the news is not all good in this report. To date I don't have a tug pilot for our Flinders Camp which is scheduled for the June long weekend. I am waiting to hear from one last potential, but if that doesn't work out, the Flinders Camp as we know it is off this June.

There are possibly some agriculture industry Pawnees (*ie crop dusters. Ed*) available later in the year so my current suggestion is to move the Flinders camp to September or October and go to the Grampians this June instead. We will keep you all informed.

Finally, I'm really pleased to see the amount of flying we've been doing lately with the Easter camp and Anzac day flying. The social life of the club is great with terrific BBQs (and lasagne) to look forward to after flying (thanks Dave!). Thanks also to the previous executive for all their hard work that has resulted in the club being in such a healthy state.

Onward and upward!

Cath



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2 <b>General Meeting:</b> Basic aerodynamics 7:30 pm Canon Poole Room	3	4	5 <i>Go gliding</i>	6 <i>Go gliding</i>
7	8 <b>Movie Night:</b> Thirteen Days Norwood Cinemas Session near 7:00 pm	9 <b>Exec Meeting:</b> 7:30 pm Conway's place, 1 Cuming St, Mile End	10	11	12 <i>Go gliding</i>	13 <i>Go gliding</i>
14	15	16	17 <b>Bowling Night:</b> Marion Bowland 6:30pm to 8:30pm	18	19 <b>Pt Pirie Camp</b> <i>Go gliding</i>	20 <b>Pt Pirie Camp</b> <i>Go gliding</i>
21 <b>Pt Pirie Camp</b> <i>Go gliding</i>	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Go gliding</i>	27 <i>Go gliding</i>
28	29	30	31			

## NEW CLUB COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting and the elections for club positions has been and gone. If you missed it, you were a very naughty boy or girl. The club now has a new executive committee as follows:

**President:** Cathy (I guess I'll have to do it!) Conway. By a strange coincidence, Cathy took over from Anthony last time too!

**Treasurer:** Dennis (Treasurer for life) Medlow.

**Secretary:** Matt (This is easier than social convenor) Fenn.

**Social Convenor:** David (We'll have lots of BBQs) Hichens.

**Fifth Member:** Derek (Who? Me?) Spencer.

Non executive positions are filled by:

**Assistant Treasurer:** Steve (Treasurers slave boy) Gray.

**Newsletter Editor:** Anthony (Minister for Propaganda) Smith.

**Web Page Manager:** Matt Fenn.

**Club House Officer:** David Hichens.

**Contact Person:** Matt Fenn (who has since resigned and been replaced by Scott Battersby).

**Winch Engineer:** Scott (I can't make people sick on the winch!) Lewis.

From Peter Cassidy: Late night conversation at the Conway's:

"It's an executive matter."

"No, it's an operational matter."

"It's quite clearly an executive matter."

"It's always been an operational matter."

"No, the exec has always dealt with this."

"But it has operational implications."

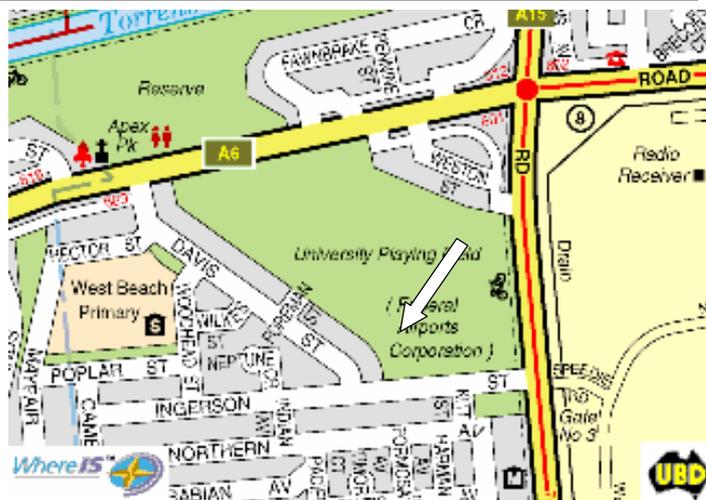
"Nevertheless, the executive always deals with it."

"Oh, go to sleep!"

## SO YOU WANT TO HELP AT WEST BEACH?

West Beach is where we carry out the maintenance and repair on our gliders and equipment. There are usually volunteers working down there on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The entrance is at the end of Foreman St, West Beach.

So you want to help fix the gliders at West Beach, but can't get there? A lift can be available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30pm by arrangement. Ring Anthony on (wk) 8393 3319, (hm) 8269 2687 or E-mail: [Anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net](mailto:Anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net).



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## FROM THE INSTRUCTORS PANEL

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Please be aware the area around the winch cable tie-down points is very hazardous, particularly for visitors and new members. Witches hats have been provided, please ensure these are located around the area to keep the uninitiated at bay, and brief new people to keep clear.

A new winch driver training system has been introduced, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> June, winch drivers will need to have a new winch driver endorsement in their logbook. Scott Battersby, David Hichens, Matt Fenn, Steve Gray and Derek Spencer will be conducting briefings / check rides and issuing endorsements between now and then.

Please refer to [www.soaring.on.net/docs/Winch\\_Issue2.PDF](http://www.soaring.on.net/docs/Winch_Issue2.PDF) and organise yourself a check and new rating.

*David Conway*

CFI AUGC

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## FROM THE TREASURER

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### **Junior Rates for Sports Assn**

The Sports Assn has confirmed that a Junior rate of \$ 12 will apply to any under 18 yo that wish to join the Club (assuming they are not all junior-Einsteins and are already enrolled at Adel-Uni).

### **Payment of food/drink from account**

I have been requested in the past to charge food/drink amounts to accounts. I can do this PROVIDED that:

- (a) you have money in your account, and
- (b) you write down the amount (in AUD) that is to be debited.

Don't write down what you ate/drank because 1. I don't care and 2. I don't have a pricelist on my computer. I'd appreciate it if these transactions were kept seperate from normal payments on the flight sheet.

### **List of Naughty People**

I have placed a list of members with more than \$ 50 in the red in the Clubhouse. I will also send out an email on a less public forum. These people need to settle these amounts immediately or contact me to sort out where a payment or mischarge may have occurred (yes even I make mistakes).

### **E-mail of balances**

I have been meaning to do this for a while but the lag in getting flight sheets has meant the data is a little out of date. I'll send out something this weekend, along with a message to indicate which flight sheets have not yet been processed.

### **Electronic Receipts**

I've been sending these out for a few weeks now and haven't had any hate mail from anyone (does anyone actually read anything I post here??) so I am assuming that people are happy with the occasional e-mail from the Treasurer after a payment is made. Therefore I'll continue to do this where I have an e-mail address for the member making the payment.

## WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON

**25th Anniversary of AUGC.** The 25th anniversary celebrations will include a huge dinner for past and present members as well as a flying weekend. Date to be decided. Call Cathy if you want to help.

**Wed 2 May, General Meeting:** Basic aerodynamics and basic structures. Come along and learn about some of the theory behind how gliders fly and how they are built. 7:30 pm in the Canon Poole Room, Union Building. 6:30 pm in the Equinox Bistro if you want dinner.

**Tues 8 May, Movie Night:** *Thirteen Days*. Norwood Cinemas. The session times aren't posted yet, so it will be the session nearest 7:00 pm. Call David Hichens for details on the day.

**Wed 9 May, Executive Meeting:** Help run the club by coming along to the executive meeting. 7:30 pm at the Conway's residence, 1 Cuming St, Mile End.

**Wed 17 May, Bowling Night:** 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Marion Bowland with dinner someplace afterwards. \$12 for 2 hrs of unlimited games with 4 people per lane.

**Sat 19 - Mon 21 May, Pt Pirie Camp.** The club is trying to arrange a camp with the Whyalla Gliding Club near Pt Pirie for the long weekend. The airfield however is only suitable for experienced pilots. Flying will still be at Lochiel for everyone else too.

**Sat 9 – Mon 11 June, Flinders Ranges Camp.** *Visit the scenic Flinders Ranges for the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Flying, bush walking, gorge touring and camp fires galore. We are inviting the Waikerie Gliding Club and the Gliding Club of Victoria along this year and may extend the camp to 17 June if there is enough demand. This is a get away weekend. As such we will not be doing training flying. A two seater will be there for site familiarisation flights and some scenic flights.*

Well, this may not be happening due to a lack of tugs around that time of year. We will probably go to the Grampian Ranges in Victoria instead. So insert Grampians wherever you see Flinders in the paragraph above to get the idea. The Flinders Camp will probably happen later in the year.

**Tues 19 June, Movie Night:** *Pearl Harbour*. Norwood Cinemas, at a time to be announced closer to the date.

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