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# Chaotic

## Monthly Newsletter of the Darling Downs Soaring Club September 2006

### *(NEW) President's Report by Bob*

Having only just been elected this will be a short report, hopefully something more constructive in the future. Firstly thanks to those who have retired from the committee for all their efforts over the last twelve months. Bob Keen after five years as tug master, Brett Kettle due to work commitments and of course Jenny after two years and an enormous effort.



**Jenny Thompson  
President  
2004/2005 &  
2005/2006  
receiving flowers  
from the  
incoming**

Thanks to you all.

The full committee is listed elsewhere in this issue as well as on the web site, however welcome to the new members :Ben Bezuidenhout as Tug Master, Jo Davis and welcome back to Shane McCaffrey. Also thanks to Jeremy Thompson who is remaining as Chief Instructor and the returning committee members. Any committee requires the support of all club members, we look forward to the continued support of everyone.

The AGM was held at the club this year, the first time for some years, and external caterers engaged to feed the hungry hordes. Approximately fifty people attended and many a tale was told!

The highlight of the AGM was the presentation by our Patron Dennis McCaffrey of Life Memberships to three of the clubs stalwarts: Stow Kentish, Des Cramer and Shane McCaffrey. The contribution of each of these members goes beyond what most of us realize, as much of it happens in the background and out of our sight. Thanks to each of them.

The AGM is when we recognise the special achievements of members and the following awards with commemorative engraved glass tankards were presented.

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Most Improved Pilot  | AJ Wesley                        |
| Warwick Out & Return | Robert Hart @ 98kph              |
| Club Service Award   | Libby Matusczak & Irene Thompson |
| Rex Teakle Award     | Jenny Thompson                   |

All richly deserved. Robert has won the Warwick O&R more than once now and is looking for a challenger!

On a lighter note Pearce presented the inaugural FIO awards to those pilots who distinguished themselves one recent Saturday, when the weather did not come up to expectations and eight out-landings occurred!

By now everyone knows that we have had some great flying weather over the last few weeks with the hangers completely empty on many days. Over the next few months we hope to see this continue as we move into the summer season.

The club will be rather busy over the next few weeks with some Kiwi pilots visiting for a week from the 9<sup>th</sup> September and then Performance Week from 25-29 September coordinated by Ralph Henderson. A number of club members are then entered into the State Comps at Warwick from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept followed the next week by the National Club Class Championships at Kingaroy. Good luck and safe flying to all participants.

We won't be flying on 23 September as we have decided to make the day available for members to attend the GFA AGM and Seminar in Brisbane. This is the first time in GFA's history that an annual general meeting will be held outside Melbourne.

The AGM will be a small part of the day, and the Seminar will be well worth attending. There will be displays from See You, OzFLARM, and other glider technology.

Speakers will be Gavin Wills (NZ Mountain pilot guru), Peter Newport (NZ Grand Prix), George Lee (3 times world champion), and others.

As the media and general public are invited to the seminar, we will have some sort of DDSC display as well. Please consider attending – it will be held at Robertson Gardens, 281 Kessels Rd, Robertson [http://www.robertsongardens.com.au/leisure\\_map.shtml](http://www.robertsongardens.com.au/leisure_map.shtml)

Thanks to Jenny and Jeremy who are taking their 27 down for display.

Lastly don't forget the Online Comp. DDSC is well and truly in the lead. Keep downloading your flights and keep us at the top of the tree. We are the Australian club with the most participants and all flights over 50km are eligible. You don't need an approved logger and Garmin and Ozflarm loggers are acceptable.

## Coaching comes to DDSC by Ralph?

Well not really, I think it's probably always been there, it's just that now it is becoming a bit more formalised and fitting in with the GFA program, that's all.

Back in May at the Gliding Queensland AGM I was appointed Queensland Sports Coach, taking over the role that was formerly know as RTO/Sports and performed by Lisa Turner for the last few years. At last months instructor panel AGM I was 'elected' to the position of coaching convenor at DDSC.



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The reputation of DDSC is strongly based on our cross country attitude and achievements. For as long as I have been around the club, a little over 10 years, I have seen a lot of coaching being done. It has been under the guise of instructing, mutual flying, lead and follow and general advice from the more experienced pilots to the less experienced pilots.

Over the last few years one of the GFA's greatest successes has been the coaching program. For most of this time Lisa Trotter has been the National Coaching Convenor and the driving force behind the national coaching program. There is now a national coaching syllabus and a coach training syllabus.

Following the coaches day we had at DDSC in July, Queensland now has a coaching panel of 18 coaches, 9 of whom are DDSC members. They are David McManus, George Lee, Jeremy Thompson, John Grosser, Mike Codling, Peter Bell, Ralph Henderson, Robert Hart, and Shane McCaffrey. They are all experienced cross country and competition pilots with an average of over 1500 hours gliding time each. They have averaged 250 hours in the last two years, so they are current as well. On average they have flown 20 competitions. Incidentally, these averages don't include George Lee who is currently overseas!

It's not hard to figure out that all these members are either current or former instructors. So what is the difference between coaches and instructors you ask?

Firstly, what coaches are not. They are not instructors; they cannot issue ratings or type conversions or run the clubs flying operations. On the field, the duty instructors are

responsible for safe flying operations and the coaches operate under their supervision, as all pilots do.

According to the GFA Coaches Manual:

“The coach has a number of roles in the club. The main ones of these are:

- 1 To provide guidance for all pilots who qualify for cross country.
- 2 To work with the CFI or instructor’s panel to set up a program of ground training for all pilots.
- 3 To do the flying coaching, either as lead and follow, two seater flying or a mixture of both.
- 4 To identify promising new talent and direct them to the best possible way of developing that talent. “

According to the GFA manual of standard procedures, the coach’s role begins when a pilot achieves their C Certificate. This does not mean that coaching cannot begin before this, but the pilot should be at a reasonable level of flying competency before coaching will have a positive effect on the pilot’s flying.

As I said above, coaches do not issue ratings. This means that they do not issue cross country ratings, which remains the role of the instructor. Instructors will continue to teach pilots how to soar, to thermal correctly, to fly cross country and to outland safely.

Fortunately at DDSC most of the coaches are also instructors so there will be no clear line of differentiation between instructing and coaching, which is a good thing. One of our club’s great strengths is that all our instructors are cross country pilots.

One question that has arisen is who is pilot in command on a coaching flight in a two seater? It is important that on any flight in a two seater both pilots know who is pilot in command. As with all mutual or coaching flights, before take off, both pilots should be clear who is pilot in command:

- If it is an instructional flight, then the instructor will be pilot in command.
- If it is a coaching flight, then it may well be that the trainee pilot will be pilot in command, provided the pilot has a cross country rating. This is despite the experience level of the coach.
- If it is a coaching flight in the Duo, then the coach will be the pilot in command, as this is the pilot approved by the owners of the aircraft to fly it as pilot in command. This is regardless of how much experience the second pilot may have.

Given that some of our coaches are also instructors, a flight may include elements of instructing and coaching.

As always the important thing is that who is pilot in command is discussed before take off and both pilots know who will be making the critical decisions. On many flights, the issue never arises and decisions are made by the pilot flying at the time or by agreement, but from time it is important that one pilot is in command and takes responsibility.

Being 100km from home and grovelling at a 1000ft is no time to be deciding who is in command!

There is much more to coaching than I have written here. Our aim is to set up a coaches roster so that the coaches are available to fly with club members in two-seaters or as lead

and follow, or just to give advice and coaching at briefing and before take off and debriefing at the end of the day.

There will be more in next month's Chaotic, but if you would like to know more about how some coaching can improve your flying please talk to me or one of the other coaches or send me an email, rhenderson@iinet.net.au.

In the meantime, remember, the aim of the game is to "fly faster".

### **CFI's Report by Jeremy**

The Operations status check system is one of the ways GFA ensures that gliding clubs aren't developing unsafe operational practices.

Each gliding club receives this safety audit every 2 years carried out by a Level 3 instructor who checks that we comply with the standards as defined in the GFA Manual of standard procedures.

Brian Marshall, a level 3 instructor from the Byron Bay club spent a day with us and was positive in his view on how the club operates. His report is on the website in the documents section.

Following consultation with CASA it looks like we will have to change our CTAF frequency to 126.7. How we manage this is being worked out by the instructor's panel and will be advised in the near future.

#### **Incidents:**

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|----------------|------------|---|
| July 2006      | Grob103    | Student mishandled controls and instructor was not able to salvage the take off. Released and aircraft touched down heavily and ground looped causing major damage to fuselage.           |
| August 2006    | Ventus     | Heavy landing on outlanding with minor damage. Late decision to change paddocks and strong winds are factors  |
| August 2006    | Kestrel 17 | Aborted take off, as the tow progressed the pilot was concerned that the glider was not airborne and did not want to fly. Released and landed straight ahead. Had negative flap selected. |
| September 2006 | LS7        | Took off with airbrakes open, glider and tug pilot did not notice. Alerted by a radio call from a ground observer and closed brakes   |
| September 2006 | Puchez     | Took off with airbrakes not locked, they opened during the takeoff role, pilot noticed and closed them  |

GFA issues changes to our operational rules and regulations by the use of Operational Directives. There have been 4 issued this year:

1. Operations directive 4/06 Level 1 independent operators. Requires a C certificate and approval from club instructors panel
2. Operations directive 3/06 Level 1 instructor's privileges. Allows a level 1 instructor to instruct without the supervision of a Level 2 instructor if they have an independent operators rating.

3. Operations directive 2/06 Instructors authorisations. A change to the way instructors ratings are renewed
4. Operations directive 1/06 Low level finishes. Gives approval to conduct competition finishes (both practise and real) below 500ft.

These are available on the GFA website and on our notice board at the club.

### **Visiting National Coach by Ralph**

Giorgio Galetto will be coaching in Australia this season during December and January. The Queensland section of this national program will be held at DDSC in the week before Christmas.



Giorgio is currently ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the world. He has been Italian National Speed Champion 10 times and National Distance Champion 12 times. He has also been a member of the Italian National team since 1984 and represented his country eight times in the World Championships. In 1999 he took out the 15m World Champion title. Giorgio currently holds five Italian distance and speed records and in 2004 flew 1,350km over the Alps in his Ventus 2ax. He placed 4th at the recent Worlds in Sweden. Giorgio is also a full time glider instructor and coach.

At DDSC two types of coaching will be offered.

1. Coach the Coaches – this coaching is for current coaches who want to learn how to coach better. The focus will be on coaching skills and techniques that work well for gliding. The format will be morning talks followed by pre-flight briefing, flying with Giorgio or in your own glider, then post-flight analysis.
2. Performance Coaching – this coaching is for pilots who want to improve their cross-country performance, whether for competition, long distance flying or touring. Pilots are invited to attend pre-flight briefings, post-flight analyses, talks/discussions and coaching flights.

The performance coaching will be open to all club members who will be able to attend Giorgio's coaching event and join in on discussions, lectures, pre-flight briefings, and post-flight analyses. There are a limited number of places and you will need to book a place if you're interested.

Giorgio has very generously offered his time free of charge. GFA is covering his expenses...

Below are details of the coaching available.

**Please contact Ralph if you are interested in attending.**

Jondaryan, Queensland

Coordinator – Ralph Henderson, Qld State Coach ([rhenderson@iinet.net.au](mailto:rhenderson@iinet.net.au))

**Coach the Coaches** – Wednesday 20 Dec to Friday 22 December

**Performance Coaching** – Saturday 23 December

**Should you need to contact the Committee or others see below.**

**Committee Members**

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|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| President               | Bob Flood        | 0413 261 121                    | Planning & Development, Communication, Grants, Interclub Activities, Expeditions<br>Vice President Gliding Queensland |
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**Tony Cavanna reads the awards lists out at the AGM**

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|                                  |                              |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Charlie Downes                   |                              | Airspace   |
| Richard Armstrong                |                              | Parachutes                                       |
| Pearce Mitchell                  |                              | Hangar Coordinator                               |
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| Robert Hart                      |                              | Cross Country Chair, Computers                   |
| John Knox                        | 0411 143 772                 | Club Publicity/Promotions/Marketing              |
| Lex McQueen                      | 0418 730 288                 |  |
| Mike Codling                     |                              | Weather Station                                  |
| Ralph Henderson                  | 0409 596 579                 | Queensland Sports Coach                          |

Events Calendar is being revised and will be updated shortly (Editor)

| Date          | Event  | Place                                | Contact                                 |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| 29 Sep        | Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed) | McCaffrey Field                      | <a href="#">Tony Cavanna</a>            |
| 1 Oct - 7 Oct | State Gliding Competiton                     | Southern Downs Soaring Club, Warwick | <a href="#">Ivor Harris (President)</a> |
| 28 Oct        | Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed) | McCaffrey Field                      | <a href="#">Tony Cavanna</a>            |
| 24 Nov        | Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed) | McCaffrey Field                      | <a href="#">Tony Cavanna</a>            |

| Date  | Event           | Place           | Contact       |
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| 2 Dec | Christmas Party | McCaffrey Field | Libby & Irene |

|           |                           | Instructors                              | Tug Pilots                               | Duty Pilots                                  |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| September | Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | T Cavanna<br>B Keen                      | G McMahon                                | Steve Harris (AEI)<br>Alan Midwood           |
|           | Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | R Bennett<br>M Codling                   | P Kurstjens                              | Libby Matuszczak(AEI)<br>Peter Davison (AEI) |
|           | Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | J Thompson<br>A Huggins                  | A Straume                                | Bob Flood (AEI)<br>Graham Hennessey          |
|           | Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>   | P Bell<br>R Henderson                    | G Pitman                                 | Gavin Field<br>Joan Robinson                 |
|           | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> | J Thompson<br>R Hoskings                 | J Knox                                   | Jo Davis<br>Michael Mowbray                  |
|           | Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>   | C Downes<br>B Daniel                     | R Bradley                                | Rob Murphy (AEI)<br>John Hook                |
|           | Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | No Flying<br>National Gliding<br>Seminar | No Flying<br>National Gliding<br>Seminar | No Flying<br>National Gliding Seminar        |
|           | Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>   | T Cavanna<br>J Grosser                   | M Bagshaw                                | Brian Rolfe (A)<br>Phil Downey               |
|           | Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> | R Bennett<br>R Hoskings                  | D Cramer                                 | Chad Nowak (AEI)<br>Koert-Jan Schonewille    |

|         |                           | Instructors              | Tug Pilots                     | Duty Pilots                             |
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| October | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>    | J Thompson               | B Keen<br>A Straume            | David Ferguson (A)<br>Roly Sundell      |
|         | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | J Thompson<br>A Huggins  | D Baartz<br>D Cramer           | Greg Valler (AEI)<br>Michaela Valler    |
|         | Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>    | P Bell<br>R Henderson    | G McMahon<br>Jeremy Thompson   | Brett Kettle (A)<br>AJ Wesley           |
|         | Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> | J Thompson<br>R Hoskings | L McQueen<br>F Ning            | Bob Flood (AEI)<br>Graham Hennessey     |
|         | Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | C Downes<br>B Daniel     | M Robertson<br>P Kurstjens     | John Hook<br>Rob Murphy (AEI)           |
|         | Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> | M Codling<br>P Mitchell  | R Bradley<br>J Knox            | Jo Davis<br>Michael Mowbray             |
|         | Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | T Cavanna<br>J Grosser   | G Kurstjens<br>M Bagshaw       | Keith Allen (AEI)<br>Robert Percy       |
|         | Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> | P Bell                   | Jenny Thompson<br>B Hofmeister | Richard Armstrong<br>Paul Bart (AEI)    |
|         | Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>   | T Cavanna<br>B Keen      | TBA<br>TBA                     | Ben Bezuidenhout<br>Neil Muspratt (AEI) |

|          |                           | Instructors              | Tug Pilots | Duty Pilots                                  |
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| November | Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | J Thompson               | TBA<br>TBA | Steve Harris (AEI)<br>Alan Midwood           |
|          | Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>    | J Thompson<br>A Huggins  | TBA<br>TBA | Libby Matuszczak(AEI)<br>Peter Davison (AEI) |
|          | Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> | P Bell<br>R Henderson    | TBA<br>TBA | Bob Flood (AEI)<br>Graham Hennessey          |
|          | Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | J Thompson<br>R Hoskings | TBA<br>TBA | Gavin Field<br>Joan Robinson                 |
|          | Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> | C Downes<br>B Daniel     | TBA<br>TBA | Jo Davis<br>Michael Mowbray                  |
|          | Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | M Codling<br>P Mitchell  | TBA<br>TBA | John Hook<br>Rob Murphy (AEI)                |
|          | Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> | T Cavanna<br>J Grosser   | TBA<br>TBA | Keith Allen (AEI)<br>Robert Percy            |
|          | Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | P Bell                   | TBA<br>TBA | Brian Rolfe (AEI)<br>Phil Downey             |