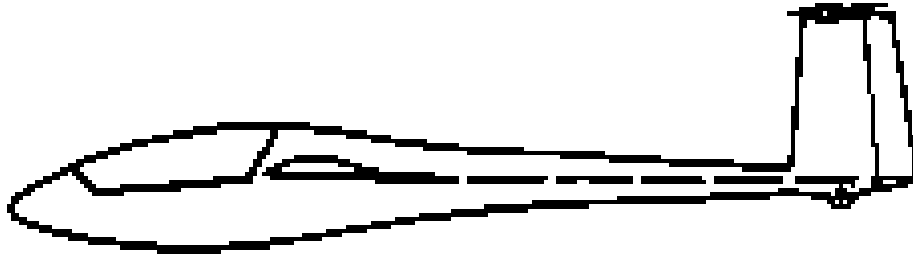




**Chaotic**  
**Monthly Newsletter of the Darling Downs Soaring Club**  
**July 2005**

**President's Report by Jenny**

We have had pretty poor weather all June but activity has been reasonable in the circumstances. Our financial position is improving slowly from 6 months ago, but we have some huge commitments with re-engining tugs in the future, so we still have to manage our costs carefully and keep flying hours up if we can. Remember that if you want to look at our finances, they are presented each month at committee and general meetings and copies can be obtained from Richard.



We welcome a pretty new glider to the field, Mosquito, GQD to the field. Proud new owners Pearce Mitchell and John Ashford have just completed the Form 2 and shortly, the aircraft will be on line for member use.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the term of the current committee ends in September, only three months away. Under our new constitution, committee members are only permitted to hold office for a maximum five-year period, and this means that both Shane and Richard are forcibly "retired" in September. We also have an outstanding vacancy for a committee member. So please give some consideration to participating in the club by putting your hand up for a committee position in September.



Thank you to Irene Thompson who has responded to our "ad" for a trophies and Awards officer. It will be good to get the club awards and trophies sorted out in preparation for some good weather.



**Congratulations:**

**James Southwell – first solo.**

### **Airworthiness**

Thanks to Shane and others, the LS7 is looking great. Bob Keen has spent a lot of time on the canopy and it now looks really good.

Form 2s are due for the following gliders over the next few months:

- ~~MV – Hornet – 9 July 05~~ **DONE**
- ~~RI – Puchacz – 10 July 05~~ **DONE**
- GH – Ventus – 13 Aug 05
- IUR – Grob 103 - 3 September 05
- KYT – Grob Jeans – 18 November
- WQX – Puchacz - 22 Nov 05

Shane would like help during any of these periods so if you can help out, please contact him to see when he is carrying out the work. Gaining some skills in maintaining our gliders is of benefit to yourself and the club. It is hoped Shane will be able to issue “Minor Component Replacement” qualifications to those members who demonstrate competence.

*Editors Note, Bob Flood, Graham Hennessey, Roly Sundell and John Hook have all contributed in the past week to doing the form 2's. Thanks Guys*

*Who was the man who “sconed” himself on the wing spar pin will remain nameless.. for now 😊*

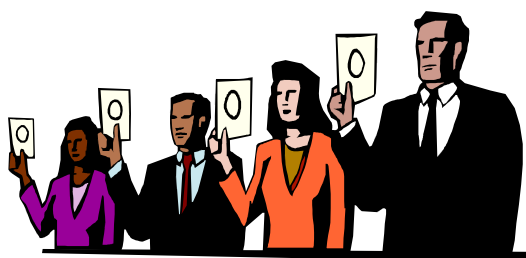


## State Comps reminder

**DDSC** is hosting the **Queensland State comps** from 17 to 24<sup>th</sup> September at McCaffrey Field, now less than three months away. We have had a few people volunteer to help but need more. This is an important event for the club and helps significantly with the financial aspects of the club. Please think about assisting, there is nearly always some soaring to do when the main competitors have left the field...



If you are interested in hiring a club glider for the State comps, please send your expression of interest to the committee ASAP, there is interest from outside the club and we would like to cater for members first.



### *GlideFast Coaching Course at the Kingaroy Soaring Club*

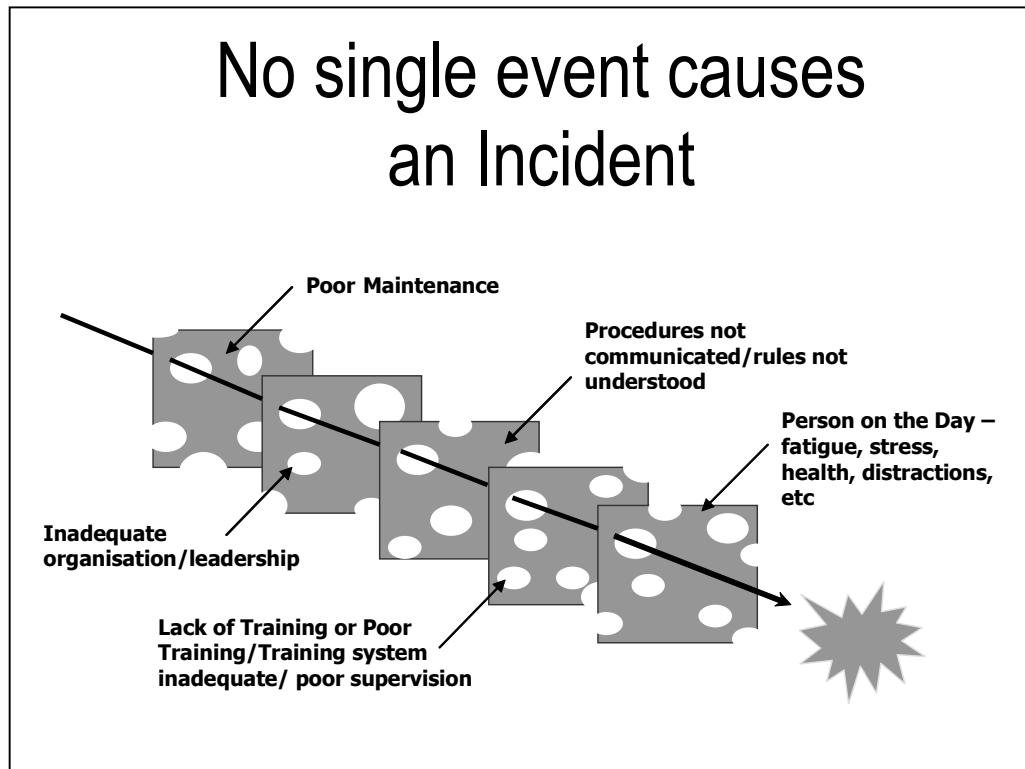
**10-16 September 2005**

- Peter and Lisa Trotter are offering coaching at Kingaroy in the week prior to the Qld State Championships.
- The format will be lectures/discussion, briefing and post-flight analysis.
- The course is aimed at advanced cross-country pilots who are interested in competition or who are attempting 300 km or greater distances.
- There are a limited number of places available. To secure a place, send a cheque for \$150 made out to QGA Comp Acc to:
  - Gliding Queensland
  - PO Box 15322
  - City East QLD 4002with your name and email address.
- For more information contact Ralph Henderson by email [rhenderson@iinet.net.au](mailto:rhenderson@iinet.net.au) or by telephone 3843 6178 or 0409 596 579.

## **The many parts of an incident by Jeremy**

Most of us recognise that when an accident happens, there is never only one cause. Think back to a time when you had an accident – there was always a lead-up of other events or incidents that contributed to it.

Aviation psychologist, Professor Reason, developed a simple analogy called the Swiss cheese model to help describe how an accident happens, and why we need to identify and rectify the seemingly small incidents, in order to prevent the big ones from happening.



Each slice of cheese represents a factor in safety that we usually have in place; the holes in the slices represent a breakdown in safety processes. When these holes line up, in other words, when breakdowns occur simultaneously, an accident will occur.

The reporting of incidents as well as accidents helps us to understand where there are gaps in our procedures, training, maintenance, documents, and club management. With a good knowledge of these gaps, we can fix the little things that are not working. Without doing this, we leave it open to chance that one-day, all the little things that don't quite work, will line up and result in a much worse outcome.

In reporting incidents and unusual events, we need to focus on what part of our system broke down. People rarely go out of their way to act dangerously and never intend to hurt themselves, so when we look at incidents we focus on the things that broke down, not the person - the days of blaming an accident on "pilot error" should be gone.

### **About the Annual General Meeting by Tony**

Our Annual General Meeting is just over two months away. The venue will be the same as last year at the Banque Café in Toowoomba (more details on the notice) a very nice restaurant café.

All the relevant documents about the AGM can be found on the club's website at <http://www.ddsc.org.au/private/2005-agm/default.asp> or on the new website <http://www.ddsc.org.au/new/private/AGM/default.asp>. You will need the member's area password to view them. If you have any problems please contact me.

There are a few things to be sorted such as Committee positions, the winner of the Rex Teakle award and membership of the Incorporated Club. All forms are attached to this copy of Chaotic and will also be made available from the club notice board from July or from the secretary.

Please note that the Treasurer and Airworthiness officer positions become vacant because the club's constitution does not allow the one person to serve on the committee for more than 5 years. Hence the need for nominations, don't be shy.

The most prestigious award is the Rex Teakle trophy. Awarded to the person who is deemed by the club members to be the most popular, worthy and contributing member over the last 12 months. The winner is known only by the secretary and is revealed at the AGM. Please nominate someone on the attached form.

If you joined the club before 2003 you may not have transferred your membership Darling Downs Soaring Club Pty Ltd to the Darling Downs Soaring Club Incorporated (most members have). We are currently compiling a list of those who haven't transferred. Please feel free to complete another form even if you think you have completed one earlier.

### **This Month's Chaotic by Keith**

Unfortunately the colour printer is broken at the moment and we shall have to suffice with a black and white posted out version. No doubt Tony will have the Chaotic on the website soon and feel free to download and print yourself a colour copy.

The format is in A4 this month due to the attachment of forms and such for Committee Nominations, Change of Membership Agreements and Rex Teakle Trophy Nominations.

I was at the Banque last year and can report the food was really good, service was excellent and the event was a very social one.

At this time of lesser quality gliding please reflect on the year and support the Committee and Secretary in particular to finalise the year by completing forms and such so that it does not impinge on the upcoming soaring season.

### **Working Bee on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of July**

The main job we hope to tackle during the next working bee is re-painting the caravan. Prior to this the outside will need cleaning, sanding, scraping and masking prior to a coat of gel coat, which will be applied by Shane.

#### *Other jobs to be done*

- Fix leaking roof - accommodation area.
- Fix leak on Ladies outdoor toilet

- Fix hole in hangar roof a western end
- Fix overflowing gutter in briefing area.
- Pump out sewerage.

Please bring some tools and a sense of humour ☺

#### *Ongoing Jobs*

There are also a number of ongoing jobs that can be done by anyone any time. If there are lots of people doing DI's and you are spare then help yourself. The big boys toys of the tractor and roller need briefing and such.

- Keep club facilities clean.
- Keep tug shed clean and tidy.
- Cut grass around the hangars and trailers (whipper snipper required).
- Drag roadways with old grid.
- Irrigate thrust areas (needs a briefing from Bob Keen).

If you find something that needs fixing please make a note on the whiteboard in the briefing area or contact any committee member.

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

#### ***Committee Members***

President	Jenny Thompson	0417 629 782	Events, Club Direction, GFA councillor
Secretary	Tony Cavanna	3262 1961	Pilot Mentor, Webmaster, meetings.
Treasurer	Richard Hoskings	0418 745 824	Accounts, Flight sheets, etc
Tugmaster	Bob Keen	0429 639 770	Tug maintenance, rosters, etc
Airworthiness	Shane McCaffrey	0418 759 310	Glider airworthiness issues
Chief Flying Instructor	Jeremy Thompson	3883 3139 (h)	Instructor rosters, flying standards, etc
Committee Member	Charlie Downes	0407 547 076	Airspace Officer
Committee Member	Bob Flood	0413 261121	Enquiries Officer
Committee Member	Keith Allen	0412 255 879	CHAOTIC Editor

#### ***Non Committee Contacts***

Graham Hennessey	0429 170648	Duty Pilot Coordinator
Libby Matuszczak	0409 140 954	Bar Manager & Social Coordinator
Irene Thompson	0409 051 566	Social Coordinator
John Knox	0411 143 772	Club Publicity/Promotions/Marketing
Lex McQueen	0418 730 288	
Ralph Henderson	0409 596 579	Gliding Qld President; Chairman GFA Marketing and Development Committee

Date	Event	Place	Contact
17 Jul	Working Bee (8am to 11am)	McCaffrey Field	<a href="#">Tony Cavanna</a>
22 Jul	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<a href="#">Tony Cavanna</a>
23 Jul	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<a href="#">Jenny Thompson</a>
23 Jul	Xmas In July	McCaffrey Field	<a href="#">Libby Matuszczak</a>
6 Aug	Instructor Panel Meeting	McCaffrey Field	<a href="#">Jeremy Thompson</a>
6 Aug	Instructor 's Day	McCaffrey Field	<a href="#">Jeremy Thompson</a>

Date	Event	Place	Contact
13 Aug	General Meeting	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
13 Aug	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
13 Aug	BBQ	McCaffrey Field	<u>Libby Matuszczak</u>
26 Aug	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
27 Aug	BBQ	McCaffrey Field	<u>Libby Matuszczak</u>
27 Aug	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
3 Sep	Instructor Panel AGM	Bowenville Hotel	<u>Jeremy Thompson</u>
10 Sep	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
10 Sep	DDSC AGM	The Banque Cafe, 122 Margaret Street, Toowoomba	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
17 Sep - 24 Sep	<u>Jimbour Wines Queensland State Gliding Championships</u>	McCaffreys Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
23 Sep	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
24 Sep	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
8 Oct	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
16 Oct	Working Bee (8am to 11am)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
22 Oct	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
23 Oct	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
12 Nov	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
25 Nov	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
End November	Narromine Cup Week	Narromine	<a href="http://www.narromineglidingclub.com.au/">http://www.narromineglidingclub.com.au/</a>
26 Nov	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
10 Dec	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
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14 Jan	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
15 Jan	Working Bee (8am to 11am)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
27 Jan	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
28 Jan	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
11 Feb	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
24 Feb	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>
25 Feb	Mini Comp. Task and weather briefing at 9am	McCaffrey Field	<u>Jenny Thompson</u>
24 Mar	Friday Flying (volunteer coordinator needed)	McCaffrey Field	<u>Tony Cavanna</u>

Rosters

		<b>Instructors</b>	<b>Tug Pilots</b>	<b>Duty Pilots</b>
<b>July</b>	Saturday 3rd	R Henderson	B Hofmeister	Bob Flood (A) Graham Hennessy
	Sunday 3rd	R Bennett	Jeremy Thompson	Joan Robinson Tim Hastings
	Saturday 9th	P Bell R Hart	A Garrone	Barry Daniel (AEI) Joan Robinson
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	T Cavanna B Keen	F Ning	Peter Wetherspoon (AEI) John Hook
	Saturday 16th	C Downes J Grosser	D Baartz	Jo Davis (A) Rob Murphy
	Sunday 17th	A Garrone	Jenny Thompson	Keith Allen (A) Robert Percy
	Saturday 23rd	M Codling A Wetherspoon	L McQueen	Brian Rolfe (A) Phil Downey
	Sunday 24th	J Thompson R. Hoskings	M Robertson	Ben Bezuidenhout Neil Muspratt
	Saturday 30th	R Bennett J Grosser	D Cramer	Chad Nowak Andrew Straume
	Sunday 31st	T Cavanna B Keen	B Keen	Steve Harris (AEI) Rob Murphy

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Instructors</b>	<b>Tug Pilots</b>	<b>Duty Pilots</b>
<b>August</b>	Saturday 6th	R Henderson	F Ning	David Ferguson (A) Roly Sundell
	Sunday 7th	R Bennett	R Bradley	Libby Matuszczak (AEI) Peter Davison (AEI)
	Saturday 13th	J Thompson R Hoskings	D Baartz	Richard Armstrong Paul Bart (A)
	Sunday 14th	T Cavanna B Keen	M Robertson	Greg Valler (AEI) Michaela Valler
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	A Garrone J Grosser	A Garrone	Bob Flood (A) Graham Hennessy
	Sunday 21st	C Downes	B Hofmeister	Brett Kettle (A)
	Saturday 27th	M Codling A Wetherspoon	B Keen	Barry Daniel (AEI) Joan Robinson
	Sunday 28th	P Bell R Hart	D Cramer	Peter Wetherspoon (AEI) John Hook

	<b>Day</b>	<b>Instructors</b>	<b>Tug Pilots</b>	<b>Duty Pilots</b>
<b>September</b>	Saturday 3rd	R Bennett J Grosser	G Pitman	Jo Davis (A) Koji Masuda
	Sunday 4th	M Codling	Jenny Thompson	Keith Allen (A) Robert Percy
	Saturday 10th	J Thompson R. Hoskings	L McQueen	Brian Rolfe (A) Phil Downey
	Sunday 11th	P Bell C Downes	Jeremy Thompson	Ben Bezuidenhout Neil Muspratt
	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Comps no club flying	R Bradley	Comps no club flying
	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Comps no club flying	B Keen	Comps no club flying
	Saturday 24th	Comps no club flying	M Robertson	Comps no club flying
	Sunday 25th	R Henderson B Keen	D Cramer	Libby Matuszczak (AEI) Peter Davison (AEI)



