

# WARM AIR 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

## THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday Sept 2	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	P Thorpe R Heynike S Foreman
Sunday Sept 3	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Carswell TBC

## MEMBERS NEWS

### *In this edition of Warm Air*

*Weekend Reports – Some soaring was had. Even the Turbo Lads dusted off their mighty winged machines.*

*Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members.*

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## Club News

### **Duty Pilot Swaps**

*Would someone like to swap Duty Pilot Roster for Ben Gambaro for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.*

*David McGowan is looking for a swap for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept due to ATC commitments.*

*Please contact Warm Air or Ben or David directly if you can help out.*

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## Weekend Reports

### **26th August Saturday – Duty Instructor Izzy Reports**

Saturday began with the usual breakfast at Puhinui cafe with Ray and Shiv, slightly earlier than usual as Ray had a group of cadets waiting to fly the 109. The forecast showed a convergence on the East coast developing from midday, so Steve and Dave were out early to rig and see if they could go North. Unfortunately it wasn't quite as good as was promised, but they still managed decent flights with Steve taking the honours for the day with 1:42.

Shiv went up first in the twin for a check flight, all went well so that was followed by a short flight in VF later in the afternoon. Our newest member Marsen went up for two flights as well, he has just come over from the US and did a little bit of power flying over there (only because there wasn't a gliding club where he lived). He was quick to get back into things and I'm sure we'll be seeing lots more of him. The only other flight in the twin was a trial flight with Mark who seemed like he might be keen for more.

Meanwhile Tony, Ivor, Kazik, and Ben also had a go in the singles with variable results, it was a difficult day to stay up with mostly weak thermals that not well marked due to high cloud. Ray

also had a busy day with 9 cadet flights, this made for a total of 24 flights, not bad for a winter day.

Izzy

Peter Thorpe Tow Pilot reports it nearly didn't happen.....

There very nearly was no flying on Saturday as we were without a tow pilot (Derry is in Denmark visiting his daughter) and everyone was busy, however, at the last moment my commitment was cancelled so I was able to fill in. Breakfast with Izzy and Shiv at the café and then the usual preparation. Ray was busy getting the Grob out for cadet flying so we set up on 26 ready for the hordes of keen students. David Todd and Stee Foreman zoomed in the gate towing their high speed pursuit ships and proceeded to rig with great enthusiasm. Dave was airborne at 1128 and he was immediately followed by Hawkeye. The conditions were a bit ordinary but they disappeared so there was obviously some lift. Izzy took Shiv for a dual check and then Tony P, Ivor, Kazik, Ben and Shiv took solo flights while Izzy took several trial flights. A tail wind developed so we changed ends but then later in the day the wind went round again and we had to change back for the final flights. A good day with 13 launches for the club and I think about 9 for Ray in the Grob.



*Spectacular Photo from Izzy.*

## 27<sup>th</sup> August Sunday – Duty Instructor Steve Reports

The weather was a little worse than forecast initially with quite a bit of rain which made me think it may be a no fly day. Reports from those who had driven from the South indicated that better things were headed our way and indeed it fined up nice enough to go flying.

Ray got in 8 flights with a bunch of ATC cadets and 5 club flights were had by members.

Tony Prentice and Kazik Jasica tried out the twin so Tony could stay back seat current. Kazik then took MP for a whirl so he could stay current before heading off to Europe for a few weeks. Jonathan Pote and I went for a nice fly just because.

New member and Rosmini College physics teacher John Smith got in a nice 30 minute flight making it his first in a glider since 1976!

Gaelle Stanfield then got in a training flight to finish the day

Steve



Kazik & Tony ready for their sortie – was it cold lads.



Welcome John to the club.



Gaelle touching the clouds

## Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Sep	2	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	3	<del>B GAMBARO</del>	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	9	B HINDS	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	10	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	G CABRE
	16	I KHRIPUNOV	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	17	<del>D MCGOWAN</del>	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	23	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	G CABRE
	24	N VYLE	R BURNS	P EICHLER