

WARM AIR 20 June 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Friday	Instructing:	P Thorpe
20 June	Towing:	R Burns
	Duty Pilot	A Michael
Saturday	Instructing:	S Wallace
21 June	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	G Stanfield
Sunday	Instructing:	I Burr
22 June	Towing:	R Carswell
	Duty Pilot	K Jasica

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

Club News

Upcoming Events

Weekend Reports

Roster & New Roster

Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members!

Events

Can you contain yourself??

It's nearly here...

Sat 21 June. (Sunday if the weather is inclement) Shortest Day... Longest flight. Ending with a BBQ.

Rules: 2000 Ft Tows Max. Depending on the conditions on the day and the number attending we may add an extra handicap of 1500ft for the over 100 hours - to improve turnaround.

Handicapping

Under 5 Hours PIC... The time you flew

Between 5 and 20 Hours PIC ... the time you flew less 2 minutes.

Between 20 and 100 hours PIC ... the time you flew less 5 minutes.

Over 100 Hours PIC ... the time you flew less 10 minutes

Over 1000 hours PIC ... Hmmmm ... The BBQ will be nice....

Steve Wallace ... Not sure if he even gets a sausage!

Come out, Rig, have some fun. Gus is Towing so I'm sure he can be bribed into dropping you in left (or alternatively dropping your competition in sink!)

Ray

Duty Pilot cover

Ben Gambaro is temporarily moving south and unable to complete is rostered Duty Pilot from 15th June onwards. If anyone can provide cover and swap, please reach out to Ben. And Marley Kuys is also away until September and will be looking for cover.

MP Annuals Coming up

MP is due its annual inspection soon, the plan is to de-rig next Saturday 21st June after flying (shortest day comp) and take down to Derry, booked in for the week of the 23. MP should be back on Saturday 28th providing all is in order.

A New Roster has been produced see it at the end of the Newsletter and book your duties in the diaries.

Weekend Reports

Saturday –Ivor reports

Saturday weather did not look great, with showers forecast and low cloud in evidence. We had a few ATC cadets who were wanting some flights in our 2 seat glider, although as I sat in the local cafe eating breakfast and watching the rain falling, I was not sure we would be flying at all.

However, as I was opening up the field the rain had stopped and several people, in addition to the ATC cadets, had gathered to see what could be achieved. We had a duty pilot and a tow pilot, and with many people around both the tow plane and glider were soon out and ready to fly. Although the weather was forecast to be from the west all day, what we had was a light north easterly, so after some brief discussions we headed out to set up on 08. After waiting for a couple of showers to move through we launched with the first ATC cadet to see what the sky had to offer. The flight was an enjoyable one, with the cadet getting good hands on experience. However, the cloud base was low, and the cold air was offering no lift, so the flight was quite a short one.

As the next cadet was getting ready, and we waited for more shower activity,, it became clear that the wind was moving around to the forecast westerly, and as this firmed up the decision was made to move back to 26, which we duly did. Once there, and following more passing shower activity it became clear that not only was the cloud base lowering but radar was showing a growing likelihood of rain arriving. A quick discussion with Base confirmed this, and so very reluctantly the call was made to cancel flying for the day, and for the ATC squadron to reschedule for a later date.

Sunday –Andrew reports

The rain was back and no need to even attempt to venture out to the field.

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
June	20	A MICHAEL	P THORPE	R BURNS	
	21	G STANFIELD	S WALLACE	G CABRE	
	22	K JASICA	I BURR	R CARSWELL	
	28	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	29	A NEJATI	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	

Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Jul	5	M KUYS	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	6	M WEYNA	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	12	D MCGOWAN	S WALLACE	R BURNS	
	13	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	P THORPE	
	19	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	20	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
	26	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	T STRUGNELL	6SQN (RB)
	27	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	R BURNS	
Aug	2	E YEOMAN	D TODD	R HEYNIKE	
	3	A SHIPOV	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	9	B SLY	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	10	C BEST	I BURR	T STRUGNELL	
	16	S CHAND	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	17	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	6SQN (LP)
	23	G STANFIELD	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS	
	24	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	30	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	D TODD	G CABRE	

	31	A NEJATI	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	
Sep	6	M KUYS	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	7	M WEYNA	S WALLACE	R BURNS	
	13	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	R CARSWELL	
	20	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	6SQN (IB)
	21	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	
	27	R SEMMENS	D TODD	R HEYNIKE	
	28	P SCARBOROUGH	R BURNS	P THORPE	