



# Narrowmine Gliding Club

## Come and Soar with the Eagles



It is with some caution that we are lifting our noses up from the restriction of the Covid. We send our best wishes to all our international members and pray that you are all safe and able to best manage your summer season.

The club has been locked down for some months. With the slow release in our state we are now attempting to fly for some members under the required safety rules.

There is some good news and some bad.

Good news—

The club has been successful in achieving a financial grant for establishment of a shade and toilet facility on runway 22. The local council has spent \$6M on the new section of the Skypark and the new area for private hangars on the southern taxiway. The work is expected to be completed early next month and has been ongoing for the last 4 months. Advertising for this land is on the council web site.

The NSW government has provided some small relief for fixed costs during the Covid restriction and the local council has granted some lease payment relief.

Bad news—

It is expected that our regular international members will not be with us this summer. In these uncertain times there will be no rush for our government to cancel the restriction for any international visitation. Australia has been very fortunate with the spread of the virus. Our own citizens are unable to travel to most states. The Queensland border has just opened and Victoria is in total lock down for travel to any other states. It is expected that we will struggle to hold any National gliding championships in the 2020 year. Hopefully 2021 will provide some opportunity.

Good news -

Plans for the coming summer. We will be host to:

- ◆ Australian National Two Seat championships in February 2021.
- ◆ Regional Coaching week in November.
- ◆ Narrowmine Cup Week last week in November
- ◆ Regional Instructor training week in December

Check out the booking list on the web site and book now for the opportunity to participate in these activities. For details check out the club web site.

Bad news -

Our tugs are in the workshop. We have taken advantage of this downtime to have the Pawnee wings recovered. Arnie's C-180 engine work is underway. It is planned for both tugs to be back in Narromine by September.

Good news -

July has started with a busy flying weekend in spite of the cold and cloudy weather. Sam Peto is undertaking training for his level 1 instructor rating. Visiting pilots Boris, Manou Pardoo, Mel Foux, Leon Mangel and Stewart Morgan braved the cold and flew 4 days. The C-180 TTW was available for Arnie to keep in touch with his Cessna towing.

Very Good news -

Our web master Ross McLean in upgrading our web site.

Arnie Hartley has set up the web cams on the club house. Check this out on the club web site.

John Rowe and Arnie have been working on the annual form 11 inspections for the fleet aircraft.

We have been checking with our overseas members and it seems all are safe and either in lock down and keeping fit or are taking advantage of the fine European summer and gliding with their home clubs.

Very Bad news -

The coaching weeks in November and December with G.Dale have been cancelled. These weeks have been a wonderful success for the club. We will miss our time with G and Annie this summer. G. has been running some online coaching with some Australian clubs and he has had time to complete his third book. The book will be available soon so keep a look out for the launch in Australia.

For July, August -

**The Pawnee from Bathurst will be at Narromine from the 17th July. Arnie and John will be available for any tows and check flying for our members. We are restricted to solo flying, check flights and operations for members only.**

To all our members and especially our international friends.

Our thoughts are with you at this troubling time. We hope you and your families are safe and well. We look forward to the time when our borders are open and we can welcome you back to fly with us at Narromine.