



# Narromine Gliding Club

## Come and Soar with the Eagles



Newsletter August 2020

As I write this newsletter it is snowing just to the east, cold, high wind and seems fitting weather with the Covid restriction and the state of the world. We are making plans for our members in the coming season and looking forward to hot gliding days and the lifting of the virus restrictions here and around the world. The gliding season in Europe is coming to an end and some of our international members are reporting a busy season with some wonderful results.



Our Czech members and tug pilots who are also talented glider pilots have been busy and successful this summer. Pavel on the right gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Czech National Aerobatic Championships.

Tomas Suchanek 2<sup>nd</sup> and Roman Marek 4<sup>th</sup> in the Czech National Open class Championships. Hans Raschke flying in the French Alps completed some outstanding flights and Pepe Gresa finally able to rescue his glider from Germany has been flying in Spain with some successful achievements.

G.Dale and Annie have been busy in the ASH 25 in the UK and are now trapped in France due to closure back to UK. Many Australian pilots have been taking advantage of the online tutorials prepared by G.

At home Arnie is busy with maintenance most days. Our plans for November and December flying are coming together. The coaching course run by the regional coaching director Armin Kruger has 16 entries. Booking for the Narromine Cup week in the last week of November are filling and plans for a regional instructor course in Decemebr are underway for promotion to be distributed in this next week.

The Shade Shed. The club has been successful in obtaining funding for a shade/toilet structure adjacent to runway 22 end. Thanks to Stewart Morgan one of our new members, we have this amazing facility



Our last year instructor, tow pilot, championship contender Klara has been busy preparing her new/old glider for the vintage glider championships. Success with 1<sup>st</sup> place.

The works on the new hangar development are almost complete. The months of huge machinery and holes in the ground have resulted in new roads, new underground services for water, sewerage and lighting. The blocks for purchase of land are now ready for sale and the council is preparing to erect a large hangar in the new area.



Manou Pardo and Sam Peto in the Twin. Manou was trapped in Australia due to the Covid so made the best of her time achieving her Australian Glider Pilot Certificate. New members Stewart and Neil have braved the weather in the last few weeks and undertaken check flights with Sam Peto our new training level 1 instructor.

The New South Wales Gliding Inc. our regional gliding administration has been successful in obtaining funding for specific start up programs and will be funding instructor training, enhancement to the online Condor flying with NSW Australia terrain and the promotional glider flight simulator being set up by Charles Durham from the Bathurst Club. We have planned programs for instructor training in mid December and March 2021. Our club is always short of experienced instructors and new candidates, so this is a chance for members to take up this offer to improve their skills.

underway. Stewart is a retired architect and he has spent hours working to produce all the plans and drawing required for council and builders to get this building underway. The plans are with an engineer now for final sign off on the building approval and then we are ready to start. We should have a structure with shade, water, toilet, lock up storeroom and the opportunity to add further features as funding becomes available. This will be very welcomed by our female members who no longer will be required to travel the 10kms from the flight line to the clubhouse.



Stewart on the left and Neil on the right helping Arnie with the derig of the Duo ready for the annual form 2 inspection and minor repairs. In this down time we have the opportunity to catch up with working on the fleet and getting ready for the coming soaring season. The club relies on member's voluntary efforts to assist with the annual maintenance programs during the winter months, so thank you to these new members.

The web site.

Most members have not met our wonderful web master Ross McLean. Ross was an active member at the Narromine club before retiring to a life of Riley at Harvey Bay on the Queensland coast. Ross has continued to run the website and as his efforts have been the main support that allows our club to host many championships in the last few years. As more and more of the administration within the sport is going online this facility is essential to our success. I am sure all members owe thanks to Ross who is the online face of our club and to many the first contact.

Thank you to all the members who have paid their yearly club membership. For renewal of membership the form can be downloaded from the club web site or email Beryl.

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### PROGRAM FOR 2020 SUMMER

New South Wales AGM, Club Presidents/CFI meeting  
Bathurst Gliding Club – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. 2020  
Contact Sam Peto - [10petos@hotmail.com](mailto:10petos@hotmail.com)

New South Wales Coaching week – 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Contact Armin Kruger - [kruisa@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kruisa@ozemail.com.au)

Narromine Cup Week – 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Contact Beryl Hartley – [arnie.hartley@gmail.com](mailto:arnie.hartley@gmail.com)

Australian National Two Seat Championships  
Narromine Gliding Club – 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Contact Beryl Hartley - [arnie.hartley@gmail.com](mailto:arnie.hartley@gmail.com)

**Note: Due to the uncertain restrictions of the COVID virus all events may be postponed or cancelled. The NSWG AGM will be available by Zoom for members unable to attend. The secretary will send information to all members.**

Check out the web cam on the club website. Arnie has been busy setting up two sites. One to the north and one to the west. Ross has put a link on the club website. As we look forward to Spring and a time without the strict Covid restrictions the country around Narromine will turn green and gold. The welcome winter rain has resulted in a flurry of planting by local farmers and the golden canola will be bursting into flower. Plan for October for your annual check flight and be ready for the season.

Social Club News:

The social club will host the New South Wales Aerobatic championships to a welcome B-B-Que on Thursday evening 15<sup>th</sup> October. The competition will be held over 4 days. Due to the restrictions the social club has not been active since March. Next planned event for meals is the Coaching week in November.