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Lest We Forget

**Tuesday 11/11 is
Remembrance Day - Lest
We Forget**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Trivia night - Clubhouse**
November 22 6PM

Get ready for a fun evening of friendly competition and good company

- * **Annual General Meeting**
November 29 7PM

Join us for the Annual General Meeting.

- * **Flying Further course**
December 8-12

The focus of this course is to support members to achieve their Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC)



"Take the Pilot's Seat" @ Benalla Festival

Well, that's a wrap! "Take the Pilot's Seat" was a very successful event for GCV and the Benalla Festival. It was a fun day with people young and old "Taking a Selfie" in the cockpit of our SZD Junior and seeing what it's like to be in a glider, "Flying Virtually" using the flight simulator to see what it's like in the air, making paper planes and flying them on "Runway 02!" as far as they will go and talking to pilots "In the Pilot's Lounge" -

-about what it's really like to fly a plane and a great "barbie" to boot! There was lots of enthusiasm and some very interested young people.

A big shout out to Pete DeHaan, Peter White, Viv Drew, Caroline Gage, Ali Swart, the McMillan Clan! George Ross, Gerry Hogan, Mandy Gruber, Paula Weinstein and Richard Thirkill for making it a fantastic, fun day!



Photo by Mark Bland

Classifieds

**For sale - VH-GMX
Glasflugel H 401 Kestrel
17M single seat sailplane
serial No86 – \$18,000**

Price includes glider, equipment, and trailer.

Log Book: 8376 hours. Nil accidents. Original gel coat surface finish good condition.

Pilot weight min 91.0 kg, pilot weight plus cockpit load max 96.9 kg.

GFA Form 2 maintenance release valid till 24/04/2026.

Included equipment:

Lithium main battery & charger, Naviter S7 Electronic Variometer, Winter mechanical vario, X-COM Radio with dual channel function, OUDIE 2 GPS Moving Map navigation, Airspeed indicator new face, Altimeter,

Magnetic compass, Memory foam safety seat cushion, 8 kg lead seat with canvas cover, Mountain High oxygen system with large cylinder, FLARM, Parachute, Cotton covers for whole aircraft.

Accessories:

Tail dolly, Tail parachute, Ground towing drawbar, Wing walker, Spare trailer wheel, Wheel jack, Wrench, 2 adjustable tripod trestles for de-rigging, Comprehensive maintenance history aircraft log book, Flight manual.

HANGAR SPACE FOR SALE – Private allocated space at Benalla Aerodrome, \$23,000 Hangar space will be available for sale after Kestrel is sold.

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Radio Frequencies –ERSA extract

Graham Garlick

List of the most common frequencies used by glider pilots flying from Benalla. The extracts are taken from the ERSA effective 27.11.2025.

RADIO FREQUENCIES valid 27/11/2025 ERSA				
LISTEN BEFORE TRANSMITTING				
AIRFIELD	CTAF	CENTRE	ATIS/AWIS	ELEVATION
ALBURY (Class D)	123.25	125.2	PAL 127.85	539
BENALLA	125.6	125.2	PAL 123.4	569
BENDIGO	119.3	126.8	PAL 119.3	710
COOTAMUNDRA	126.7	124.1	PAL122.4	1110
COROWA	132.45	125.2	PAL 119.6	469
CORRYONG	126.7	125.2		963
DENILQUIN	119.0	118.6		316
ECHUCA	119.1	126.8	PAL 122.8	323
EUROA	126.7	122.4		555
GRIFFITH	126.55	134.65	PAL 126.5	439
HAY	126.7	118.6	PAL 119.6	305
HORSHAM	118.8	125.8	PAL 122.6	445
LOCKSLEY	121.1	122.4		540
MANGALORE	121.1	122.4	PAL121.1	467
MANSFIELD	126.7	122.4		1050
MT BEAUTY	126.0	125.2		1100
MT HOTHAM	126.75	125.2		4260
NAGAMBIE-WIRRATE	121.1	122.4		475
NARRANDERA	132.85	134.65	PAL 132.85	474
POREPUNKAH	126.00	125.2		935
RAYWOOD	119.30	126.8		450
SHEPPARTON	118.8	123.9		375
ST ARNAUD	119.1	125.8		640
TEMORA	126.15	134.65		921
TOCUMWAL	125.5	118.6	PAL 125.50	372
WAGGA WAGGA	126.95	119.5	PAL 126.95	724
WANGARATTA	119.1	125.2	PAL119.2	504
WEST WYALONG	126.7	134.65	PAL 126.7	859
WAHRING-FIELD	121.1	122.4		410
YARRAWONGA	126.7	125.2	PAL 126.7	424
YOUNG	126.7	135.25	PAL 126.7	1267
Gliding Frequencies	122.5	Benalla Gliders		
	122.7			
	122.9			
	122.025	Competition Safety		
		INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS 121.5		
		CALL: MAYDAY-MAYDAY-MAYDAY		
		ATIS - Aerodrome Information Service.		
		AWIS - Aerodrome Weather Information Service		
		PAL - Pilot Activated Lighting.		

The Fire Danger Period restricts open-air burning due to increased fire risk. You must have a permit or meet specific requirements to light a fire; breaking these rules can lead to fines.

[Learn more here.](#)

Gliding in Kiripotib, Namibia – Part 2

Russel Edwards



The last 7 days in Kiripotib have been spectacular gliding, with the highlight being the 1010km flight with Tom Arcsott. Tom had initially set an 820km task. We flew west and ran South then North along a very remote mountain range between the Kalahari savanna and the Namib desert. The energy over the mountains was incredible, with us needing few thermals to stay connected to the cloud base. Because the conditions were so good, we decided to see if we could extend the flight to break the much-coveted 1000km. Returning to the North we found the day was rapidly shutting down, and we still had 160km to make it back to Kiripotib, which we barely managed by flying at the best L/D, landing after sunset, and a few minutes before last light. An incredible experience!

The normal practice is to shuffle the Flying with Champions participants and the Champions after 3 or 4 days, so Wolfgang Janowitsch became my new Champion, and we flew 790km, 708km and 607km. The last flight finished into a solid wall of black clouds, storms and rain. Somehow Wolfgang found a way through the threatening weather to bring us safely home. A very memorable flight.

Over the last 2 days, I've done 449km with Arndt Hovestadt and 348km with Juraj Jurovic.

The conditions look to be improving over the next few days, so I'm looking forward to what that will bring.



Saturday Meals Menu

Saturday 15th November at 7:00pm

Mains

1. Rissoles in tomato, bacon, onion and mushroom sauce with mash and vegetables
2. Beer Battered flathead with chips and salad

3. Vegetarian - A Gluten free Vegetarian Lasagna (available every Saturday)

Desserts

1. Chocolate Mousse
2. Peaches and ice-cream



Reserve your spot on the App as soon as you know you're coming, or at the 09:00 Saturday briefing. This helps Kaylene plan numbers.

This Week in Pictures



Benalla festival, take the pilots's seat



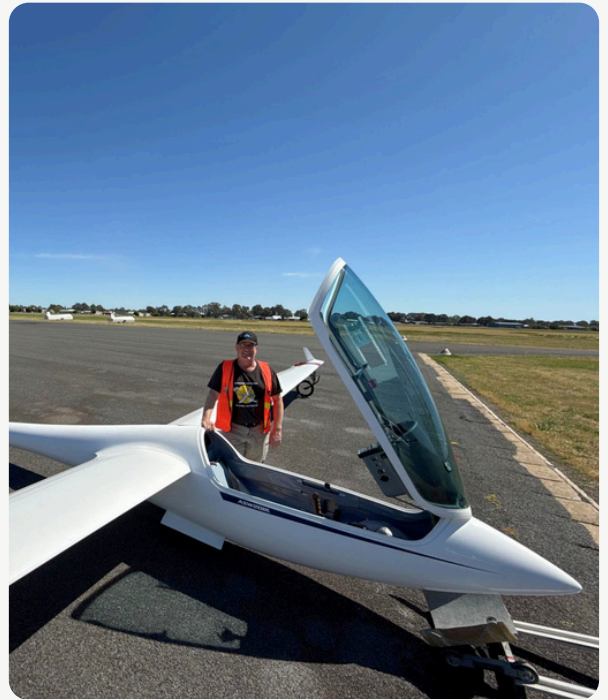
Mandy giving XJJ some extra love.



Summary of last week's operations 😊



Benalla festival, paper planes competition!



Tony Rigging his new ASW20b "K2" on Saturday 1st November.

Weekend crew

Nov 15-16

Duty Pilot: Andrea Tondini

Instructors: Neil Williams, Steve Hobby, Phil Henderson, James Nugent

AEI: Ralph Boehmer, Mark Bland

Tug Pilots: Leo Canteri,, Louise O'Grady



Meanwhile, in the hills...Photo by Mark Bland

Get Involved!

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