



# APF BROADCAST NEWS



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## 1. SERVICE NICOLE HANNAN R.I.P



The service for Nicole Hannan (RIP) will take place next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. It will be held at the [Mingara Event Centre](#), Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi, NSW (on the Central Coast)

Nicole suffered a fatal injury in a skydiving incident on the 27<sup>th</sup> February whilst participating in 40 way sequential skydives at Perris, California. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family and partner Greg, and to all those friends who knew her and loved her – she will be sadly missed.

## 2. APF NATIONALS FS, VFS, CF & ARTISITIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Australian National Championships are kicking off at Sydney Skydivers as we broadcast. Top teams have descended on Picton from all over Oz, to see who will be our 2011 Australian Champions!

Most teams have already arrived with official practise jumps starting tomorrow. The first division to compete will be the CF category starting on Sunday.

Competition aircraft for the FS divisions will be the Cessna Caravan. Meet Director is Jon McWilliam and Chief Judge is Jenni Plumridge. For the full run down on when the divisions will kick off, check out the [Sydney Skydivers](#) website.

*Please note – the new IPC Sporting Rule changes will not come into effect for this event.*

The APF National Office congratulates all competitors on their hard work, dedication and commitment to get them to this point – we wish everyone the very best of luck – go hard, stay safe and have a blast!

## 3. APF Facebook - Relaunch

The National Office has revamped and relaunched our official APF Facebook page and this will be used to keep our members updated with daily updates of the Nationals - as they happen!

To receive updates simply visit our [facebook page](#) and click “LIKE”

Stay tuned!

#### 4. WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO



##### **CRW Crests achieved at Elderslie**

Over the weekend of March 5th/6th 2011, CRW coaches Brett Higgins and Michael Vaughan made their way to the Newcastle Sport Parachute Club's Elderslie DZ to train some new keen CRW players.

Not so good weather on the Saturday found the coaches inventively filling up time with ground seminars and inspiring (terrifying) stories before three loads were

managed late in the arvo.

Sunday saw the weather Gods smile and by the last load an 8-way (CRW Crest) was completed. According to Brett - the first one at Elderslie since he did his first one there in 1994!

A testament to their skills as coaches and the skills of the participants - "Seven people on that 8 way have now qualified for their CRW crest. Four of those had not jumped a 7 cell before the weekend. At least four had not been on anything bigger than a 2 way until earlier that day. None had been on anything bigger than a 4 way up until that point." Michael Vaughan.

Read more about this event in Michael's article on the [CYPRES blog](#). Congratulations to all!

#### 5. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

##### **Expressions of Interest for new APF Malfunctions DVD**

The goal is to create a new APF malfunctions DVD as a standard for all student training drop zones. The original malfunctions video is dated and its time to update in line with current equipment and teachings. We are looking for something similar to the "Breakaway" DVD produced a number of years ago in the States. The end product will be a 20-30 minute DVD which covers all types of malfunctions including the emergency procedures for DOS and SOS student systems. The main deployment systems commonly used such as BOC, hip and chest ripcord would also need to be incorporated.

We are also seeking any interested drop zones wishing to sponsor this undertaking and support the successful applicants to this venture. Any support is will be appreciated.

If you feel that you have the skills and expertise to produce this DVD contact Don Cross on [didon@internode.on.net](mailto:didon@internode.on.net)

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##### **APF Awards**

The Australian Parachute Federation has a number of awards available to recognise our highest achieving members. Whether it's in the sky, on the DZ, or at administrative level, we believe that those that make the most outstanding contributions to the sport should be honoured for their efforts.

##### **Call for Nominations - the [Tim Bates Award](#)**

The 'Tim Bates Award' - is an annual award recognising and rewarding an outstanding APF member for their passion, ability, input, excellence and contribution to the sport of Skydiving. Nominations are therefore being sought from any APF member and must be received by 5pm on 31 March 2010. This award celebrates the spirit and skills of skydiver Tim Bates, who unexpectedly lost his life from the effects of Diabetes in 2005. His family wished the Award to embrace the attributes that Tim brought to the Skydiving Sport.

**The APF Service Award** recognises outstanding contribution in the service of sport parachuting.

**The APF Master of Sport Parachuting** is the APF's highest honour, awarded in recognition of great personal achievement in any field of sport parachuting. It may only be awarded by a unanimous decision of the Board.

**Honorary Life Membership of the APF** recognises exemplary and outstanding service in any capacity. *Nominations for these awards are assessed by Awards Validation Unit (AVU), then considered by the APF Board.*

More on these awards, including who can make a nomination, how to prepare a nomination, who is the Awards Validation Unit, Awards Assessment Guidelines and the Nomination Form can be found on the APF web site. For more information visit [click here](#).

Nominations MUST be received at the APF Office by 5pm on 15 April 2011.

## 6. RIGGING & SERVICE BULLETINS

### Argus Cutter Incident

The APF has received an Incident Report involving the failure of a cutter on an Argus AAD to completely cut the loop during an activation. This incident did not occur in Australia and resulted in no injury. According to the report the DoM of the AAD was March 2009.

This incident is still under investigation and the APF will be following closely the results.

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### Parachutist On-line

<http://parachutistonline.com/>

USPA's Parachutist magazine website has had a revamp. Check out some of the featured articles like:

25 Ways to become a Better Canopy Pilot

Thinking on your Feet - Improving Your Sit-Fly

Learning to Spot in a GPS World

Plus have a look at the Safety & Training pages including - 'Ask a Rigger', 'Keeping an Eye Out', 'Safety Check' and more.

*The Index of all Rigging Bulletins from Manufacturers, Federations, Aviation Authorities, APF and the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) can be found linked off the Rigging & Equipment Portal on the APF web site at: [Rigging and Equipment](#)*

## 7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Australian National FS, VFS, CF and Artistic Championships](#), 12th - 21st March 2011

[Skysisters Symposium SS3 - Female Skydiving Convention](#), 22nd to 30th April 2011

[APF Annual Conference](#), 23rd - 25th May 2011

[Australian National Style and Accuracy Championships](#), 18 - 21st June 2011

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### [Cairns Adventure Film Festival](#) – entries close April 8 2011!!



The 2nd annual Cairns Adventure Film Festival is open to film makers of all experience levels and ages. CAFF takes a broad approach to the definition of adventure activity and wishes to be an inclusive and approachable film competition that showcases the action, enthusiasm and nature of the adventures as well as the film maker's talent.

Organiser & APF Member, Rebecca Scott is calling for entries in any of the following categories  
Short Adventures in Nature, People's Choice Mad Minutes, Caffeinated Adventures & Adventure Features

All films must have proof of music copyright permission, to solve this issue CAFF has several music options to choose from! Contact Bec at [becs@caff.net.au](mailto:becs@caff.net.au) for details.

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### Event Advertising

If you would like your skydiving event published on the APF web site (no cost), please email details to [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au) The following National and State events AND MORE (including club events, boogies and instructor courses) can be found at: [Calendar of Events](#)

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**Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ..... your National Office Team!**

For more information, comments or suggestions please email [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au)

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