



# APF BROADCAST NEWS

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## 1. NATIONAL OFFICE NEW CONTACT DETAILS

### New address & contact details

**POSTAL**

P.O Box 1440 Springwood QLD 4127  
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All email addresses etc will remain the same.

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS**

Unit 3 Portal Office West, 2994 Logan Rd  
Underwood Qld 4119

## 2. WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO

CALLING ALL APF MEMBERS! This is your Broadcast and we want your contributions! If you have something out of the ordinary in the skydiving game that you, your club or someone has been up to, send us a short article with a great picture – and it'll be considered for this section. [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au)

- **NEW** Dale 'Extreme D' Elliott sends this message to all APF Members, lets see if we can help him and Andreas in their quest to raise funds for underprivileged kids.  
*On the 17th of Feb I head off on a handcycle trip from Melbourne to Darwin to raise money for children in Africa with club foot.*



*I will hit the road with fellow paraplegic Andreas Dagelet to cycle 5000kms using only our hands.  
You can read more about our trip [here](#) and read our current blog [here](#)*

***We need help in raising funds to assist in covering our expenses while we are on this fundraising trip and we are calling on you for help.***

*If 10 of you could spare just \$20, that would give 1 child the opportunity to walk for the rest of their lives & thus go to school and then get a job. 100% of this money gets to the treatment programs in Africa for these kids, not wasted in admin fees like many programs do. You could help me help these kids for only \$20 and massively change someone's life for the better **or** you can spend \$20 on either 2 six packs of beer, 1 main meal at a restaurant or half a tank of fuel. Not much of a comparison!*

*Andreas and I are talking to over 150 schools during our trip across Australia. We will be inspiring our youth to achieve all they can in their lives and never back down from a challenge.*

*Thanking you in advance for your generous support!*

*Dale Elliott*

- **NEW** Australian National Championships in Canopy Piloting

A place in the Australian parachute team will be up for grabs at Picton during the Australian Canopy Piloting championships this week.



The top eight finishers from the event, which starts on Friday at the Sydney Skydiving Centre, will compete as Australian representatives at the world championships in Russia, in August.

Current canopy piloting world champion, Canadian Jason Moledzki






has been at the DZ in the lead up to the Nationals assisting the competitors with honing their skills. Stay tuned for results in next week's broadcast.

Jason Moleddzki and Michael Vaughan – Photo by Jonathan Ng

-  **Victorian/Tasmanian State Championships**  
The State Champs were held over the weekend 23/24 January 2010 at Skydive Nagambie. Four teams competed in the FS Open event over 6 rounds with the following results. For full scores [click here](#).  
**Meet Director: Don Cross. Judging team: Jenni Plummridge & Gail Bradley.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Black – Av. 15.12. Craig Vaughan, Simon Di Sascio, Jeremy Langford, George Attard and Patrik Nygren (vdo)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Very Dark Grey – Av. 12.83. Gary Nemerovsky, James Boyle, Carsten Boeving, Rob Tasic and Darren Griggs (vdo)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Swallow – Av. 8.33. Sharyn Steele, Talis Steele, Tanya Zanders, Carley Young and Shane Sparkes and Mitch McMartin (vdo)  
4<sup>th</sup> Kaos – Av. 7 Paul Algie, Craig Robinson, Phil McComb, Brad Trevena and Michael Collins (vdo)
-  **Relworkers League 2010**  
The League for 2010 is underway. Two Rounds have been completed and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is scheduled for the 27/28 February. Results, Teams and photos can be seen at: <http://jump.relworkers.org/league-2010>

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

-  **IMPORTANT: POSSIBLE INTERRUPTION TO MEMBERS SERVICES THIS WEEKEND**  
The APF National Office is upgrading Servers this weekend and this may result in some loss of services including Member lookup. These potential interruptions will be as brief as possible and we apologise in advance for any angst this may cause.
-  **Cloud Jumping Procedures – APF Authorisations**  
In accordance with CASA instrument [270/09](#), the APF has now issued the following cloud jumping authorisations.  
  
**Skydive Oz.** APF CJPM No 01/2010 for its Moruya, NSW DZ. This authorization commenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.  
  
**Tandem Cairns.** APF CJPM 02/2010 for its Cairns, NQ DZs. This authorization commences on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010. (Note – this is a re-authorization of previously held CJPM APF 02/07)
-  **Pseudoephedrine - banned substance**  
The World Anti-Doping Agency has added pseudoephedrine to the 2010 Prohibited List. From 1st January 2010, pseudoephedrine, above a certain level in a drug testing urine sample, will be banned in-competition. Many medications contain pseudoephedrine - find out if your medications and substances are permitted or prohibited in sport at <https://checksubstances.asada.gov.au> <<https://checksubstances.asada.gov.au/>>.
- **ATTENTION ALL FREEFLY TUTORS & FREEFLY CREST RECIPIENTS – KEEP THOSE CRESTS COMING!**  
The Registry of Crests achieved in Australia over the past 10 years is building. Once we are sure that the majority of recipients of this Crest have contacted us – we will start issuing the Crest and it will appear on the Members card. The reason for the wait – we want to be able to issue the Freefly number as close to the order it was achieved in so as to be as accurate as possible.  
Thanks for your patience – any questions please contact Susan at the National Office.

- **APF Golden Anniversary & Conference 2010 – Get in quick for Early Bird registration!!!**

For registration forms and more information: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/APF\\_Conference](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/APF_Conference)

The organisation of the Golden Anniversary Annual Conference is hotting up! This year is set to be bigger and better than ever. We have secured some major sponsors, excellent exhibitors and some very exciting presenters. Don't forget to get in quick for the early bird discount registration!

- **Date:** Conference 24, 25, 26 May 2010  
Followed by a two day Board Meeting: 27 & 28 May
- **Location:** Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach  
10 minute drive from Sydney airport with glorious views of Botany Bay.
- **Early Bird Registrations:** A discounted rate is available until 29 March 2010. There has been a great deal of interest for this Conference and to avoid disappointment we encourage you not to leave it until the last minute to register or book your accommodation.
- **Awards night** (Tuesday 25) will have a limit to the numbers that we can accommodate and unlike previous years you will NOT BE ABLE TO BOOK ON THE DAY.
- **Agenda & Presenters:** The Agenda is building already with some very exciting presenters planned, both national and international.
- **Exhibitors:** Showcasing skydiving equipment from National and International Manufacturers'  
This will be a very visual, dynamic and exciting Conference celebrating 50 years of the history of the Australian Parachute Federation, from yesteryear until today.



The following generous sponsors have already pledged fantastic prizes for the pool:



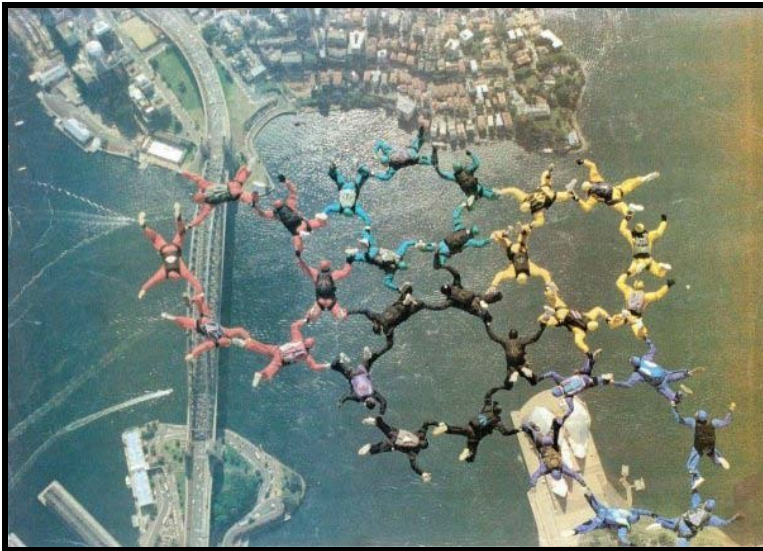
THANK YOU!!

- **Exhibition Space at the Golden Anniversary Annual Conference**  
If your organisation is interested in exhibiting your product or service at this year's Golden Anniversary Annual Conference, please give us a call or drop us an email. Reach exposure to 250 of Australia's most influential skydivers!
- **Photo needed for Golden Anniversary Merchandising**  
We are looking for a spectacular swoop landing photograph! It needs to be sharp, with good contrast, in high resolution and it HAS to include the canopy.  
It will be imposed as an image and logo on APF 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandising.  
If you have any photos that sound like they might fit, and are happy for us to use it, please send them over as soon as possible.
- **Bios Wanted for the APF Golden Anniversary**  
We'd really like to create a bio booklet for the APF 2010 Conference & 50th anniversary celebrations, so if you are planning to attend send us a short bio of yourself with regard to your history with Australian parachuting, including the years you are or were a member and DoB. Your current club maybe - which other DZs you have called your home over the eras. It doesn't matter whether you were a competitor, coach, judge, instructor,

Rigger, ran a DZ, were involved in the development of any aspect of parachuting/equipment in Oz, helped in developing the administration/industry/sport at local, State, National or International level, or were/are a keen participant at any level, etc - YOU are important! Even if you've only just started and are loving it. The bio of your short history is important too! A photo would be great too, your choice. Maybe you might want to provide a "then" and "now" photo.

Send either by email to: [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au) with: "APF 50th Bio - your name" - in the subject line. Include photo/s as a JPG attachment or visit the Conference page for an easy to use [Conference Bio Template!](#)

- **Memorabilia for the APF 50<sup>th</sup>**



*1994 Olympic Rings over Sydney. Photo by Shane Sparks.  
Scanned from Rambling On Issue 100 1994.*

The [Australian Parachute Federation Golden Anniversary](#) group on **Facebook** is growing every day. Members around the country are providing us with a fabulous assortment of photos, scanned images, stories and memoirs and it is fantastic to see everyone supporting this initiative. We now have over 500 members and well over 600 photos and images uploaded. Have you checked it out? Have you added your contribution? .

These images will form the basis of a slideshow and memorabilia display at the [2010 Annual Conference](#) . Alternatively please provide your contributions on disc or via email to [apf@apf.asn.au](mailto:apf@apf.asn.au).

**A different donated photo will be selected EACH APF broadcast leading up to the Conference.**

A big thank you to members both past and present that have already generously supplied us with material – keep it coming!

Make sure you label photos with a year and location and remember to include your sender details so we can contact you for further information or higher resolution images where necessary and available.

- **2010 Sports Development Grant**

The Sport Development Grant is open for Level 1 and Level 2 Sport Development Funding for events planned in 2010. Check out the APF website for criteria and application details. These grants, of up to \$5,000, support events and initiatives that help members DEVELOP further in the sport. Each complete application is assessed against strict criteria, and there is a limited pool of money available. When the money runs out, that's it until the next year. Please don't rush your application. The National Coach and the Funding Committee will not consider incomplete submissions. For more information visit:

[http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Sport\\_Development\\_Funding](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Sport_Development_Funding)

- **APF Awards**

Do you know anyone who should be nominated for an APF Award in its Golden Anniversary year? The Australian Parachute Federation has several 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.

**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 at: <http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Awards> Check out the APF Register of Awards to see previous recipients: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Register\\_of\\_Awards](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Register_of_Awards)

Nominations MUST be received at the APF Office by 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

- **Call for Nominations – the Tim Bates Award – closing 31 March 2010.**  
[The 'Tim Bates Award'](#) – submissions must be received by the 31 March 2010.  
For more information visit: <http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Awards>

## 4. RIGGING ISSUES / SERVICE BULLETINS

*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: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Rigging\\_and\\_Equipment](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Rigging_and_Equipment)*

-  **Rigger Looking for Vigil Info**  
Vigil #4291 has cutter #5172 from PSB-5 installed.  
Vigil2 # 8022 purchased through Downward Trend also falls under PSB-5.  
Can the owners of these units or Packer A's or riggers who come in contact with these Vigils contact Brett Newman at Downward Trend, 0400 011 331.
-  **Reserve Packing Cards**  
Supplies of Reserve Packing cards are available for Packer As and Riggers from the APF office. Please contact Kim Hardwick, the Technical Officer to make request. [technical@apf.asn.au](mailto:technical@apf.asn.au)

O.R. 7.4.1 Each emergency parachute, other than those referred to in 7.4.2, shall be accompanied by a reserve packing card which shows the make, type and serial numbers of the certified parachute parts (harness and reserve or emergency canopy), a record of work done, the signature and identification of the person who performed the work and the date on which the parachute was last certified as airworthy.

O.R. 7.4.3 If an automatic activation device (AAD) is fitted to activate the reserve parachute then the limits of its serviceability shall be recorded on the packing record. This must include Serial No's, make, model, Date of Manufacture, service expiry date and required battery change date as applicable.

**Members: If your packing card is unable to clearly record all of these required details, please ask your packer to provide one.**

- **Airworthiness Directive 2010-009-E Emergency Parachutes Thinback T104 and Slimpack T204**

CASA has included in their list of ADs, an AD from EASA. Date: 20/01/2010

Manufacturer: Fallschirmbau Buchsein/Hermesdorf GbR

Effects: Emergency Parachutes series Thinback T104 and Slimpack T204, serial numbers (s/n) from 41495 to 41776 inclusive. Manufactured between 04 April 2008 and 15 January 2010.

During tensile testing on parachute primary actuation devices the ripcord pins have been found to be insufficiently fixed to the ripcord cable. An internal process review has revealed that the pins installed on the primary actuation device of Emergency Parachutes series Thinback T104 and Slimpack T204, may not have been fixed properly to the ripcord cable.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to the ripcord to be pulled out of the cable end pin and prevent the pilot chute from opening and this prevent the main parachute from being pulled out of its storage pack. For the reason described above, this AD prohibits wearing/operating the parachute unless inspected and reworked by the manufacturer.


From 25 January 2010, do not wear/operate the parachute unless it has been inspected and reworked in accordance with FallSchirmBau Buchsein/Hermesdorf GbR Safety Information Bulletin No. 1/2010.

**Note: The above is an extract only. For more on this bulletin go to:**

EASA [Emergency Airworthiness Directive](#).

Fallschirm Buchesein/Hermesdorf GbR [Manufacturer's Safety Bulletin](#)

## 5. INDUSTRY VACANCIES & GEAR FOR SALE/WANTED

-  **Instructor Wanted.** ID AFF/Tandem handy cam equipped for drop zone in Perth WA. Will help with relocation. Retainer paid. Contact WA Skydiving Academy on 08 9 227 6066 [wasac@iinet.net.au](mailto:wasac@iinet.net.au)
- **For Sale: 4 AADs for Student Rigs.** All are FXC 12000 J Models  
Serial #7214. Due for Calibration 9/2010  
Serial #7315. Due for Calibration 6/2009  
Serial #22225. Due for Calibration 6/2009  
Serial #7316. Due for Calibration 12/2009  
\$200 each. If interested, please call Don on (03) 5794 1466
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand equipment** can be found at: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear\\_for\\_sale](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear_for_sale)
- **Reservations/Dubber/packer vacancies – Redcliffe City Skydiving**  
Mainly weekend work, great location, 30 minutes from Brisbane CBD, have fun while you work!  
Please contact: Alice Scott 0413 470 411 / 1300 788 555 or [alice@skydiveredcliffe.com.au](mailto:alice@skydiveredcliffe.com.au)

## 6. ITEMS OF INTEREST / INSTRUCTOR COURSES / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Newcastle Sport Parachute Club Golden Jubilee Hunter Valley 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010**



*Photo: NSPC at Pokolbin Airfield (Cessnock) in 1961. Piper tracer VH-AUX from Royal Newcastle Aero Club (Rutherford). L-R: Allen Jay, Gary Lovett, Colin Felton (pilot), Don McKern, Harry Pugsley, Iris Wilson, unknown, Andy Keech and Colin King.*

*A reminder to EVERYONE that the NSPC 50th celebration is fast approaching. Below is a brief outline of key points regarding the 50th Gala Dinner to be held at the Crowne Plaza, Pokolbin, Friday 23 April.*

- *Under a month to get your tickets at the Early Bird Price of \$125!!*

*The price of the ticket may seem expensive to some but it includes GREAT food, drinks during the evening, entertainment and helps cover costs of the night. PLUS it's a great excuse to dress up, meet the legends of NSPC and Australian skydiving and learn more about the history of our sport in Australia. THIS IS HISTORY!!!!*

*Book at [www.skydivenewcastle.com](http://www.skydivenewcastle.com) Click on the 50th icon and follow the link.*

*We encourage ALL members, past and present to attend and the general skydiving community is openly invited to come and help us celebrate this milestone event.*

*BOOK NOW as places at the dinner are limited.*

- *Price rise to \$140 from 15 March*
  - *Due to need to finalise catering requirements - NO TICKETS are available on the night*
  - *Group Bookings available*
  - *Many options for accommodation from budget to luxury*
- see [www.huntertourist.com/nspc50th](http://www.huntertourist.com/nspc50th) and go to Accommodation buttons for comparison pricing.*

*The Drop-zone will be closed on Friday the 23rd from 5pm. The Hangar will be locked and no bar will be available at the D.Z. Jumping operations will re-commence on Saturday the 24th at 8.00am*

*• Revisit NSPC history from its origins to today. NSPC founding members were some of the pioneers of sport parachuting in Australia. Many State, National and World Champions have come from our humble drop-zone.*

*The members have been the only thing keeping this club alive for 50 years! Come and support the club. People are coming from around Australia and the World.*

*Most importantly come and have a ball in the Hunter Valley and remember why we all do this amazing sport!! Any enquiries can be sent to Kath at [wildoats67@hotmail.com](mailto:wildoats67@hotmail.com)*

## UPCOMING INSTRUCTOR COURSES

**The following courses are seeking candidates.**

- Ramblers ID - AFF course 10/04/2010 to 17/04/2010 [click here](#)
- Nagambie Instructor D AFF & Tandem Course, 24 April - 2 May 2010 [click here](#)
- Nagambie Instructor B AFF & Tandem Course, 10 - 14 May 2010 [click here](#)
- Ramblers ID - Tandem course 03/05/2010 to 07/05/2010 [click here](#)

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- **NEW Wanted: teams interested in sharing an international Coach with FS 4-way 'Team Black' - Nagambie.**  
Team Black will be training at Nagambie from 20 - 28 Feb. For the mid week period 22 - 26 Feb. Skydive Nagambie are offering \$30 slots for everyone who wants to come along and jump with us. An international coach will also be on site so if any teams are interested in training and sharing a coach lets us know. Contact Craig Vaughan for info. [craig.vaughan@bigpond.com](mailto:craig.vaughan@bigpond.com) 0419 540 204
  - **NEW 50 Year Old Parachute Altitude Record to be Challenged**  
After nearly 50 years, the days may be numbered for United States Air Force Colonel (Ret.) Joseph Kittinger's record 102,800-ft parachute jump from a balloon. Extreme sportsman Felix Baumgartner, of Austria, announced late last week he will try to break Kittinger's all-time record jump by skydiving from a balloon from an altitude of at least 120,000 ft. What's more, it's likely that during his five-minute freefall Baumgartner will become the first person to exceed the speed of sound with his own body.  
[For more click here](#)
  - **NEW FAI Ratifies Class G (Parachuting) World record**  
Claim number: 15627  
Sub-class: G-2 (Group jumps)  
Category: General  
Group: Competition / Team records  
Type of record: G-2-c2 : Formation Skydiving, longest sequence (4-Way) Course/location : Rosharon, TX (USA)  
Performance: 45 formations  
Team: Spaceland Force XP  
  
Members: Gary BEYER (USA), Christopher Ian BOBO (USA), Eric BOYD (USA), Thomas HUGHES (USA), Shannon PILCHER (USA)  
Date: 14.10.2009  
Previous record : 44 formations (16.08.2006 - Black Cat Team as well as Russian Team Extreme, both Russia)  
FAI congratulates the Parachutists on this splendid achievement.

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**The following State & National events AND MORE (including club events, boogies and Instructor courses) can be found in detail at: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Calendar\\_of\\_Events](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Calendar_of_Events)**

- **National Championships Canopy Piloting, 17 – 21 February 2010**  
**Location:** Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

- **Relworkers League. Grand Final Round 3: 27-28 January 2010**  
**Location:** Skydive Nagambie, Vic. Note: All team must complete this round at Skydive Nagambie.
- **NSW Parachute Council Meeting. 16/02/2010 11:00am**  
**Location:** Bass Hill RSL. 330 Hector St Bass Hill.
- **National Championships Formation Skydiving & Artistics, 13 – 20 March 2010**  
**Location:** Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW
- **National Championships 10 Way Speed, 16 Way FS , 2-5 April 2010**  
**Location:** Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW
- **Newcastle Sport Parachute Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010**  
**Location:** Elderslie DZ, NSW. Formal Dinner & party Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> April – [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), Cessnock.

*See you in Queensland - from 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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