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1. NATIONAL OFFICE POSITIONS VACANT

Positions Vacant

The National Office of the Australian Parachute Federation is relocating to Brisbane by the end of January 2010 with new premises now secured at Springwood. A number of the existing staff will be moving with the National Office however some positions will become vacant. The relocation also allows for expansion of current National Office Staff to include the new positions of Operations Officer, National Development Officer/National Coach and Manager Training, giving a total of five full time vacancies to fill.

Four Managerial Roles are vacant and the successful applicants for all four of these roles will need to possess the following qualities:

- Demonstrated leadership and vision in managing staff and projects/initiatives.
- Excels at operating in a fast paced, team environment
- Excellent people manager, open to direction and +Collaborative work style and commitment to getting the job done
- Excellent computer skills with experience in MS Excel, Word, Access and Outlook,
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a collaborative management style.
- A demonstrated commitment to high professional ethical standards and a diverse workplace
- Ability to challenge and debate issues of importance to the organization.
- Ability to look at situations from several points of view
- Delegate responsibilities effectively
- High comfort level working in a diverse environment
- Knowledge of compliance implications of non-profit organizations would be a bonus

Operations Officer

The Operations Manager's primary responsibility is ensuring organizational effectiveness by development and implementation of Operational and Organizational strategies, policies and practices for the improvement of Safety and Training within the sport of Parachuting and the APF. This position will also interact with the Technical Directors and the Board of Directors.

Prior qualifications:

- As generalized above and –
- Aviation experience will be a bonus
- Hands on experience at an operational level with an APF Club and an APF Instructional background with a minimum of an Instructor B Rating.
- Knowledge and experience in organizational effectiveness and operations management implementing best practices.

Manager Training

The Manager Trainer will be responsible for all matters pertaining to Instructors and Ratings, Membership services and the ongoing development of related processes, programs and publications. This position will also interact with the Technical Directors and the Board of Directors.

Prior qualifications:

- As generalised above and –
- Minimum Instructor B Rating with a strong Instructional background – preferably experience as an APF Course Trainer

National Development Officer & National Coach

The person in this position will be responsible for all matters pertaining to the development of the Sport of Skydiving and the APF including organization of the Annual Conference, Marketing and Promotions, Development Programs, Competition's, Sponsorship, Grants and Funding and the ongoing development of related Publications. The National Development Officer will also assume the title and duties of the National Coach including management of the Australian Parachute Team. This position will also interact with the Technical Directors and the Board of Directors.

Prior qualifications:

- As generalised above and –
 - A Marketing / Promotional / Sport Development background
 - Skydiving background preferred but not essential
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Officer Manager

The Officer Managers portfolio encompasses a broad spectrum of responsibilities including the control and general management of all activities of the National Office, development and management of administrative systems and processes, office personnel and suppliers as well as performing the duties of Secretary to the CEO. This position will also interact with the Technical Directors and the Board of Directors.

Prior qualifications:

- As generalised above and -
- Previous experience in Office Management or senior Receptionist roles

Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for a wide variety of Administrative duties ranging from reception duties to data entry as well as providing administrative support to all members of the National Office team.

Prior qualifications:

- Previous experience in an Administrative role
- Excellent computer skills with experience in Microsoft Office Suite 2007, including Advanced Word & Adobe, Intermediate Excel, PowerPoint & Outlook
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written
- Excellent organizational skills with exemplary attention to detail
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- A can do attitude and a willingness to learn
- High comfort level working in a diverse environment

Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume along with a covering letter VIA EMAIL to jobs@apf.asn.au

2. WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO

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

• New Oz Youngest Female Skydiver – APF Notable Event



Elise Brown, 9 year old daughter of Sydney Skydivers instructor Russell Brown, jumps into the Oz record books as the youngest female. She made the jump on the 19th December 2009 with TM Cindi Hemmila and her Dad, with Jimmy Smith on outside camera. The jump generated plenty of positive publicity and Elise was shown to be quite eloquent in both her understanding and enjoyment of the skydive.

Congratulations to all involved. For a look at some of the clips, check out: CH9 news [Click here](#), CH7 news [Click here](#) and Sunrise TV on 7 [Click here](#) who were making live crosses every 30 minutes on the morning of the jump.

Note: The youngest Australian female skydiver previous to the introduction of the CASA Instrument 380/08 which allows the APF to authorise a waiver for Op. Reg 2.3 was held by Jasmine Craufurd-Hill who made her first tandem jump on her 14th birthday in February 1997. She went onto gain her first APF Licence in 1999 and now has ~1000 skydives.

The previous youngest female jump made under waiver to O.R. 2.3 was 10 year old Maddison Cross in 2008, daughter of Don and Louise.

- **Mass Balloon Simultaneous Exit – New Oz notable event record**



Photo by Ossie Khan

On Thursday January the 7th 2010 at 6.45am, 22 skydivers from the Melbourne Skydive Centre joined with Go Wild Ballooning and set a new mass simultaneous exit record from a hot air balloon over the Yarra Valley.

The previous Australian record was 9 skydivers was set in January 2000. They climbed to 10,500 feet and lowered the balloon at fast rate to 7100 feet where the 22 jumpers exited at the same time. They are waiting on the verification by the Guinness Book of Records, to verify the World record, which currently stands at 20.

The team from Melbourne Skydive Centre and Go Wild Ballooning:

Paul Murphy, Dan Barker, Kerry Lewis, Stephanie Chin, Gints Leja, Chris Barnett, Ben Lappin, Alex Mitrjaikin, Will McMahon, Tania Cale, Jill Grantham, Steve Baich, Rima El-masri, Brad Patfield, Mark Fraser, Sam Parker, Matthew Cleave, Sven Peter, Alex Skala, Nir Davidson and Ossie Khan - LDO/Organiser.

Pilot 1: Chris Duehurst – Go Wild Ballooning

3. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- **Access restrictions at Skydive Express**

The following is an extract from a communication from Skydive Express proprietor John Seman to the APF President which Mr Seman has asked that people be made aware of the following conditions of entry - *“For future reference and if you (or other APF ‘officials’) were considering attending the ‘drop zone’ know as Skydive Express, 3451 Spencers Brook Road York or 353 Oxford Street Leederville, be advised you will require my written authority to enter any of these properties. If you consider you have a legal right for entry, please advise me via email the basis of your claim a minimum of 10 days before any access is requested. Without my written authority, access to these properties by any APF employee, Board Member, Office Bearer, Appointment holder or Technical Director (whatever their capacity) will be taken as an act of trespass. (The current WA APF Board Member has authority to enter these properties).”*

- **ATTENTION ALL FREEFLY TUTORS & FREEFLY CREST RECIPIENTS – new processes in place!**

The Freefly Crest has now been added to the APF Database and has also been included on our Crest application Forms. The practice of the Freefly Tutor issuing a card to the recipients of the Crest with no central registry being kept, is now discontinued.

All existing Crest recipients are welcome to contact us at the APF Office (Preferably via email to apf@apf.asn.au) and we will issue you this Crest automatically.

All new applicants will need to apply through the normal process of downloading the [Crest application Form](#) and meeting the requirements as outlined on that Form.

The cost of the Crest from this point forward is at the usual rate of \$25 and will now be noted on membership cards along with all other achievements. Any questions please contact Susan at the Office.

- **APF Golden Anniversary 2010 – ARE YOU COMING?**

The [Australian Parachute Federation Golden Anniversary](#) group we started recently 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 almost 500 members and some 450 plus 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](#) to be held in May 2010 at Novotel Brighton Beach Sydney. Alternatively please provide your contributions on disc or via email to apf@apf.asn.au.

A different photo will be selected EACH APF broadcast.

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 and include your sender details so we can contact you for further information or higher resolution images where necessary and available.

The FB site also links to the APF Golden Anniversary – 50th Celebration/Awards Night event page. Already more than 75 people have indicated they intend to attend this event and another 120+ might – and that's ONLY FB members!



- **2010 Sports Development Grants - open now!**

The APF is pleased to announce that the application process is now officially "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

- **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

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

- **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 died from the effects of Diabetes in 2005. His family wished the Award to embrace the attributes that Tim brought to the Skydiving Sport. 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

- **Strong Enterprises files for a Chapter 11 in the USA**

Strong Enterprises has filed for Chapter 11 in the USA which is the same as voluntary administration in Australia. Business is to continue as usual as Strong Enterprises deals with a substantial insurance claim.

“This is for our rebuilding process due to a lawsuit. We are still in business and are not going anywhere. We are still selling and servicing our product line and supporting all of our customers and dealers. Nothing has changed. We thank all for their continued support and concerns.” John Makoski, SE Sales Marketing Manager.

- **Parachute Packers – Gliding Federation of Australia Associate Membership**

All APF Packer A's & Riggers have been previously advised that the APF liability policy will not provide cover for activities other than those 'relating to the business and administration of parachuting' and therefore does not give protection to the packer (and the club, council, APF) for other activities. Specifically packing and maintaining parachutes for glider and/or aerobatic pilots.

The Gliding Federation of Australia considered solutions to this situation for APF packers of member's emergency rigs, but decided that GFA membership was the best way of covering packer liability under their liability policy.

It should be remembered that the APF liability policy will cover members only where the packing/rigging relates to "the business and administration of parachuting"

The Gliding Federation of Australia now offers, GFA Associate Membership, to financial members of the Australian Parachute Federation. Insurance cover will be provided under the GFA BBL and Contingent Liability policy, once the applicants name has been listed on these policies.

Packers and Riggers that maintain glider rigs are therefore urged to make their own GFA membership enquiries.

For more information and membership Form – [Click here](#)

5. INDUSTRY VACANCIES & GEAR FOR SALE/WANTED

- **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

- **2nd Hand equipment** can be found at: http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear_for_sale

6. ITEMS OF INTEREST / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wanted – FS teams interested in sharing an International Coach with Oz 4-way Champs ‘Rotor Out’**
Current Australian Champion & Australian Record Holders FS 4-way team ‘Rotor Out’ is looking to train 10-13 Feb 2010 (Wed to Sat) at Picton DZ in NSW. If you are interested in sharing a coach (either from the US or France – as yet unconfirmed) and aircraft on those days please let Darren know.
The good AUD rate against the US means it will be as cheap as it will ever get.
The team is looking to make 10-12 jumps per day.
Contact Darren Pearson to make enquires on darren.pearson@11e7.com or 0412 549 696.
- **NSW Parachute Council Instructor rebate**
NSW Council is now offering a rebate of \$200.00 for any new Instructor Rating gained by a NSW Instructor. Any skydiver who gains an ID rating or upgrades to an IB or IA is eligible to claim the rebate. This only applies to ratings and not endorsements, so an ID Tandem who subsequently became AFF as well would not be eligible for example. Any rating gained after 11th August 2009 is eligible. Please send a copy of your rating to the IPC jaeger@shoalhaven.net.au with your name and postal address for claims.
- **Airspeed Free Camps!**
Camp Dates: January 23rd - 24th and July 3rd-4th
Bring your 4-way team to Skydive Arizona and World Champion 4-way FS Team Arizona Airspeed will provide free ground coaching to your team.
Advice and coaching on block technique, team dynamics, training methods, debrief methods and communication, are just some of the things that Airspeed has to offer your team.
Airspeed is the best in the world because of how they train. During these camps you can learn from them for FREE!
Start Time: 8:00am Saturday morning
Contact: please email or contact Eliana if you have any questions. elianaskychic@yahoo.com
- **Registration for March Airspeed 4-way Skills Camp is open.**
Airspeed is extremely pleased to announce the dates for the famous Airspeed 4 Way Skills Camp:
March 2 - 6th 2010
They have been running these camps for many years and the use of the tunnel in the Skills Camps have elevated the experience of campers. By the end of this intensive, challenging but enjoyable camp, your skydiving will have improved exponentially. Your future jumps will demonstrate the 4 Way skills that you can only learn from a World Champion.
For more details check out their [web site here](#) or email [Todd by clicking here](#). Subscribe to the Airspeed Mailing List – [Click Here](#)

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

- **Relworkers League. Round 1: 16-17 January 2010**
Location: Skydive Nagambie, Vic (Interstate teams can complete rounds at their own DZ and send video to Vic judges for result)
- **Vic/Tas State Meet 23-24 January 2010**
Location: Skydive Nagambie. FS 8-way Open & Inter, 4-way Open & Inter, CF Rotations & 2-way Seq, Free Fly Inter & Open.
- **International Parachuting Commission Meeting, 26 – 31 January 2010** **Location:** Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Skydivers Golden Anniversary Countdown Party, Thursday 4th February 2010**
Location: Ross Gregory Oval and clubrooms, Albert Park (100 slots only). In preparation for the 2011 celebrations.

- **ASIANIA FAI Judge Training Course, 4 – 18 February 2010**
Location: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- **Relworkers League. Round 2: 6-7 February 2010**
Location: Skydive Nagambie, Vic (Interstate can complete rounds at their own DZ and send video to Vic judges for result)
- **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 Namgambie.
- **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 50th Anniversary Celebration. 21st – 26th April 2010**
Location: Elderslie DZ, NSW. Formal Dinner & party Fri 23rd April – [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), Cessnock.

Enjoy the Lobs - from all of us at the National Office!

For more information, comments or suggestions please email apf@apf.asn.au

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