

Australian Parachute Federation Annual Conference - 23, 24, 25 May 2011 Cairns, North Queensland!



Conference Theme – *Minimize Risk, Maximize Opportunity into the future!*

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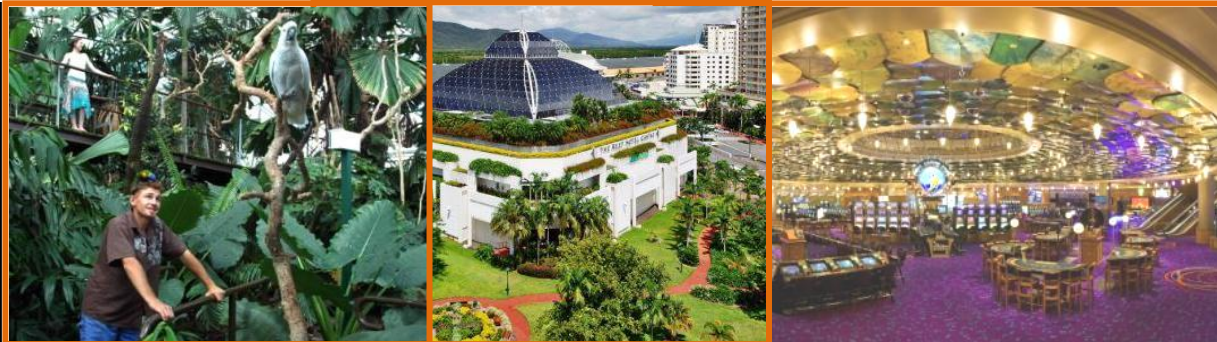


Why attend?

Over recent years the APF Conference has undergone a complete overhaul to become a highly professional, world class event offering quality presentations on relevant topics ensuring 'world best practices' are shared, with 'hands on' workshops covering technical, safety, instructional & sport development issues as well as short courses in goal setting and operational risk management, with content of interest to EVERY EXPERIENCE LEVEL! Attendance figures have improved over 200% since 2008! This is YOUR CONFERENCE and your opportunity to have a say and make a difference, we urge you to visit <http://conference.apf.asn.au/> and register today!



The Venue - Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, Cairns



Nestled alongside Trinity Inlet, the five stars Pullman Reef Hotel Casino is tropical North Queensland's most prestigious hotel. Complete with a Wildlife Dome on the roof and a Casino in reception, the spacious rooms and superior features of the Pullman will ensure a memorable stay. Each room has its own spa bath and private garden balcony overlooking the city or water views. Hotel facilities include a rooftop swimming pool, sauna and a gymnasium. For more information check out the website: <http://www.reefcasino.com.au/>



The Agenda

A Draft Agenda has now been posted onto the [Conference Website](#) for your information, check it out – it has an impressive line up of presenters and speakers, covering a wide range of informative, relevant topics, of interest to all experience levels.



Presenters include.....

Norman Kent

Norman is one of the world's most renowned skydive photographers! Norman made his first skydive when he was 19 years old and it changed his life forever. Upon landing, he told his friends he would be jumping for the rest of his life. Skydiving became a place where he could merge his passions for adventure and photography. He started jumping with a still camera on his 27th jump. Norman has accumulated over 19,000 jumps, most of which have been with his camera helmet. Norman's love of photography has led him to share his knowledge with others - how fortunate for us!



Jay Stokes

Jay is the USPA President and holds the World Record for the most skydives (600) in 24 hours! His first jump was made in August 1974 and started a 37 year skydiving career which makes for an impressive CV of achievements. He has served 24 years in the U. S. Army Special Forces "Green Berets" (1974-1998) retiring honourably as a Chief Warrant Officer Four (February 1998). His extensive experience coupled with his training and certification courses within military and civilian sectors have taken him all around the world – a man in high demand!



Jim Cowan

Jim is the General Manager of the Tactical Training Facility for Complete Parachute Solutions (CPS) and a recent Presenter at the recent PIA Symposium 2011. CPS is a predominantly military based company that has combined the resources of three of the industry leaders (Performance Designs, Sun Path and United Parachute Technologies) to successfully provide a seamless interface with the individual operator and the military market at large. Jim will be presenting a number of topics including unusual canopy emergency procedures, dual deployments and collisions and entanglements.



Dale Elliott

Dale is Australia's first and only paraplegic skydiver and was the second person in the world to skydive solo as a paraplegic. He is planning to be the first paraplegic in the world to skydive in a wingsuit. Dale has written a book, 'Can't Walk, Can Fly' which is Dale's story about how he adapted to his new situation, believed in his ability to succeed and achieved things he never thought possible. This is one of those books that you will pass onto others.



Dale is a motivational/inspirational speaker at an International level having spoken at events with audiences of over 10,000 people. He received a 2010 Citizen of the Year Award and is an award winning comedian and professional speaker. In 2010 Dale was awarded the Citizen of the Year for his council area recognizing his community efforts and fundraising results. Dale calls his wheelchair "My mobile launchpad!", and looks forward to addressing this year's APF conference.

Greg Jack

Greg Jack comes back to Conference this year with the Australian Record Big Way Record Wrap- up to present. Greg was instrumental in developing and organising the attempts done in Perris last year which culminated in 3 consecutive records being smashed out! A current serving soldier with approx 10,000 jumps; he is the only Military Tethered Bundle Instructor in the Australian Defence Force. Having done 4300+ tandems he will also be presenting us with the 19 Commandments of Tandem Operations! Not to be missed – he's a highly trained warrior....



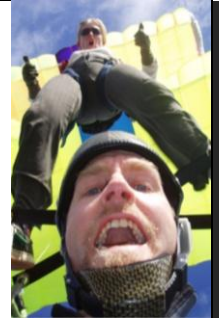
Paul Chivers

Paul Chivers is **Executive Director Client Projects, Aerosafe Risk Management** and has over 13 years experience in developing, implementing and introducing risk management frameworks, programs and systems. He has worked in a range of industries internationally which include event management, TV and film, aviation - rotor & fixed wing both commercial and private, education sector, healthcare, and defence. Paul's unique knowledge of risk practice has allowed him to become a sought after facilitator with specialist expertise in team dynamics, organizational behaviour and psychology. Paul is considered a risk process expert in his field of knowledge.



Michael Vaughan

15 years in the sport and 8000+ jumps! First Skydive - Sydney Skydivers, 1995. Michael holds RW Tutor, Packer A, Display B, Canopy & RW Coach. Australian 8 Way Formation Skydiving Team 2004/6 Australian Canopy Piloting Team 2004/5/6/7/8/9/10 Australian Canopy Formation team 2008/9/10. 81 Way Formation Skydiving Australian Record 400 Way Formation Skydiving World Record. 36 Way Canopy Formation Australian Record, 100 Way Canopy Formation World Record. If it involves jumping out of a plane I will give it a go: rw, freeflying, birdman, CF, style, accuracy, swooping, Mr bills, skysurfing, intentional cutaways, demos, test pilot.



Watch this space over the next few weeks, as we add to our growing list of presenters for the 2011 event!



The Prize Pool!

Our Prize Pool continues to grow with many thanks to our very generous sponsors, whose fantastic support is so greatly appreciated. All conference delegates have multiple opportunities to share in the prize draw, which will take place at the Tuesday night Awards Event. Your lucky number is your conference registration number which will be provided to you upon 'check-in' on the day.



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★ **The Awards Night!**



Awards Night: 24th May. An opportunity to recognise our champions and award recipients at a fantastic Poolside Buffet under the stars with entry via the Pullmans Wildlife Dome which is full of animals, birds, snakes and crocodiles! And it's all on the roof of the Hotel in a giant glass dome. The theme for the night is 'Animal Instincts!' so knock yourselves out with the fancy dress - we have a few prizes in store!!

Acknowledgments and thanks must go to Insuranet once again, for their very generous contribution to the Awards night event. Thankyou!

★ **Monday Night Happy Hour**

Wrap up day one by catching up over drinks at happy hour prices, in the Exhibitors Trade Display area. Happy Hour runs from 6.00 – 7.00 and is proudly sponsored by Insuranet and the APF.

★ **Exhibitor's Trade area**

The Exhibitor Trade area is now in its third year, with products and services produced by Skydivers, for Skydivers! If you are interested in a booth at this event, contact us at the National Office ASAP – space is still available.

★ **Annual General Meeting**

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the upcoming APF Conference. The date for this meeting is Wednesday 25 May 2011.

A written notification will be forwarded to all APF clubs with meeting times and agenda items. This will be distributed at least 28 days before the meeting and the details will be included in future broadcasts.

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