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Australian Parachute Federation News Broadcast

11th November, 2010

Dear Emma,

Welcome to the new format of the APF News Broadcast!! We are constantly aiming to improve services to our members, and this includes the ease with which we convey information to you.

Does it work for you? Your feedback on the new format is welcome!

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Administration

Member Survey

The APF member survey has been extended for another 2 weeks, so YOU can complete the survey!

We need your opinion - how could things be done better? What do you think we are we doing well? Do you have an idea as to why participation at the Nationals is declining?

Come on, HAVE YOUR SAY!! [Click here for the survey](#)

Go in the draw to win 1 years free APF membership!!

What our members are up to

Relworkers League Round 1 - Report by Scott Clark

Round 1 of the Relworkers Unlimited Skydiving League was run at Skydive Nagambie on Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 October 2010. The weather was against us from the start but we had a great turnout of 4 Inter teams and 2 Open teams all ready for some hot 4 way jumps. Meet Director Sas got everyone fired up at the competitors meeting and we were soon on the creepers and mock ups. Before we knew it the first load was called and away we went.

The vibe was cruisy and everyone was checking out the competition videos to see which team was performing and who was struggling. All of the experienced jumpers were helping with advice and debriefs. Unfortunately, we had to hold the competition after the second round of jumps were completed due to weather. It didn't take long for the bar to open and the day tape rolled, although everyone was

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wondering how long they would last as it was only 2pm !!! Rest assured some of them were still going at midnight.

Sunday dawned and it was no better after a long night of wind and rain. The Round was called off at around 10am and everyone headed off. Huge thanks to whole gang at Skydive Nagambie, to Jenni, our fantastice Judge, and all of the competitors for making a great effort in trying conditions. The next Round will be at Commando Skydivers, Tooradin on Saturday 11 December 2011, see ya there.

What are you up to? Email in a short report with photos and we will feature it in an upcoming APF news broadcast!

Media Watch



[Feature write up on Jane Mattingley](#)

[Christine Farrell - adventurous quadriplegic - takes the plunge in Coffs](#)

[A news feature on Christine's accomplishment](#)

Email your media articles in, and check out the Media Archive on the APF website [click here](#)

Technicals, Safety and Rigging

Airtec Safety Systems

Rigging Safety Notice October 29, 2010

Notification to all skydivers, parachute riggers and rig manufacturers: In order for CYPRES to do its intended job of cutting the reserve closing loop at the proper time, it is necessary that the CYPRES closing loop be routed through the CYPRES cutter.

It might seem obvious that IF THE LOOP DOES NOT PASS THROUGH THE HOLE in the cutter, that the LOOP CAN NOT BE CUT. However, we request that riggers always take care that this essential detail is checked, then double-checked when closing the reserve container. For further information, see the CYPRES User's Guide, CYPRES Packer's Check-list, and CYPRES Rigger's Guide to Installation, which can be found at www.cypres.cc

Please feel free to contact Airtec or SSK any time there are any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
Helmut Cloth

NZ Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC)

[Interim Factual Report 10-009](#) Walter Fletcher FU24, ZK-EUF, loss of control on take-off, Fox Glacier, South Westland, 4 September 2010

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](#)

Industry Vacancies & Gear for Sale/Wanted

TM's, Pilots, Admin, Packers, Dubbers and Drivers wanted

"Skydive the Beach" requires staff for a proposed St Kilda based skydiving operation. We require the following professional individuals. pilots, packers, IB HC Sigma rated TM's, drivers, dubbers and admin staff.

Please call Tim on 0418 512 634

Packers, Dubbers and TM's wanted

The Newcastle Sports Parachute Club requires the services of packers, dubbers and sigma rated tandem masters with their own hand cam equipment. You will be well presented, professional and be available on weekends.

Please call Tim on 0418 512 634

DZ Operator/CI wanted

An attempt to restart jumping in Wickham WA is being orchestrated by Terry 'Gonzo' Flannigan - anybody interested in operating would be welcome. The local skydivers currently have no aircraft, tandem rig or CI. There is an air-conditioned 2 bedroom accommodation available, 2 student rigs, a hanger and clubhouse at the Wickham airport.

Contact Gonzo 0418 937 680 or gonz001@bigpond.com

Position Vacant:

Full time AFF Tandem instructor wanted for Skydive Jurien Bay. Top conditions and remuneration are offered. The applicant will need to have a high level of professionalism. Minimum requirements: 1000 jumps total, 500 tandem jumps, AFF instructor endorsement, Handicam with CX 100 or similar plus GoPro, Packer A an advantage. The company is predominantly Tandem oriented however there is some seasonal AFF.

Contact Pete: 0417 1800 64 or www.skydivejurienbay.com

Tandem Canopies for Sale

Two Sigma 340 main canopies. They have only 70 jumps on each of them and are in pristine condition, now packaged and ready to be posted. \$3750AUD each. Please email for further photos or enquiries. Contact Leigh Ainsworth at operations@skydivefranz.co.nz

Aircraft for Sale: AUD \$80,000

neg + GST

VH-PQO. Cessna 182H dom 1965.

Category Charter. TTIS 7322.

New engine (TSO100 hrs). Fully set up for para ops.

Seats spats etc all complete. Long range fuel tanks, useable fuel 330lts.

Always hangared. Original paint.

Contact Greg or Elaine at Skydive

Temora on sales@skydivetemora.com.au or 02 6978 0137

**More photos at APF web site classifieds**

More 2nd Hand Equipment including sports rigs can be found at: [Gear for sale](#)

Calendar of Events

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 But first, please open up a [Calendar Event](#) to look at samples for minimum information required. The following National and State events AND

MORE (including club events, boogies and instructor courses) can be found at: [Calendar of Events](#).

Mid year APF Board Meeting, 18th - 19th November

Australian National 10-way and 16-way Championships,
29th - 31st December

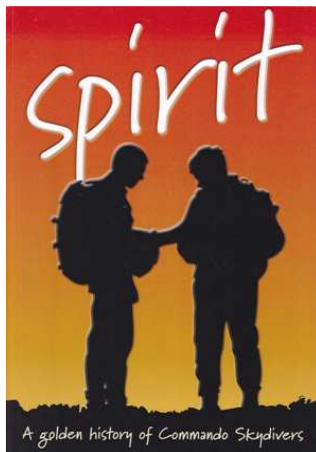
Victoria/Tasmania State Championships, 22nd - 23rd
January 2011

Australian National Canopy Piloting Championships,
16th - 20th February 2011

Australian National FS, VFS, CF and Artistic Championships, 12th - 21st March 2011

APF Annual Conference, 23rd - 25th May 2011

SPiRiT - A golden history of Commando Skydivers



It traces the earliest days of parachuting in Victoria through to the launch of the 2 Commando Company Skydivers in 1961 and the club's five exciting decades since then. Numerous members, past and present, have shared their stories of achievement, adventure or just simple laughs on the DZ. There are also recollections of lost friends and lessons learned.

Photographers were happy to share their pics over the decades free of charge, to help promote understanding of our history. We received some financial assistance from the APF and the Vic-Tas Parachute Council. Thanks to all of this,

and fundraising efforts at our DZ, we're able to produce a quality product at a cost of \$30 per copy (Plus \$8 postage within Australia.)

50 years of skydiving stories for less than the cost of a jump ticket!

For order and payment details, please email:
kerplunk1967@hotmail.com

Have a fantastic weekend!

Sincerely,

The Australian Parachute Federation Team

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

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