

# Out of the Blue

Waikerie Gliding Club Newsletter

APRIL 2007

## Waikerie Gliding Club

### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**When:**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007, at 1400 Hrs.**

**Where:**

**Waikerie Aerodrome, in the Clubrooms.**

Waikerie Gliding Club AGM call for nominations

We encourage all members to attend this important Club event.

The AGM provides an opportunity for members to make a contribution to the running of the Club. Members are also actively encouraged to consider the make-up of the Committee.

All members past and present including partners and friends are invited to the AGM, it is also our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We are planning to fly during the day until 1400 then hold the AGM in the clubrooms, followed by more flying with pre 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary diner nibbles around the bar. Dinner will be served around 1900.

Book your accommodation if your planning to stay and come along prepared to meet old friends and party. Let us know if you require linen, pillows etc.

## DIARY DATES

**Annual General Meeting** Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May (2pm) 2007

**Next Committee Meeting** May 2007

**Member's Flying Days** 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007

**Public Hol's L/Weekends** Check WGC web page

**Nominations must be called for by the Secretary, at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting** and will require the signature of the proposer and seconder plus the signature of the person being nominated.

Nomination form attached to this mail out.

### CURRENT COMMITTEE 2006 – 2007

	Name	Term Ends	Available for Re-election
<b>President:</b>	John Hudson	2007	Yes
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter Robinson	2007	Yes
<b>Secretary</b>	Graham Francis	2007	No
<b>Treasurer</b>	Craig Vinall	2007	Yes

### Committee members serve on a two term rotation

1	Peter Page	Retires 2008	Yes
2	Allen Hudson	Retires 2008	Yes
3	Greg Jackson	Retires 2007	Yes
4	Pete Paine	Retires 2007	Yes
5.	Stuart Skevington	Retires 2007	No

SAGA Rep Craig Vinall  
'Out of the Blue' News Letter Editor Greg Jackson

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 07 is a flying day, consider doing some flying before or after the meeting and stay for the evening activities.

Accommodation :- For full flying members it is a requirement to bring your own bedding, pillow and linen. If you wish to use the clubs bedding standard room rates apply. Accom info on Web page is not current.

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## Waikerie Operations

*"Club format" TIMELY REMINDER*

### **Glider Maintenance Release**

At the conclusion of each days flying, it is necessary to update each 'Glider Maintenance Release' to reflect the flying which has been undertaken during the day. This should be done by the last person to fly the glider on the particular day.

The information required:

- a) Flight time, this day.
- b) Number of landings, this day, information obtained from the DAILY FLIGHT SHEETS.

As the **Maintenance Release** is a legal document, please ensure all entries are accurate, neat and tidy. If you have any questions, please refer them to the Duty Instructor.

The **Maintenance Release** should be stored with the respective glider radio battery in the Briefing Room when flying is completed.

### **Jobs to be done**

There are a large number of jobs to be done around the Clubs facilities to ensure the facilities are retained (and maintained) in good condition. There are too many jobs too list here, but they range from mowing the glider pads, maintaining the Clubhouse and surrounds, mowing, watering, cleaning the facilities (Clubhouse, accommodation facilities, toilets, members kitchen, office, Briefing Room etc) to painting, cleaning windows, maintaining lighting, etc.

***Each member should aim prior to flying each day to spend a few hours out on the airfield pulling up and digging up by the roots as much of the caltrop as possible, Placing the weed with as many of the tyre piercing thorns into large bins.***

If you see anything that is in need of some TLC, if you are able to do the job, you are encouraged to do it.

### **Cleaning / Wiping down aircraft**

It has been common practice in the past to wipe down each glider at the end of the days flying. This should be done by the last pilot to fly the glider on the respective day.

The main purpose in the wipe-down is to remove insect and other debris which has accumulated during the days flying activities, before this debris dries and becomes hard and stubborn.

It is preferred that this practice continue. All pilots are encouraged to assist in wiping down the aircraft (ie gliders **and don't forget the tug**) at the end of the days activities, even if the glider has only had one flight the tug has been plowing through the bugs on every launch.

### **Club Facilities Security**

It is now vital that members secure the Club's premises when you depart. If you are the last to leave, please check that all doors, windows etc are secure and lights, hot water heaters and air-conditioners etc are turned off. Please follow the end of day closure list

### **Accommodation, Hot Water etc**

The Club has good accommodation facilities available. Members are required to provide their own LINEN (sheets pillow sleeping bag/blankets) to avoid the need for laundry and house keeping duties. Again, if you use these facilities (accommodation, toilets showers, members kitchen, Clubhouse, please consider other members and leave these facilities in a clean and tidy condition.

If the hot water is turned on, please remember to turn it off (or arrange for it to be turned off) to avoid unnecessary power costs.

**President: John Hudson**

### **TROPHIES**

Due to some fantastic work by Ann Wolf we have been able to include on our web site two very comprehensive lists of trophies available for glider pilots. See the Excel worksheets under club documents.

*Waikerie Gliding Club Trophies  
Trophy winners GFA, States.*

The Waikerie gliding club and each of the States including the GFA have a huge list of trophies up for grabs each year. Keith Willis is currently the SA state trophy custodian. Keith's job will be to ensure that when a state trophy is awarded that the location is known and to ensure a safe return of the trophies. This will ensure that they can be passed onto the next winner. (recently a trophy was won, winner given a picture of the trophy).

Contact the club

**Link to 'Operations' section of our web page**

We have a new shorter web page address:

[Hwww.waikeriegliding.com](http://www.waikeriegliding.com)

[Hwww.waikeriegliding.com/docs](http://www.waikeriegliding.com/docs) where standard operating procedures and other interesting club documentation reside. Check the constitution.

[Hwww.waikeriegliding.com/roster](http://www.waikeriegliding.com/roster)

Check this out to see who is on the instructing & towing roster.

Waikerie Gliding Club announcements list  
[wgcannounce@lists.riverland.net.au](mailto:wgcannounce@lists.riverland.net.au)

Subscribe to announce lists and get the most up to date information on what is happening around the club.

*To subscribe, email:*

[wgcannounce-subscribe@lists.riverland.net.au](mailto:wgcannounce-subscribe@lists.riverland.net.au)

*To unsubscribe, email:*

[wgcannounce-unsubscribe@lists.riverland.net.au](mailto:wgcannounce-unsubscribe@lists.riverland.net.au)

For more info,

[Hhttp://www.waikeriegliding.com/contact.htm](http://www.waikeriegliding.com/contact.htm)

### **WORKING BEE**

The club plans to hold a working bee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. A list of job have been posted on the notice board in the briefing room and will be circulated in the next Newsletter

### **Caltrop**

This insidious weed has taken over the aerodrome – all earlier attempts this year to spray it have failed – Our only option now is to pull each plant up by the roots and dispose of the plant with as many of the thorn pods attached.

**SEND YOU'RE 'OUT OF THE BLUE' NEWS ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST OR ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOPICS TO:**

**[gjack@tpg.com.au](mailto:gjack@tpg.com.au)**

Call for nominations

***The Committee of the Waikerie Gliding Club; have called for nominations to fill the following positions.***

***President***

***Vice President***

***Treasurer***

***Secretary***

***3 persons to serve on the Committee***

***'Out of the Blue' News Letter facilitator***

The club will welcome members and guests to the AGM on Saturday 19<sup>TH</sup> May 2006 at 2pm sharp. If you wish to nominate yourself for any of the above positions please fill out the nomination form attached - forward the form to the President or one of the current committee members. Please read the information provided on the following page.

**At a recent Committee meeting a several items of interest were discussed.**

- Sale of Astir VH-WUN is imminent within the next two weeks.
- Accommodation rates have remained the same for most club members but you must bring your own sleeping bag and a pillow. Some rates for Camping & Caravan park use have changed. Standard accommodation charges will be published on the Web and in the members information booklet.
- Financially the club is in a reasonable position and it is hoped to provide details at the AGM.
- Water continues to be a problem with a reported over our allocation reading being investigated.
- To avoid the spread of Caltrop do not drive on the aerodrome.
- Fee for self Launching aircraft.
- WGC, SAGA and GFA Trophy winners list has been placed on our web page.

Waikerie Gliding Club Inc  
**Annual General Meeting**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION NOMINATION FORM**

**PROPOSER:** I, .....,  
being a current Financial Member of Waikerie Gliding Club Inc (WGC),  
here-by

**NOMINATE:** .....  
also being a current Financial Member of WGC for the position of

**POSITION** *President\** / *Vice President\** / *Secretary\** / *Treasurer\** / *Committee\** /

*Other* ..... on the Waikerie Gliding Club Committee.  
(\* Circle 1 only)

**Names & Signatures**

**1. Proposer:**

Name: .....

Signature: ..... Date ...../...../.....

**2. Seconder:**

Name: .....

Signature ..... Date ...../...../.....

**3. Nominated Member**

Name: .....

Signature: ..... Date ...../...../.....

**This Form must be received by the President prior to the meeting.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Information For Members

### Background

The *Annual General Meeting (AGM)* is an important meeting for the **Waikerie Gliding Club Inc (WGC)**. This meeting is a requirement of the **Constitution** of WGC and is also a requirement under South Australian State law. The following aspects are also stipulated by the Constitution,

- a) the timing of the meeting,
- b) the Quorum requirements.
- c) the reports to be presented
- d) Elections.
- e) Terms of Office for Committee

### Committee

The requirements for the Committee of WGC are also defined in the Club Constitution, which defines, among other things, the positions, the number and terms of office of Committee members.

The following major points are highlighted;

- The Committee consists of 8 positions,

Four "Executive" positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Four Committee members.

- Term of Office.

a) Executive. Elected at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). The "term of office" for the Executive is therefore 12 months, when the Executive all step down. Re-election is possible at an AGM.

b) Committee. Committee members are "elected" for a 2 year term. Ideally 2 Committee members are elected at an AGM, with 2 carrying-over for the additional year to provide continuity. Committee members may also be re-elected.

- No person may occupy more than 1 position.
- Members may be co-opted to the Committee / sub-Committee/s for specific purposes.

### Quorum

A "Quorum" is required to be present at AGM and Special General Meetings of WGC. The Constitution specifies that a Quorum is equal to or more than 25% of the ***Full Flying Members residing in South Australia***.

It is important to note that this number is for the Quorum (number of members) to be present. It does not relate to ***voting rights***, which is covered by the class of membership. Depending upon the class of membership, a member may not be able to be counted as part of a Quorum, but may have voting rights during the meeting.

### Elections

Committee members are elected at an AGM. The Constitution requires nominations for Committee to be made in an appropriate format and for the ***Nomination Form*** to be signed by the proposer, a seconder and the nominee. The completed Form must be delivered to the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately, it has become accepted practice to accept Committee nominations from the floor of the meeting due to low attendance levels.

Members of the Committee who have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2 year term remain Committee members, providing they are willing to continue. The Executive, and those Committee members who have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2 year term, step down at the AGM. These members may offer themselves for re-election. Should there be only enough nominations to fill the Executive and Committee positions, no election is necessary. If there are more nominations than required for the Executive or Committee positions, an election is necessary.

Elections are conducted by secret ballot. A Returning Officer is generally appointed from the floor to conduct the election. The Returning Officer should;

- Conduct all Ballots for positions individually,
- Seek assistance with counting results from the floor.
- Retain all copies of Voting Papers for subsequent audit in the event of the contesting of any position.

### **Conduct of Election.**

The Executive and Committee members who have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the 2 year term step down and these positions are declared vacant.

1. Election of President. Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor.

If there is more than 1 nomination, a ballot is required.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The member who receives the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences is declared the President.

Once the President is elected, the task of electing the remainder of the Committee may be given to the President.

In terms of transparency, it is recommended the Returning Officer continue the task of the election.

2. Election of Vice President Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor.

If there is more than 1 nomination, a ballot is required.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The member who receives the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences is declared the Vice-President.

3. Election of Secretary Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor.

If there is more than 1 nomination, a ballot is required.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The member who receives the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences is declared the Secretary.

4. Election of Treasurer Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor if necessary.

If there is more than 1 nomination, a ballot is required.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The member who receives the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences is declared the Treasurer.

5. Election of Committee Members Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor.

If there is more than the number of nominations required, a ballot is required.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The members who receives the highest number of preferences are declared Committee Members.

6. SAGA Representative It is common practice to elect 2 members to carry out this task.

Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor.

If there is more than 2 nominations, a ballot should be

held. Although this election may be done by a show of hands, it is recommended that it be done by Ballot.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The members who receives the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> preferences should be declared the SAGA Representatives.

7. Out-Of-The-Blue Editor Nominations should be identified.

Nomination should be called from the floor.

If there is more than 1 nomination, a ballot should be held. Although this election may be done by a show of hands, it is recommended that it be done by Ballot.

Voting slips should be distributed to those members who have voting rights, and members requested to list the nominated members in voting order of preference.

The member who receives the highest number of 1<sup>st</sup> preferences should be declared the Newsletter Editor.

John Hudson  
President, 2006-2007

## Waikerie Gliding Club Calendar 2007

### April 2007

Sat 7 Flying on at least one day over Easter check – Web page

Sat 17 Flying Day

Sun 18 Flying Day

Tl Sat 28 Flying Day

Sun 29 Flying Day

Flying over the last 12 months has been regular on average every second week throughout the year and will continue for 2007 – members have the opportunity to arrange flying on the in-between weeks – simply round up an instructor and a tow pilot.

## Waikerie Gliding Club Calendar 2007

### May 2007

T Sat 12 Flying Day  
Sun 13 Flying Day  
TI Sat 19 Flying Day (Morning flying till start of AGM)  
I Sun 20 Flying Day

### June 2007

Sat 2 Working Bee weekend  
Sun 3 Working Bee weekend  
Fri 15 Committee meeting (TBC)  
TI Sat 16 Flying Day - Evening Discussion Topic  
T Sun 17 Flying Day  
Sat 30 Flying Day

### July 2007

Sun 1 Flying Day  
TI Sat 14 Flying Day  
Sun 15 Flying Day  
Sat 28 Flying Day  
Sun 29 Flying Day

### August 2007

Fri 10 Committee meeting (TBC)  
TI Sat 11 Flying Day - Evening Discussion Topic  
T Sun 12 Flying Day

**Annual General Meeting and Birthday celebrations**

**Lot of Job to do – Lists will be published on the chat and news Lots of help welcome**

**REMINDER TO ALL CREW TO ORGANISE YOUR ROSTER DAYS WITH PETE SIDDALL URGENTLY SO THAT WE CAN CONFIDENTLY MARK UP OUR DIARIES FOR THE YEAR**

## Waikerie Gliding Club Calendar 2007

### September 2007

I Sat 8 Flying Day  
Sun 9 Flying Day  
Sat 22 Flying Day  
Sun 23 Flying Day

### October 2007

Fri 5 Committee meeting (TBC)  
TI Sat 6 Flying Day - Evening Discussion Topic  
T Sun 7 Flying Day  
Sat 20 Flying Day  
Sun 21 Flying Day

### November 2007

TI Sat 3 Flying Day  
Sun 4 Flying Day  
Fri 16 Committee meeting (TBC)  
Sat 17 Flying Day - Evening Discussion Topic  
T Sun 18 Flying Day

### December 2007

TI Sat 1 Flying Day  
Sun 2 Flying Day  
Fri 14 Committee meeting (TBC)  
I Sat 15 Flying Day - Evening Discussion Topic  
T Sun 16 Flying Day

Check the web page regularly for any changes and updates to the calendar

Remember we can only fly if we have an instructor and a tow pilot

Full time flying operations for 07/08 commence on Boxing Day 26/12/07