

# The Club Class Flyer



*For all the latest News and Events at the World Gliding Championships 2001*

Gawler, Airfield

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## Waiting Again! Task Called-Off on Competition Day 2

### ***Special points of interest:***

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FOR the second consecutive day, competition was called off due to poor thermal activity. Competition organizers attempted to start the Grand Prix Class event but called it off after one glider out-landed near the Gawler airfield and others were finding it extremely difficult to gain height.

The poor gliding conditions were due to cloud cover that prevented the sun heating the ground to the required 30 degrees Celsius.

After the disappointing cancellation, pilots and crews enjoyed relaxing on and off the field, maybe hoping for a better day tomorrow!



WELL, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO!: Crewmember Robertas Venckus from the Lithuanian team takes advantage of the no-flying day

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# AROUND THE AIRFIELD



**WHY CAN'T WE JUST LAUNCH!:**  
A group of pilots, crew and airfield volunteers eagerly await the launch on Sunday.

**AT THE LAUNCH POINT:** Gliders awaiting launch on day one of competition.



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## I Remember...

### *Recounting Past Gliding Competitions—By John Roake*

The year was 1978, and the World Championships were being held at Chateauroux, in central France. I was the New Zealand Team Manager. It was a gigantic airfield, a former Airforce base with the usual Airforce infrastructure and a hangar big enough to house all the 110 sailplanes that competed. Chateauroux was the airfield where all the testing of the Concord was carried out.

The Championship Director was a very busy little man, small of stature, not more than five foot tall. He was a man who had no ability to delegate. He had to do everything himself to satisfy his demands that

all was right and perfect. It was the Director himself who had to even collect the camping ground fees – he trusted no one.

The scene is the opening day. Being only about three hours drive south of Paris, every French official and his dog was on the big grandstand to welcome the competitors. The uniformed officials made an impressive sight, as did the official French Airforce brass band.

Such was the character of the Contest Director he decided that the band could not find their own way to the official parade area. So he led the

band, this five foot nothing gentleman, with broom handle and whistle. In front of the official dais, he indicated to the band that he wanted them to wheel left. The band ignored him and wheeled right.

Unaware of the band's right turn, he continued marching on his own for three or four minutes completely unaware that the band was not behind him. He marched into oblivion and the record book on anecdotes on World Gliding Championships. His embarrassment must have been acute as he was not seen on the field for the following three days.

# PILOTS BRIEFING



**Briefing Day 7, Competition Day 2 Mon 15 Jan:** After a disappointing cancellation of competition day one, some optimism was held for the day's task. A cooler air mass was passing over the region refreshing the stagnant hot-air mass that had prevented the development of thermals.

The Bureau of Meteorology was forecasted a band of mid-level cloud to the south and west of the task area slowly moving south east and a maximum temperature of 29 degrees Celsius.

Thermals were expected to reach 2200 feet locally with 4500 feet thermals expected if

the temperature exceeded expectations and reached 30 degrees Celsius. However, the meteorologists warned that significant cooling in the area could create problems for thermal activity.

Safety officer Reg Moore warned pilots at today's briefing about the accidental activation of Emergency Locator Beacons after another one activated Sunday night. Reg suggested that pilots switch their beacons off after each flight and see him if they have any queries regarding the beacons.

Airspace for the day was 'Yellow' and 'Blue' up to 8500 feet. The task for Club Class

competitors was a minimum of 120 kilometers for 2.5 hours covering the turn points of Saddleworth and Hoyleton.

The Grand Prix class started at point X2 and were required to fly to turn points at Blyth, Tarlee and Saddleworth.

## ZAE Vs GAE

The only out-landing for today was by Dave Wilson flying ZAE at the start point. His every ready and eager crew responded immediately to the pilot in need-grabbing a trailer with the initial's AE painted on it. However, upon arrival at the outlanding site, the crew were horrified to learn they had grabbed the wrong trailer—they had GAE's trailer... Oops!

## *A Thought From Kelly Henderson...*

From: Kelly Henderson  
To: 'Bob Henderson'  
Subject: RE: Hi ...  
Date: Monday, 15 January 2001 13:30

I hope that the pilots that flew during the 46.7 degree day didn't drink any water to combat dehydration because that may have improved their ability to fly (and not faint) and therefore must be considered doping and dealt with seriously blah blah blah...

Have a thought or message you'd Like to Share?

*We'd love to hear it!*



Drop in all thoughts or messages at the Media Information Center at Gawler Airfield and we'll Happily Publish it.

# WHAT'S ON TODAY



# COUNTRY AND WESTERN NIGHT

*Starring...*

## Graham Hugo



### Starting 6:30pm at the Main Hangar



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# NOTICED! SNAPSHOTS FROM THE COMPS...



*Some of the faces around the Airfield!*



RELAXING IN THE CLUB CLASS CAFÉ: The Chairman of the Competition Organisation Committee, Bruce Eastick, enjoys the friendly atmosphere in the Club Class Café.

FLIGHT OF A LIFE-TIME! The Milde and Lawson families waiting for one of the daily joyflights available for the public during the competition.



BEATING THE HEAT: American pilot Karl Striedieck stays in the shade at the launch

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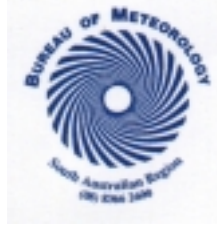
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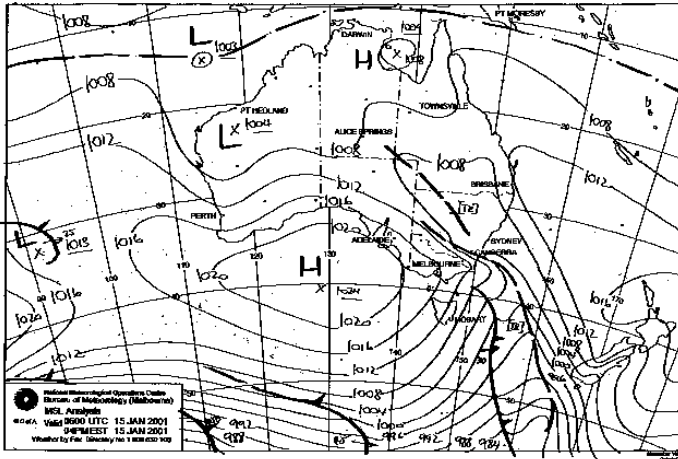
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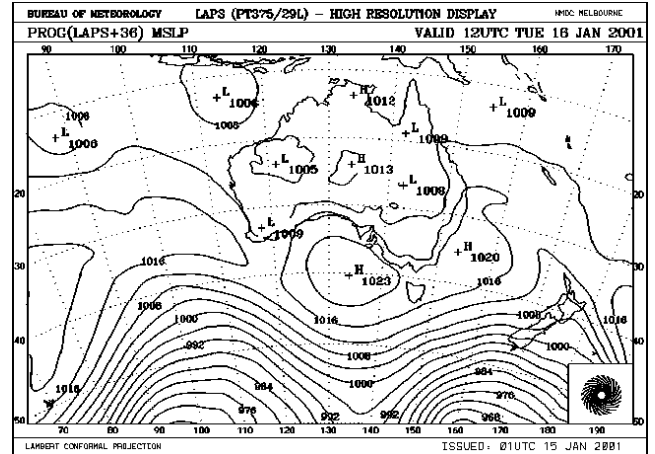
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## Yesterday's Weather



## Today's Forecast



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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL OFFICE

FORECAST FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Issued at 3:55 pm on Monday, 15 January 2001  
For tonight and Tuesday.

### WARNING SUMMARY:

A Strong Wind Warning is current for the West and Far West Coasts this evening.

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Dry apart from isolated showers in the interiors this evening. Mild in the south with fresh south to southeast winds, strong at times on parts of the coast. Hot in the far north with moderate northeast to southeast winds.

## The Four Day Forecast

