

The Club Class Flyer



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Gawler, Airfield

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Home and Safe! Another Great Day of Flying

Special points of interest:

- The Latest from Day Three of the Competition
- Commentary
- Pictorial Week in Review
- History of Gawler Airfield Part One
- The Daily Results
 - And much more...



BACK ON THE GROUND: A competitor relishes the moment after landing back at the airfield on Friday.

DAY THREE presented excellent flying conditions giving pilots the opportunity to fly further, higher and faster than during the previous two days. With only few out landings, one pilot was overheard to say the day was "magnificent!". Despite a good day overall, one pilot was unfortunate to damage his aircraft during an outlanding. The pilot received minor injuries and the aircraft is being assessed. Today's weather is expected to be similar, but a change may see less thermal activity than yesterday's.

DRIVERS SLOW DOWN! **PAST THE TOW PLANES**

There has been a request from the tow plane pilots for people to slow down when driving past their parking area near the clubhouse. Although the pilots enjoy washing their lovely beasts—doing it every five minutes is becoming a little tedious!



HELP MAKE LESS OF THIS! Slowing down helps keep tow planes clean.



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AS IT HAPPENED!

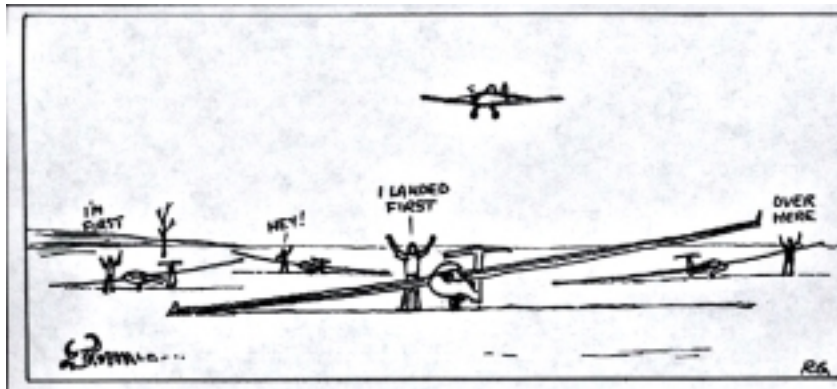
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Commentary at the Comps...



PILOTS BRIEFING



BRIEFING DAY 8, COMPETITION DAY 6, Thurs 19 Jan: With an early launch time of 1130 set, the task directors were optimistic about the day's weather and set a five hour task. Awards were given to the first three place getters for the previous two days, which included Rob Looisen and Karl Striedieck of Club Class and Jim Carpenter and Swaantje Geyer in Grand Prix class who were all first place winners.

Special mention was also made about Kurt the Swedish team

captain who celebrated his 70th birthday on Thursday-
HAPPY BIRTHDAY KURT!

The message from safety officer Reg Moore was that no major incidents had occurred and the only infringement for the Wednesday was a glider landing the wrong way across the finish-line. Airspace for the day was "Yellow" and "Blue" up to 14,000 feet.

The Grand Prix task for Thursday was 384 kilometres minimum with the turn-points of Hoyleton, Terowie and Mor-

gan. Club Class had a minimum set time of five hours with a distance of 404 kilometres. Mandatory turn points were Blyth, Hallett and Waikerie.

The weather briefing forecasted that thermals could reach 8,000 feet. The maximum temperature for the day was expected to be 36 degrees Celsius with light winds from the North East.

WHAT'S ON TODAY



Music and Singer

" Lance Birrell "

Starting 6:30pm

At the Main Hangar!

Australian Tour Down Under

Starts 11am, Main Street of Gawler

Aerial Entertainment includes a flypast of sailplanes from Gawler Airfield, parachutists and a flyover by a Royal Australian Airforce PC3-Orion.

FEATURE STORY



History of Gawler Airfield—Part 1

Gawler's first airfield at the present site came into existence during World War Two. After Japan's entry into the war it was recognised that the main centres of armaments and munitions would need air protection if Australia was invaded. Adelaide had extensive defence facilities as well as a significant explosive manufacturing capability, which covered a larger area. Currently the Defence Science and Technology Organisation at Salisbury covers the same area where the old munitions factories use to exist.

Gawler was built well before the current Air Force base at Edinburgh and was the preferred site for an airfield.

The mammoth task of building an airfield was given to the State Highway's Department for urgent completion. One of the young engineers responsible for the program was Keith

Johinke, who many years later served as the CEO of the Highways Department. The Department did not possess the sophisticated road making equipment of today, and given the urgency, it was seen as a daunting task.

Years later, Keith said that the design brief for the Gawler Airfield was to provide an all weather aerodrome, capable of lasting three years. The construction method was novel, employing a compact earth technique not usually used for the purpose. Some 50 years later, the airfield has well out-

lasted its three-year use-by date!

Aside the airfield, an extensive accommodation arrangement and administration are was erected in the depression east of the present Gawler by-pass road. Post war, this was used as a migrant hostel, but was dismantled in 1960.

The first Royal Australian Airforce (RAAF) unit to use the Gawler aerodrome was No. 86 Squadron, which formed under the command of Squadron leader W.J. Meehan on 4 March 1943. Allocated Kittyhawk fighters, the unit later moved to the Townsville area where it completed its operational training. The squadron later served at Ross River, Marauke, Bohle River and Macrossan, before disbanding on 20 December 1945.



An American B-25 Liberator Parked beside the Runway at Gawler airfield during World War II.

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TOMMORROW

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DURING THE WEEK



A Pictorial Recount of the week's events...



DAY 8, Mon 15 Jan: STILL WAITING! Day two of the competition is cancelled after thermal activity did not de-

DAY 9, Tues 16 Jan: CANCELLATION AGAIN! After day three of competition was cancelled, pilots and crew's took tours around South Australia, including the Lithuanian team seen posing near a great Aussie icon!

PHOTO COURTESY THE LITHUANIAN TEAM



DAY 10, Wed 17 Jan: THIRD TIME LUCKY! The flying is finally under way on the third official day of competition.

DAY 11, Thurs 18 Jan: SECOND TIME IN A ROW! Competition day two proves another success with good soaring conditions.



DAY 12, Fri 19 Jan: EXPENSIVE SUN UMBRELLA! With good weather longer tasks were set. But on the ground, everyone did what they could to keep out of the sun!



Pilots Profile



THE TEAM FROM ITALY

GUIDO FONTANA

GUIDO was born near Milan, in Italy 37 years ago.

Guido's home is in Bali, Indonesia, where he spends about six months each year.

In fact Guido's nick name is *Bali*. In Bali, Guido is employed by a French water company.

He loves the weather in Bali but not for gliding and so he mostly flies from Rieti.

As he says, it's important to keep up with your practice and so he has also flown in South Africa and Spain.

He has been to Australia many times to fly at Lake Keepit.

This is a favourite place to fly because the surroundings are lovely, even if the weather is not as good as it was here on Saturday.

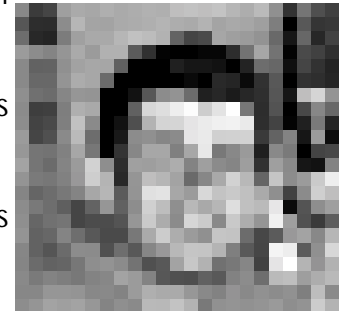
For relaxation, Guido likes to listen to *TRANCE* music. He says that it has infinite possibilities and sounds, and is more complicated than human music.

He has a small disc player so that he can demonstrate what he means – ask him if you can listen.

Waiting for Guido in Bali are four dogs, ten cats and a girlfriend.

Guido says that gliding is a selfish sport for those waiting on the ground, so it is better that his girlfriend is happy at home, doing what she wants to do.

- By Colleen Moore



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For Thursday 25th of January

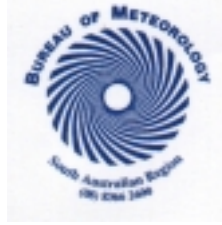
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The More the Merrier!

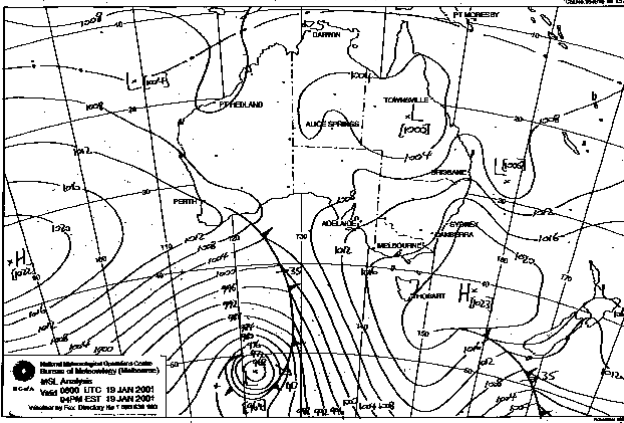


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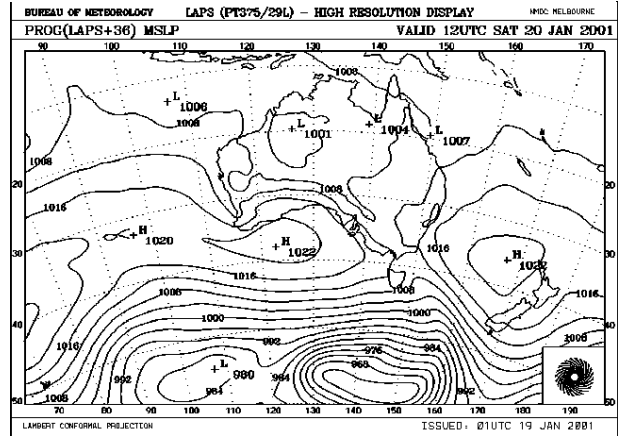
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Yesterday's Weather



Today's Forecast



BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL OFFICE

FORECAST FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Issued at 3:55 pm on Friday, 19 January 2001
For tonight and Saturday.

WARNING SUMMARY:

A Strong Wind Warning has been issued for the Far West and West coasts tonight and for remaining South Australian coasts on Saturday afternoon.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Hot to very hot and dry in most parts at first on Saturday with increasing cloud in the south and moderate northeast to north winds. A milder, fresh to strong south to southeast wind change over the far west coast this evening, gradually extending inland over remaining southern districts during Saturday. Possible isolated showers in the south with the change.

The Four Day Forecast

