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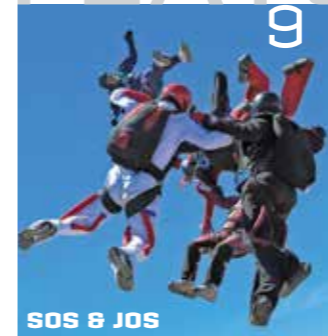
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EDITORIAL

This issue I had a smorgasbord of cover photos to choose from – what a privilege! I even had to call in significant others to cast their eyes and give their opinions to help me decide. Hesitation, debates and voting all took place! Most times there are only one or two stand outs, which makes life easy in a way. I'd much prefer a selection and the headache of agonising over the choice!

The Funny Farm alone produced the goods, the caliber of jumps alone set the scenes, combined with bar fridges, kegs and cows, those boys and girls certainly know how to bring the wow factor! The folk from Jurien Bay might be disappointed with missing out on the cover, though hopefully stoked with the three-page spread for their last minute submission – sensational XRW jumps on a stunning background, as they put it, “what dreams are made of”. It was newcomer Ria Peck who delivered the goods with her trapeze jump, what a winner! Congratulations to all the jumpers and photographers for capturing the fun and beauty so well.

Heather Swan has treated us to more stunning photography over spectacular outback scenery, this time flying across Lake Eyre with her Wingsuit team. Congratulations on the achievement and thanks again for the positive publicity for our sport.

There's no jumping photo in this space from me this issue, and won't be for another nine months! Sadly this baby hasn't done any jumps in utero. He/she will have no tall stories to tell like my daughter's favourite, “I had to hang on!” comment. Has done tunnel time though, I guess that's a sign of the times?!

Susie EDITOR

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FRONT COVER



Trapeze flyer Ria Peck hanging under Paul Murphy, over Barwon Heads Drop Zone, Victoria.
Photographer: Kevin Cooper

BACK COVER



A Family of Cows at the Funny Farm Boogie, Westmar, Queensland.
Photographer: Mason Corby

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INTRODUCING STOS - SAFETY AND TRAINING OFFICERS

By Mike Tibbitts

The newly created STO roles are an amalgamation of the previous AIE, ASO and DRE roles. Condensed from three volunteer positions in each council area to three permanent part-time positions across the country. Brett Newman will manage Queensland, myself Mike Tibbitts has Victoria and New South Wales, and Charl Rootman oversees South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

To help overcome the tyranny of distance, each STO has a Safety and Training Advisor they can delegate to when needed, perhaps for audits, general assistance or local knowledge. The STAs are based in WA, NSW, NT and Far North QLD.

The move from fifteen volunteers to three full time employees allows both the members and the APF office to demand greater consistency, accountability and objectivity. It also allows for a higher level of investment in the training of a core group of employees than the previous, somewhat disparate, mix of volunteers whose position in the role was subject to annual council approval.

This higher level of training and accountability is designed to achieve the ultimate goal of providing a greater level of service to all APF members and member DZs.

BRETT NEWMAN



In July 1991 Point Break, the original movie, was released and a new generation of skydivers were born. I was one of that new generation, even though I had been around jumping since 1974 when for about five years my father was a "Crazy Skydiver". My first jump was completed in February 1992.

Nine months later, after many trips to the DZ being called off due to weather, I did my second and third jumps! That's jumping in New Zealand for you!

By 1995 I had completed only 150 jumps and already fractured my back once. Unfortunately, I was a "talk it up first and listen later" kind of young jumper and was lucky not to kill myself on many occasions. While recovering from being dumb and fracturing my back, I was lucky enough to stumble into a job at Taupo Tandem Skydiving (the fastest growing tandem operation in NZ). Starting out as the dogs body on the DZ meant I had to earn my keep doing any task that needed to be done. At that time there was no such thing as camera flyers or packers in Taupo! And so began my career in the skydiving industry.

Since that time life has been a whirlwind of change. I started as a camera flyer as soon as I had 200 jumps.

Having one individual in each region responsible for all the previous roles is a great streamlining of the processes and communication pathways. The new system also allows for deeper and more effective working relationships to develop over the longer tenure of the part time employees. This will make all aspects of member interaction with the APF smoother and more efficient.

Their roles include the oversight of new instructor assessments, selecting, participating in and monitoring assessment panels and working closely with Chief Instructors, course conveners and the APF office.

The STOs are also to conduct the generally annual, though occasionally special, audits of member DZs, in the same manner ASOs have done previously. The audits are an evolving test of a DZ's regulatory and statutory compliance.

The STOs will also conduct investigations into serious incidents and fatalities.

The STOs are contactable seven days a week, especially Charl, and aren't there just for CIs and instructors.

Who are the new STOs?

I learned to pack tandem equipment and if I wasn't flying camera, I was packing tandems... in the sun! In 1996 I gained my Tandem Master rating.

Equipment and how it worked had always interested me, so while I was working full time as skydiver, I was also training before jumping, after jumping and on weather days to pack reserves. In February 1997 I gained the NZPF Parachute Technician rating (Packer A). This was the very beginning of my life as a future Rigger.

1999 brought more learning and an AFF rating. In October 2000 I moved my family from Taupo to Australia to work at Skydive Byron Bay. The next three years were constant learning - Rigger rating, IB rating and starting a rigging business alongside full time jumping. The plan was to be in Australia for two years, but 16 years later we are here to stay.

Since starting my life as a skydiver I have completed over 10,000 tandems, 1,500 camera jumps, over 400 AFF jumps and 1,200+ Freefly, RW, CRW and CP jumps. All I ever wanted to be was a complete skydiver. I still have a long way to go.

Learning to listen has been the biggest challenge of my life, but now as I finally come to terms with 24 years of skydiving, I feel it is time to make a difference in other areas of our great sport. The changes that are taking place in the APF are exciting and challenging. I look forward to the challenges ahead and hope my experiences over the years will come in handy to all the skydiving community.

CHARL ROOTMAN



Charl has been involved in skydiving since 1992 and has done around 5,000 jumps. His involvement in the industry started as a sport jumper while still employed in the public service and small business environments, and gradually evolved to full time while also competing on various levels in 4-way FS and Classic Accuracy.

He obtained his Instructor rating in South Africa in 1996 and was a Chief Instructor at a student training DZ for more than 10 years, also serving on various Parachute Association of South Africa (PASA) bodies and serving as Chairman of the association in 2009. He is a current APF IA and actively involved as a Tandem and AFF Instructor, DZSO and Examiner in South Australia.

Fulfilling the roles of ASO and AIE in South Australia previously, he is currently appointed as the APF Safety and Training Officer for South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. His qualifications include Certificates IV in Training and Assessment, Lead Auditing, Workplace Health & Safety and Workplace Alcohol and Drug Testing, as well as tertiary qualifications in Business, Hospitality, Project Management and Social Development.

MIKE TIBBITTS



Mike Tibbitts is the newly appointed STO for Victoria and New South Wales. He was previously the VTPC ASO. He is an AFF and Tandem endorsed Instructor A.

He started his jumping career Static Lining into an English winter 14 years ago. He has since racked up 5,700 jumps across Europe, the US and

Australia. Mike has taken part in national records in Wingsuiting and CRW. He works full time at the full training Skydive the Great Ocean Road DZ in Barwon Heads, Victoria. Prior to his involvement in skydiving, he'd planned on being an economist.

He is excited and honoured to be a part of the discussions and decision making of the Technical Committee and looks forward to working successfully with Charl and Brett in their new roles.



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JUDGING

It's always busy in Judge-Land with lots of exciting activities and travel coming up.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce that our Chief Judge for the Nationals in York next year will be Dean Brook-Rerecich. Many of you know Dean as the FAI Accuracy and CP Judge within the APF. Now he's stepping up to the challenge of presiding over a seven-discipline Nationals including Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation, Canopy Piloting, Artistic Events, Accuracy, Wingsuit and potentially Speed Skydiving. Dean is surrounded by many expert Judges and is already planning his team.

Next event is the FAI Judge Training Course in Canopy Formation in Brisbane in July. We are bringing to Australia an international figure, Bernard Nicolas from France who is a CF FAI Judge of many years experience and also Chair of the Judges Committee in the IPC. We hope that three of our Judges will gain FAI Judge ratings at this course and up to eight others are attending to gain the knowledge and obtain a new endorsement for them.

This course is an international course and so far we have one USA candidate expressing a desire to travel here for the learning too.

Looking forward, we have four FAI Judges attending World Championships and Cups from August to November:

- Craig Bennett – Canopy Piloting Event Judge, Canada
- Dean Brook-Rerecich – Accuracy Judge, Chicago
- Peta Holmes – FS Judge, Chicago
- Sheena Simmonds – Wingsuit Judge, Florida.

Good luck to all. I am so proud we have such fine judges representing Australia.

We have judges doing State Championships in North QLD in July, Tunnel Comp in August, State Meets in South QLD, WA and NSW later on and two judges attending the World Championships as Team Managers too.

As I keep saying, the work is great, the opportunities are endless and it's the best gig in parachuting. Interested parties should contact me. I will be running some APF Judge Training potentially later this year and certainly in 2017. You get a new skill and to hang out with the fun and well-travelled judges described above.

And the bottom-line for all of us is this: we love competition skydiving and watching elite athletes performing at their best. What a buzz!

Gail Bradley
Nationals Judging Officer



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Jim Czerwinski's DIARY OF THE SOS & JOS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPTS

By Jim Czerwinski F53 Photos by Terry Weatherford

Day 1 – SOS Record Attempts

Initial briefing about to start, lots of folk here now in Perris USA, over 100 SOS registered.

I got in three dives out of the Skyvan. Not off to a good start, my slot was last out of left trail, two Skyvans and two Twin Otters. Unfortunately my Grip did not make it in so I had nowhere to go for the first two dives, and on the last jump it was much the same and I went a bit low on approach. Fall rates are very slow which took a lot of us Wakers by surprise as we were all wearing lots of lead. Now the real bad news is fellow Aussie, Matt Chambers, had a bad landing and stuffed his knee. It looks very bad. The medical term is Hemarthrosis, or in layman's terms, the injury is bleeding into his knee cavity. To add to it, it looks like he broke his finger. But the folk are great and the coaching first class. Our plane captain and coach is



Josh Hall, just superb. There's one other Aussie/Pom here, Tony Dale from WA. He's in the JOS. Tried out a small oxygen system for the higher loads, it fits down the front of my jumpsuit.

Day 2 – We have two teams, A and B, I'm on B. The A team is the big one with 70 people on it and B team is 20 plus. The A team have done three dives today with no luck, they are having a few problems. Our team got better every dive although

the stack is strung out a long way. I was second last out on the first two and had a long, long dive. Got there on break off but no dock. Had a swap around for the third dive and I got slotted closer to the door. Still a long dive but got in my slot, the last three divers didn't make it. JOS starts Monday there are three Australians on it - Roger Clifton from Darwin, Tony Dale from WA and me.



SOS - Skydivers Over Sixty JOS - Jumpers over Seventy



Day 3 — SOS first load about to take off. The A Team has had cuts, not sure how many, down to about sixty something. The B Team has grown to about 30 something. Weather is good, high winds predicted for later in day.

The A Team had no joy on first two jumps, about six out. The B Team had one out on our 20-way. Just about to taxi for second lift and got a wind hold, gusting to 25 knots.

Having great fun on these 20-ways. I'm flying well and have come to the conclusion that the real big stuff ain't fun at all and too stressful, never mind dangerous. Matt's leg is going to keep him grounded for a few weeks so I'm not sure what the plan will be. The coaching by Josh Hall (ex Arizona Airspeed & World Champion) is superb, he is full of great hints. He is bringing us up to speed, you can see it in every jump. My new Pilot canopy is perfect for Perris, good for nil wind yet can hold the high stuff. I recommend this place just simply for the great coaching. I guess where ever you go weather can turn ugly. The gear gets pretty dirty if you land off the grass. Met some great folk from all over US who are on JOS, looks like about 25. Now that's going to be fun as they're all good flyers from what I've seen to date.

Day 4 — Wind drift sortie sent up, upper wind at around 1,000ft AGL is about 30kts. The A Team is geared up and waiting for the go/no go. Beautiful day, just a bit iffy with wind.

They got to 12,000ft and stop drop signal brought all aircraft back down due to high wind. Looks like it's here to stay for today. Debrief about to start 9.30 am.

Just had PC untangling competition! Won by Aussie, Roger Clifton.



Roger Clifton



Day 5 — Last day of SOS. The A Team completed one jump, with about three out, no record. My Team is going well and having fun. I'm second last out of an Otter on a 20-way. The Base funneled, another long dive but got there and flew my slot. Second load about to gear up. Conditions fine and blue, nil wind, long slides.

Load 2, great dive out of the Skyvan. Second last to exit. Got to my slot OK but still my Grip did not arrive so closed it any way and took a random grip just so I could get any grip. The A team missed out again. Time is getting short for them. Looking forward to tomorrow's JOS jumps.

No joy on dive three for the A Team. Gearing up for last load, a formation load with a Skyvan and an Otter. I got to choose my slot, so went first diver out of lead plane (Skyvan) just so I could be sure of getting a touch. Got in ok. Doing one more single aircraft jump today. Only get here once a year so making the most of it.

Unfortunately no record made by SOS.

Personally I'm happy with my flying and have enjoyed it. It's been a great lead up to what I'm here for which is the JOS. Cannot sing enough praise on our coaches, Josh Hall and Jeff Jones.

Day 6 – JOS Record Attempts

First jump, no record, a few out including me. I was last out of chase plane (Otter). As the thing built it slowed from 120 mph down to 113mph. I was wearing 2.75kg and had taken out 2.75 prior. Fall rates have been fairly fast and I've had a good run, this one took all the stingers by surprise. Had such great hopes after the good dives yesterday. It's a whole new ball game today.

Day 7 — First jump took out a good base 5-way. Unfortunately as it built the fall rate slowed and the stingers went low. I was last out of chase Otter and one of the stingers. Dropped off all my lead for dive two and my Grip fell out of his slot. I took his slot for the hell of it. He left so I got his slot for the third jump. On that jump the base funneled and we had a great chase but I was there. Fourth and final attempt was a great big zoo, I tracked off at 6,000ft, and so that ends this year's SOS and JOS Record attempts. All over, done and dusted, no records set for either. Time to drive to Vegas.

I had a great time, felt I did my personal best and feel on speed again. Learnt a lot about picking how much lead to wear and believe me it goes up and down with the slot and the different jumpers. Coaching was first class and the people friendly.





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Adventure WINGSUITING

SKYDIVING INSPIRED BY THE LANDSCAPE

Aerial photos by Heather Swan & footcam photo by Glenn Singleman

Ground photos by Heather Swan, Terry Clark & Mel Davis

IN APRIL GLENN SINGLEMAN, ROGER HUGELSHOFER, ASH DARBY, VICENTRE CAJIGA AND I MADE THE FIRST WINGSUIT FLIGHTS OVER KATI THANDA (LAKE EYRE), WILPENA POUND AND THE REMOTE OUTBACK VILLAGE OF WILLIAM CREEK.

These are uniquely beautiful Australian landscapes – rugged, remote and raw. Magic hour, at sunrise and sunset, is stop-and-stare gorgeous. At sunset the sky burns orange and indigo, then when the stars come out, uninterrupted by city lights, they wash the inky sky like fireworks. In the one-pub town of William Creek the electricity drops in and out with the vagaries of a cantankerous generator, and the locals are outnumbered a-million-to-one by the flies, but still the place has an undeniable charm that attracts busloads of British tourists every week.

Yet most Australians only ever see William Creek, Lake Eyre and Wilpena Pound in photographs. Those who do make the trek out to see it walk or drive around only ever experiencing it from an earth-bound perspective. A lucky few, with the cash and the nerve (I'm always surprised how many people are afraid to fly) see it from behind the scratched windows of a scenic charter flight.

AS SKYDIVERS, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO EXPERIENCE THE LANDSCAPE IN A WAY MOST PEOPLE NEVER WILL – AS PART OF IT – LIKE BIRDS.



This is why Glenn and I seek out special places to fly. In the last ten years we've been first to fly from Mt Meru, a stunning 6772-metre mountain in the Indian Himalaya that took us three weeks to climb, Mt Connor in the remote outback of central Australia, across Sydney Harbour from Rose Bay to Barangaroo, across Brisbane city and in April 2015 across the Grand Canyon from rim to rim. Our latest outback adventure was just as inspiring.

The challenge in these incredible adventures is the logistics. The flying is about the landscape, celebrating the joy of a first flight across it, through it, over and around it.

Adventure WINGSUITING

SKYDIVING INSPIRED BY THE LANDSCAPE



It's one thing to say, 'I want to fly across Lake Eyre,' as I did after seeing an article about it having water in it for the first time in a decade, but then the devil as they say, 'is in the detail'.

The biggest hurdle is usually obtaining permission, but in the case of flying the Outback, it is logistics - the sheer remoteness of the locations. There is no jump plane anywhere near there, so we needed to organise one. Wright Air does scenic flights and rural aviation services in the area, but they rarely fly above 5,000ft. They have an Air Van capable of taking our team of five to 12,000ft AGL, albeit very slowly. It had a big enough door on the left that could be opened in flight and seats that, with some difficulty, could come out and anchor points to fit single point restraints. We were fortunate they agreed to let us use it and to have Andy Mulholland as our jump pilot and veritable 'jack of all trades'. Miff Smith was our very helpful LDO and DZSO. Our ground crew, Melissa Davis and Terry Clark, (neither are skydivers, both were inspired by seeing our earlier adventures) volunteered to drive the ready-for-

anything Land Cruisers provided by Toyota Australia the long distances required to retrieve us when we landed. We also had the latest infallible technology – for safety (Satellite phones and ePIRBS were essential), navigation, filming and communications.

We pulled all of that together, funded it ourselves and made six flawlessly executed world-first flights, capturing unique images of some of Australia's most breathtakingly beautiful vistas. South Australia Tourism shared images and video of the flights to their 550k Social Media followers, attracting comments like, "*Fantastic, Fabulous, I have walked around, over, on top of, and throughout the Finders Rangers and Wilpena Pound. Great memories of my childhood. But never from the air, great filming, looks brilliant!!!!*". Hollywood Director, James Cameron loved the video. He said, "A great idea, flawlessly executed."

That we can bring something of our experiences back in pictures and on video to share with *whuffos* so they can appreciate the joy inherent in our sport is a huge bonus.



Our footage has been watched by millions of people via social media and major mainstream programs such as *Channel 7 National News, Discovery News Canada, National Geographic and 60 Minutes*. Australian Geographic magazine are running a feature article in their September edition – expecting to captivate their 750,000 readers with our aerial photography.

ORDINARY PEOPLE GET IT. THEY SAY THINGS LIKE, "IT MUST BE INCREDIBLE TO FLY LIKE A BIRD IN SUCH BEAUTIFUL PLACES. I COULD NEVER DO THIS MYSELF, BUT IT LOOKS AMAZING," AND OF COURSE IT IS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE MAKE THE FLYING ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE AND THE PRIVILEGE OUR SPORT AFFORDS US.

When we flew across the Grand Canyon, I'm sorry to say that all I focused on was the formation. I was so intent on trying to fly my slot, and beating myself up because the formation wasn't perfect, that I lost the opportunity to **simply be in the experience** and celebrate an incredible world first that took more than a year to organise.

I only really understood how wrong-headed this was when one of our wingsuit team from Lake Eyre and Wilpena Pound wouldn't share our videos of the flights on Social Media because he was afraid of being criticised by other skydivers.

First flights in new landscapes, in unfamiliar planes and landing areas you have never set foot on can be stressful. Typically you have only one chance to get it right. It's not like jumping at the drop zone, where of course we are performance focused and every jump is critiqued on how far, how long and how tightly we flew.

The joy of being the first to experience a place like no one else has is priceless. It's what the pioneers of skydiving cinematography, people like Carl Boenish, tried to convey to the world. He set out to make skydiving films that would explain the WHY. 'Why do you jump out of perfectly good aeroplanes?' His films did what words never could to

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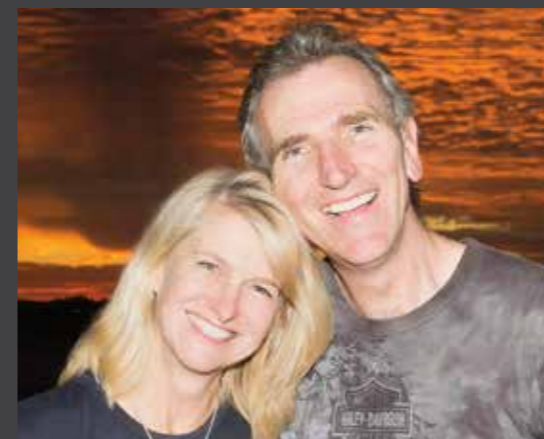
answer that question. The giant smiles, the bright coloured jumpsuits, the obvious elation is impossible to miss so that more people are drawn to the sport, if only to do a tandem. Later, in his BASEjumping films, Carl highlighted the power of the landscape and a parachutist's unique interaction with it. Wingsuiting takes that interaction to new levels. In pushing the boundaries of what we do with our Wingsuit skydiving and cinematography, Glenn and I experience this joy anew and we don't lose the wonder at how far we've come, and how much further we might go.

At Lake Eyre under canopy I looked at one of the most beautiful vistas I have even seen. The sun was low in the sky, puncturing the clouds with shimmering gold rays. The puffy white clouds were mirrored in the water of the lake, and the salt changed from white to pink and back to pink again. On the other side the outback stretched out like a moonscape. We landed on a small headland 107 kilometres from anywhere and it felt incredible!

At William Creek all the locals and the tourists collected in the main street, waiting to see us fly over. We gave them a show and three members of our wingsuit team landed, to the locals delight, eleven steps from the front door of the Pub. At Wilpena Pound the local aboriginal council and the management of the resort came out to the airstrip to watch us. When we landed (being careful to miss the kangaroos and emus), the small crowd, obviously gobsmacked, cheered and congratulated us wholeheartedly. Our wingsuits (Hunters from Phoenix-Fly) and camera helmets fascinated them. They thought what we'd done and how we did it was simply amazing. And it was.

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In May 2017 we are hoping to organise an outback wingsuit boogie for experienced flyers (>100 wingsuit flights) so that other people can experience the same thrill of these iconic locations. If you are interested, please email heather@baseclimb.com



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OKEEDOKEE, SO IT'S BEEN 18 MONTHS SINCE THE 'BIRTH OF BELLATRIX' AND OVER A YEAR SINCE OUR LAST UPDATE, ACK - YOU CAN'T HALF TELL WE'RE ALL GETTING OLDER AS THOSE PESKY YEARS KEEP SLIPPING THROUGH OUR FINGERS...

By Riss Anderson Photos by Steve Tonson

I received an email this morning asking for some 'Bellatrix' facts and figures for an upcoming APF documentary, which prompted me to flick through my logbook (or my incredibly half-arsed version of one in a tattered old exercise book, but yes - I still have one) and to my surprise I calculated that we have smashed out 500 jumps together (as well as a hell of a lot of time in that windy tube thingo) since our first meeting, and I got to thinking about all the bloody cool times we've had gallivanting around the globe this past year, not to mention what we have coming up!

I tell you what - teams are frikken fantastic. For anyone out there in skydive-land contemplating starting one up, I whole-heartedly encourage you to do so! The opportunities they create are endless... with exposure to travel, incredible coaches, competitions (state, national or even international), training and the progression you'll see, mates (both teamies and other peeps in the 'competition scene') and a whole heap of FUN (sprinkled with a healthy amount of frustration and head-banging - and that's not of the 90s variety, mostly) to name but a few.

Anyhoo... following the epic-ness that was the '2015 World Cup' in Teuge (now try to pronounce THAT!!! GAH) late last year, where we annihilated our own expectations and won a bronze medal, BOOYAH (just don't ask us how many teams there were, OK!), we came home and chilled out for a few months before re-convening at our beloved Sydney Skydivers (shout-out to Phil, Cindi, Johnny and the rest of the staff there for being awesome as always). We had actually not done much jumping in the six months leading up to the WC, and had been swimming in the murky waters of uncertainty as to whether or not the team would even be continuing. But with a deck of 'full steam ahead' cards in hand, we spent a few weeks in the lead up to Christmas getting 'our JUMP ON :).

A few weather days meant we racked up another four hours in the crack-pipe, and this was the camp where we were officially 'cameraman-less', so had a number of 'subs' come and play for a few days at a time. This was pretty cool - big thanks go to Steve, Andy, Adrian and Brody who went out of their way to spend a few days each filming for us! Stellar job done by all of them! Having made some swot slitches, I mean slot switches (I dare ya's to say that ten times in a hurry), there was a little bit of going backwards in order to go forwards happening during this camp. Knowing it would be worth it in the end, we slowed things down a bit and focussed on getting the exits right (not sure

if we'll ever get those bloody E's good enough though), and getting the new pictures in our heads. 108 jumps in the bag and we went our merry little ways for some

silly season festivities.

Barely at home long enough to get some coin together, and we were back at it again in Picton. A camp dedicated to JUMPING ONLY (WHAT THE?, like back to the 90s bro)... no tunnel allowed. Hahaha - what a refreshing concept. With our new permanent cameraman 'Spot' onboard, we pushed the pedal to the metal (or whatever the skyjumping equivalent of that is) and took advantage of Sydney's DIVINE weather... jumping our little (or not so little) butts off. Up and down, up and down, up and down all day long. Thruster (a.k.a. Karen) had her FIRST CHOP (in thousands of jumps, spanning 20 years)... this was certainly beer-worthy. AM had a birthday... which was certainly cake-worthy. And we had a 'final chit-chat prior to Nats' on our final day... which was certainly slippery nipple-worthy. Heck, not too much to complain about during this camp :).





I was the child who wagged class on school photo day, the one that pulled faces in the family portrait, and doing handi-cam is by far the least pleasing part of my job (usually; occasionally there are less pleasing parts... like vomit... or poo). Different parts of the day triggered different feelings in me: the 'interview' made me surprisingly nervous; the 'lets lounge by the pool' shots made me cringe; the upclose HEADSHOTS (WHAT THE?!) made me scream little bursts of purple-veined agony inside; and for the 'individual activity' shots I chose to be doing handstands (smart little lassie here figured she wouldn't have to smile, she'd be upside down and facing AWAY from the lens, whoop whoop). Anyhoooooo... we survived the day to return to training, phew – something we actually knew how to do! Side-note: haven't seen the end product yet - but not quite sure if the portrayal of an 'intense team training camp' is going to be very accurate ;).

All in all, a bloody great camp was had. Spot was proving to be an absolute machine, not missing a single exit and occasionally being told to 'perhaps not be quite so close', hahaha – bloody over-achievers. Langers & Thruster were thriving in their new slots. Team dynamics were going strong and we'd secured a new sponsor in 'Madame Flavour' teas... so had an abundance of delicious herbal teas to sip on, and we were READY FOR THE NATIONALS! Bring it on.

Fast forward one month. Nagambie DZ – I love that place! Every time I'm there I have the most awesomest of times. Great facilities, great people, great vibe. Another bout of hosting the Nationals done astoundingly well by Don and Lou! Having done a pretty intense camp not long before, we kept our pre-comp jumps to a minimum... a few obligatory 'different plane, different exit' jumps and some 'lets get used to Naggas again' jumps. Following a cheeky and indulgent team lunch at Tahbilk Winery we were feeling ready, chomping at the bit.

Little miss Porky here spent the first two days of comp doing 8-way (as did Spot), while the rest of the gang chilled out, wandering around town and re-visiting the wineries (for lunch, they told me... suurrreeeee). Comp itself rocked. I REALLY LOVE THAT STUFF. Some people say they hate competition, not having a 'competitive bone' in their body. Not I said the fly. I can't get enough of it.

I always, always, always have round 1 nerves (and usually a significantly hefty dose of Round 10 nerves too)... but for some masochistic reason, I enjoy even that.

We managed five rounds on day one (with our last being a bit of a romantic, sunset sky stroll), and our scores reflected a pretty solid performance. We'd maintained second place all day. First jump of the second day was the 'burner' round and we later discovered we got the new

Australian Female 4-way FS Record of 23 in time. Can't complain about that! Finished the day with silver medals around our necks, a bonza bottle of Tahbilk wine in each of our paws and smiles on our dials. The day was bittersweet, being the anniversary of Michael's death and although Kate had requested we didn't treat her any differently or acknowledge the day in any way, it played on all of our minds. Suffice to say – drinks were consumed that night! Happy with our jumps, happy with the way we'd managed the comp without our coach at hand

(although he did send us the most adorable good luck card ever, bahaha), and stoked to have secured a place on the Aussie team for 2016 – again we went our separate ways.

May brought us all back together to work on our bogansisms in 'the Riff'. It was crack-pipe time, and we probably looked like we were on crack by the time we finished up our eight hours in eight days! Our coach, the incredibly talented and patient Steve Hamilton returned to Oz for the fourth time in twelve months, man that guy could buy his own plane with all his frequent flyer points ;). Having finally learned a lesson or two, he arrived a couple of days early, so for a change he was chirpy and eyes-wide-open from the start. This turned out to be a bad thing for us, as about two hours prior to our meeting time for Day One we received a message from him saying to prepare for a 'fitness test' on arrival at the tunnel. Usually we were being briefed to make sure he had a strong black coffee ready for him on arrival. AM & I were driving up from the Gong and laughed together, neither of us believing him. As a team, we like to maintain a certain level of fitness – each of us having different strengths and weaknesses and training preferences, and although we'd had specific team fitness goals outlined, we'd never actually measured them. So straight into pushups and crunches it was for us, doh! Smashing out some total girl-power results, it was then into the tunnel.

The following eight days went by pretty quickly in a blur of individual skills time, team time with rigs on and team time with Steve filling in for myself (as I had a stoopid shoulder injury that was playing up). Due to my spastic body falling apart, we cut the original ten hours down to eight and while I was off getting ultrasounds and cortisone injections, the rest of the gals were smashing out the skill development. It is really depressing sitting on the wrong side of that glass watching the rest of your team having so much fun (not to mention getting a little nervous that my piece partner was never going to want me back after getting to fly with our coach so much ;). I played the cameo 'cameraman' role – and laughed at how often they would stop their flying to geek at me! Thanks for putting up with all of my moaning gals!

Sooooooo... what's coming up next? In a few weeks time we are off to the gloriously sunshiney 'Empuriabrava' in Spain to give it all one last HOORAH before World Meet time in Chicago in September. Some summer jumping to break up our Aussie winter, whoop whoop – who says we're maniacs for choosing this lifestyle? Unfortunately there won't be too much time for Sangria and siestas, but I'm sure we'll squeeze in a few! It is with big fat grateful hearts we thank everyone who has helped support us on our journey so far – the APF, Sydney Skydivers, State Councils, iFly, everyone who purchased team shirts/stubby coolers (contact us if you want to purchase one!) and of course all of our skydiving buddies (despite getting paid out for 'still practising my deployment position', hehehe). Hopefully we can do ya's all proud later this year! CHOO CHOO BOOM!

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SYMPOSIUM of SIGNIFICANCE

It astounds me that with so much skydiving talent and experience under one roof only 180 of Australia's 2917 sporting license members attended the event. Perhaps jumpers would prefer to spend their money on skydiving rather than talking about it? But let's not forget that the APF Symposium is not just a gathering of has-been skydivers and board members. This is a once a year event where those most passionate about the sport present what they believe to be important changes or improvements that need to be made or addressed.

The aim is to make the sport safer, sexier to prospective jumpers and quite simply to keep us all in the know. I urge all of you to make a point of having a say and getting involved in this magnificent and supportive community. I left the Symposium full of knowledge, made friends with some intimidatingly cool people and went home with a heavy heart wishing it wasn't over. Truly.

The Symposium was held at the Twin Towns resort overlooking the majestic Gold Coast. Staying only a few metres from the ocean meant daily beach yoga, sea swims, dips in the hotel pools and spa – all before 9am. And like the setting, the speakers were outstanding: Layne Beachley, Tom Noonan, Rob Libeau, Richard McCooey, Archie Jamieson, James La Barrie, Tracey Basman, Mason Corby, Jules McConnel and Joel McMahon to name but a few.

LAYNE BEACHLEY

Australia's most successful female surfer in history officially opened the Symposium. Layne Beachley flew into the event strapped to Managing Director and Chief Instructor of Gold Coast Skydive Archie Jamieson.

The third greatest Australian Female Athlete of all time behind Dawn Fraser and Betty Cuthbert won the hearts of the crowd, including that of Aussie Bigways National Events Co-ordinator and Mentor Tracey Basman, in her opening address to the Symposium.

Basman says the obstacles Beachley overcame on her road to success, and her refusal to be a victim, was inspiring for both women and men involved in any adventure sport.



"Her personal story was motivating to say the least! (Beachley talked about) Your own fears and thoughts, and how the people around you make a huge difference. Surround yourself with a supportive network of family and friends that believe in you."

The Beachley skydiving connection began in 2014.

The APF's National Development Manager Rob Libeau met the superstar surfer at a Women's Leadership forum in Sydney, where they chatted about her work as ambassador of the Women In Adventure Sport (WIAS) program.

The APF has since offered to pay for Beachley to do an AFF course.

"Imagine the seven time world surfing champ becoming an Australian Skydiving Champion," says Libeau. "There is a doco to film there; from the blue water to the blue sky, follow the whole story from jump one to competing at the Nationals – it would be epic!"

ROB LIBEAU

Libeau's job at the APF is to work out how to keep people in the sport and how to best promote skydiving to attract more jumpers.

His 'Marketing For Growth' seminar revealed the fruits of his labor as student and AFF numbers are up from last year.

"The APF has spent significant money on promotions that target AFF and educating people that: you do not have to do a tandem – you can learn to skydive," says Libeau.

"The AFF promo run on social media over the summer period reached over 200,000 people and the TV commercial has been estimated at reaching over 1.1 million households."

Libeau emphasized that our images and visuals inspire people to skydive, and all drop zones and individual skydivers need to get their "skyporn" out there.

He recommends: "Sync all your platforms. Keep videos short and ask people a question when posting stills, like 'What did YOU do today?'"

"Always use hashtags and the @ symbol to link to relevant pages or sites."

Equally passionate about marketing and the skydiving industry is James La Barrie, the CEO of American company Beyond Marketing.



TOM NOONAN

As a fledgling tandem instructor, I made sure to attend all of Tom Noonan's seminars and workshops.

The Tandem Program Director at United Parachute Technologies, producers of the Sigma and Vector tandem systems, is an original member of Everest Skydive Expedition that has been performing high altitude skydives in the Himalaya for the last six years.

He is also currently a National Director for the United States Parachute Association, and was the standout speaker, in my opinion.

Noonan believes that nailing a tandem exit 99% of the time is simple – it all hinges on a properly trained student and a tandem instructor that corrects positions in the door and exits into the relative wind.

He adds that size and weight (differences between student and instructor) are overcome by training, position and orientation on exit.

"(However) There is always the 1% random chaos that can occur on any tandem exit," he says.

"For droguefall, it's all about neutralising the body position of the student, regardless of size, but the lazy crutch is to correct (capture legs and/or reposition arms) and then keep holding them, instead of 'capture, correct, release and fly your own body'."

This information was reassuring to hear from Noonan, having had this very knowledge drilled into me by my examiner only a week before.

I was surprised to see the number of hands that went up after Noonan asked how many instructors in the room had experienced a side-spin, something he says many seasoned instructors are frightened of.

"A little bit of fear is always healthy, it keeps us sharp and attentive, but confidence in ability should always trump fear," says Noonan. "You can be apprehensive about something but as long as it doesn't affect your ability to do your job and that your confidence in yourself is stronger, then I think that is normal."



JAMES LA BARRIE

The former DZ manager of nine years documented his recent tour of 13 Australian drop zones, discovering each centre had their strengths and weaknesses.

During his talks he recommended the need for drop zones to aim to get 5/5 for a list of 20 customer experience points like website, social media - stating most Aussie drop zone staff are spread thin and their marketing mediocre.

However, he says, there were two standouts.

Skydive Jurien Bay and Skydive Oz in Moruya scored highest on all 20 customer points of interaction.

"I felt that Jurien and Oz were the two DZs that went out of their way with their focus on the minutiae. The fact they have nice facilities is not what impresses me. A business can have the best of everything and still be mediocre. I came away feeling like they were customer service companies that happened to sell skydiving."



During the tandem workshop Noonan stated that regardless of experience, the one tandem Emergency Procedure that is almost ALWAYS responded to incorrectly when quizzed on the ground is the "videographer in tow" caught in the drogue bridle.

"The responses I have received have been: (a) Go straight for reserve. (b) Deploy main, cutaway and then reserve. (c) Cutaway and deploy main, then reserve.

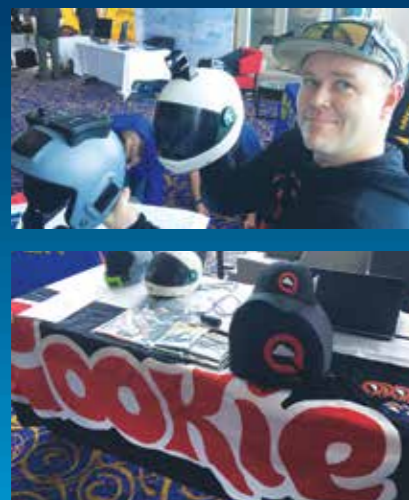
The correct answer is: While maintaining altitude awareness and after giving the videographer 5-6 seconds to try and clear themselves, altitude permitting:

(a) Disconnect RSL. (b) Cutaway. (c) Deploy (right side) secondary main handle. (d) Fall clear / TRACK 4-5 seconds to achieve horizontal separation. (e) Deploy Reserve.

"If the RSL is not disconnecting, falling away after deployment will result in a reserve activation under the videographer. And if you don't track horizontally, you risk a deployment collision as the videographer is falling through the same column of air."

It was sobering to then watch that very emergency on video on Noonan's computer – witnessing the correct and fast reactions of the instructor involved. Gasp-worthy stuff.

TRADE STALLS



RICHARD MCCOOEY

The Safety and Training Manager for the APF presented his own share of frightening skydiving incidents caught on camera.

Preluding that, he reported a decline of skydiving incidents over time, and highlighted a steady reduction in injuries to tandem over other student training methods.

He also said changes to the current instructor D up to A structure are underway, taking into account the possible confusion that arises as our jumper certification goes from A to F.

"We (also) question if a tandem instructor needs to do a full ID rating and cover all the instructional technique syllabus. We also question why a DZSO is at a lower level than a Course instructor."

A review of the system may find a way to simplify the ratings and make adjustments to suit the needs of today, says McCooey, who has set up a working group who will provide input prior to presenting a draft to members in coming months.

The unforgettable handcam videos McCooey showed at the tail end of his presentation were spectacularly shocking.

A tandem instructor and student exiting the plane while still attached by Single

Point Restraint, an AFF student bridle wrapping around an instructor's helmet-mounted camera, an AFF student slipping out of their harness unnoticed by the jump masters, and a BASE jump without a harness.

McCooey says such videos are not usually shown to the broader membership, however they are important to present to a safety symposium for educational reasons.

"We de-identify who and where the incidents are. After watching, most instructors provide positive feedback and say 'I hope I would never do that'. The last BASE jump piercing video was just of interest, no intended education on that!"



ARCHIE JAMIESON

One of the most vocal participants at the Symposium was Gold Coast Skydive's Archie Jamieson, who has been running a pilot AFF-Tunnel program for his tandem- only DZ.

It was put together with the help of Roger Mulckey (Funny Farm) and Steve Geens (Belgy).

"It was based on research we had done on other countries AFF programs and DZs that work closely with tunnels," says Jamieson.

The idea was to help offset some of the costs of the tunnel by reducing the number of jumps in the AFF course and the fact that there's only one jump master from the start.

The end result is a course that is similar in price but instead of nine jumps, you get six (jumps) and 30 minutes of tunnel.

"This should almost eliminate the need to repeat any stages," says Jamieson. "It will also hopefully help with retention, as students will have a higher skill level once they have finished the course, and help get over the potentially scary Stages 4 and 5 with students getting out of control and perhaps giving up."

Belgy noted the hybrid course added \$3,000 on top of AFF, which many agree is costly for a student.

Jamieson says a price reduction is always possible.

"But you get what you pay for. Our wages are a little higher for the first jump course so there is more incentive for IBs to run the courses.

"Tunnel coaches on the program are also paid well. So we can get good people and keep the standards high."

Jamieson represented the Affirmative side during the 'Indoor Flying Will Grow the Skydiving Industry' debate – coming out trumps.

"From my point of view it was just to get people thinking and to have a bit of fun," says Jamieson.

"I would have quite happily gone on either side, even though I truly believe the tunnel can and will grow the sport. But it's up to us to use the tunnel in a way to make the sport grow."

He says the tunnel should not be seen as a threat, and we need to work together to better and grow the sport.

Perhaps we could all start by getting more involved and attending the next APF Symposium. I assure you, you will not regret it!

QUOTE FROM BRAD TURNER, CEO

"We believe this Conference will give delegates with a common interest in working together, an opportunity to benefit all APF Members through safe, fun and fulfilling participation in skydiving, the opportunity to network and to build new relationships and catch up with old friends."



QUOTE FROM IRISH:

"Absolute pleasure to be involved with the big dogs of Australian skydiving and watching the big decision being made by the best in the business about how much longer the free bar should stay open. Fantastic event and I would encourage everyone to get to a Conference at least once to see how much the APF does for skydiving and trying to grow our sport for the best. Pity about the MC but apart from that the event was a huge success."



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LET'S START AGAIN

W.A. 8-WAY DEVELOPMENT CAMP

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Photos by Grant Ball, Kim Brooks & Karl Johansson
with Simone Bambach

IN WA, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL YEARS OF DECLINE IN FLATFLYING. THE WA STATE COMPETITION USUALLY HAS A FEW SCRATCH TEAMS IN INTERMEDIATE AND OPEN 4-WAY AND THE GENERAL MOVE IS FOR NOVICE JUMPERS TO MOVE QUICKLY FROM THEIR 'B' LICENCE INTO TRACKING JUMPS AND THEN FREEFLY. IN MANY CASES THE MOVE TO FREEFLYING OCCURS WITHOUT OBTAINING THEIR STAR CREST. THIS MEANS THAT WHEN THEY REALISE THAT THEY NEED A STAR CREST TO DO ANYTHING BIGGER THAN A 10-WAY THEY DON'T HAVE THE STRONG FOUNDATION OF FLATFLYING SKILLS THEY NEED. GIVEN THIS CURRENT CLIMATE, I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT I COULD USE AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE RE-EMERGENCE OF FLATFLYING.

Simone Bambach has been holding 8-way development camps across the country for the past twelve months and in January I had attended one of the camps, at Picton. It seemed like a no-brainer to apply to the APF Fi Fund and the WA State Parachute Council for funding support to have Simone run the camp in WA. It was scheduled for the June long weekend.

I wasn't sure how many people I would get to register for the camp, given the decline in interest in Flatflying. To my surprise, two months out from the event, I had more people register than I had slots. I had to put people on a waiting list, which means I'm likely to arrange for Simone to revisit the program and we will have a stronger foundation to work from at the next camp.

All participants were to be on the mat at 8am Saturday morning with a schedule of exit explanations and briefings, dive walk-through and creeping and then four jumps per day, including briefs and debriefs for all jumps and especially the exits.

One of the main aims of the camp is for participants to gain an understanding of what effect the air has on their bodies on exit and during flight so they can apply this knowledge to their exits and overall flying ensuring consistency in their flying.

A lot of information was presented to the participants and they soaked it up. Simone stepped through every slot explaining climb out, setup and launch. Comments were made that it would have been great to have the briefing filmed or documented. I didn't see too many people with pens and paper at hand but the comments gave me an idea for an after-event activity.

The participants took the information provided and put it into practice in the sky and whilst neither team achieved the elusive exit both had a couple of exits that were close, losing only one or two at the launch. Debriefs provided as much as the briefings, allowing the participants to go back up and try again. Exits aside, the emphasis of the camp was on flying the slot, seeing through the centre to an opposite, maintaining a fall rate and seeing grips in peripheral vision rather than focusing on the grip.

The plan to achieve four jumps per day was quashed by a few logistical problems. That is, over the course of two days of jumping we saw two aircraft be declared inoperable and had to relocate to another drop zone to jump out of a third aircraft. The camp started at Skydive York and on Sunday morning was relocated to WA Skydiving Academy at Pinjarra, a two hour drive. That is participant dedication! Even with these problems the groups achieved a total of 11 of the 16 jumps planned. You've got to love D.Z. operators who will cooperate at short notice to ensure that fun jumpers, who



have committed to developing their skills, keep jumping. I was thrilled to see the eagerness and accelerated learning of the participants and wondered how I could build on this to keep the enthusiasm and reinforce the skills learnt. This was my approach:-

1. Close-out email to all participants asking for feedback.
 - a. What did they like?
 - b. What didn't they like?
 - c. What did they learn?
 - d. How can we build on the skills?
 2. Follow up email asking all participants to visualise the slot they had flown. I asked them to document the climb out, set up and launch as a visualisation from the moment the green light came on in the plane. The responses will be reviewed and compiled into one set that will be circulated to all the participants and will be used for future events.
 3. Planned refresher weekends with the player coaches and participants. The first refresher event is scheduled for early August with others to follow.
 4. Revisit camp with Simone early next year.
- The camp will include wind tunnel and jumping.

The feedback I have received from the close out email has been terrific especially the responses to the question what did you learn?

- Importance of flying slots and not taking grips too soon.
- Foot placements, timing and presentation on the exit.
- Importance of team work to achieve each point.



- Importance of fall rate.
- Importance of looking across the centre and setting up against opposite.

I'm hoping that this is the start of the rebuilding of Flatflying in W.A.

Thanks must go to the APF Fi Fund, Skydive York and Tom Gilmarten, the W.A. State Parachute Council, Robin O'Neill at WA Skydiving Academy and Simone Bambach for her brilliant coaching.

It is not often that we get to jump at two D.Z.s whilst participating in one camp and seeing two caravan aircraft become inoperable in one weekend. Let's do it all again minus the aircraft issues.





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FOR A LONG TIME, FUNNY FARM WAS AN INVITATIONAL BOOGIE AND AT THE TOP OF MANY-A SKYDIVERS WISH LIST. THIS YEAR, ANY JUMPER WHO CAN FLY SAFELY IN A GROUP OF FIVE PEOPLE WAS WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE 90 SLOTS, AND TRAVEL THE GREAT DISTANCE TO THE FUNNY FARM DROP ZONE IN OUTBACK QUEENSLAND WHERE THE EVENT IS HELD EVERY AUTUMN.



By Linda Lliste Photos by Dave Hyndman, Lauri Apro, Mason Corby, Linda Lliste and Misty

And slots are popular. During April 16-22, the 16th edition saw coaches and participants arrive from many regions here in Australia, as well as the US, Israel, Germany, France, Romania, Poland, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, New Zealand, Sweden, Belgium and England. Unsurprisingly, the boogie was a huge success, thanks to all the organisers and ground staff working hard – Roger Mulckey and now Farming partner Shea Convery, manifest magician Sharney Perrow, MC Peter “Irish” Sutton, musician and DJ Luke Scarrabelotti, and of course the Mulckey family who year after year go out of their way to make sure all these passionate jumpers who descend on their farm are well fed and taken care of. Among the twelve world-class coaches were several Aussies, such as Mason Corby, Matt Munting, Keith Grealy and Richie Convery.

Like previous years, the boogie was structured as a package deal including camping, food and 30 jump tickets. The first day was relaxed with participants urged to fun jump with friends. Thereafter came four days of coach organised jumps that built toward a greater degree of aptitude and currency. It culminated in two days of off-the-cuff groups increasing in sizes and complexity to forge ahead and acquire a whole new bag of tricks. The learning curve was steep with any sort of desired freefly movement on the cards. Nearly 3,000 jumps were made out of the Caravan and Beaver – from tracking and group angles to exit head-up rounds transitioning to big-way flowquentials.





Adding to the excitement was also the fact that Funny Farm is one of the few places in the world where it's possible and allowed to jump safely with freefall objects. This led to some especially creative jumps toward the end of the boogie, containing a keg of Fireball whisky and an old refrigerator stacked with cans of beer. The weather was nice and warm, and through especially hot spells the pond almost became a beach hang out with boogie-goers bringing umbrellas and beanbags from the packing area to watch master swooping and occasional splashes. This too is where everyone gathered towards the end of the day with cold beers to watch the sunset loads land.

Funny Farm truly fosters a loving community through shared meals, hilarious skits that anyone can contribute to and brilliant day tapes, edited by long-term video collaborator Elad Berger from High Speed Productions with the help of camera flyers Dave Hyndman, Mason Holden and Richie Scheurich. MC Irish, whose awesome mic talents bring people in to attend everything from meetings to happenings, masterfully held it together, making sure (not so quiet) quiet nights, (quite loud) party nights and the much appreciated talent night ran super smooth. Mixing this with daily doses of morning coffee thanks to Smiley and his coffee van, and evening bonfires, it all comes together to create the unique boogie blend that is Funny Farm. The term "family" is widely used by both organisers and participants. Even for a first-time farmer as undersigned, it is easily understood and quickly felt. At Funny Farm everyone is family and it is without a doubt the best Freefly and Canopy Flying boogie in Australia. Maybe even the world.

Thanks to NZ Aerosports for sending Noah Bahnson, Vector UPT for the Mexicans, iFly Downunder for Matt Boags, SQPC for helping with Richie Convery and Keith Grealy and the APF for the \$8,000 contribution to the event.

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J Bay Performance Flying & Formation Camp 2016

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SKYDIVE JURIEEN BAY HOSTED
THE INAUGURAL **J BAY PERFORMANCE
FLYING & FORMATION CAMP** IN JUNE
2016, AN EVENT AIMED AT BRINGING EVERYONE
TOGETHER TO LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES AND PUSH
THEIR BODIES AND WINGSUITS TO NEW LIMITS.

The 25 participants were spoilt to have world renowned wingsuit flyer and coach, Jarno Cordia (Netherlands) join the camp to coach and organise. Supporting Jarno were local wingsuit coaches Scotty Paterson and Jack Rolliston.

The original concept for the event was to run a small camp to introduce wingsuit performance flying (XRW, Flocking, Acro, Back Flying, Head Down Carving) to the west coast skydivers but as interest grew the event also grew with the addition of a Performance Flying competition added to the mix.

The skill and experience levels of participants ranged from only 20 wingsuit jumps all the way to people that have 1,000+ wingsuit jumps. Everything was included in the camp, from XRW at the start of the week to Flocking, Acro, Back Flying, Headdown Carving and of course Performance flying.

The competition side of things consisted of three rounds with a total of three jumps per round. In the three jumps of the round the goal is to be going for Time, Distance or Speed. Time was calculated by the amount of time participants could stay in the competition window, being 3,000 metres to 2,000 metres. Distance was calculated by how far one could travel over a horizontal distance in the competition window. Speed was calculated by the average horizontal speed one would reach in the competition window.

First place in the competition went to James Nowland, who really came out of nowhere with his Vampire Sukhoi. Second and third places going to Jack Rolliston and Guy Hanby.

The camp was a fantastic opportunity for people who are competing at the Performance flying World Championships in Z-hills in November 2016. With Jack Rolliston and Guy Hanby representing Australia, Jarno Cordia representing Netherlands and Udit Thapar representing India all breaking personal best scores in their quest to be on the podium later this year.

Participants consisted of skydivers from WA, the east coast of Australia, India and even the Ukraine.

The massive success of this event is a credit to Skydive Jurien Bay who provided the facilities and resources for this awesome week of fun and learning. Thanks must also go to the Australian Parachute Federation who provided funding for this event. Without the support this event would not have been possible.



Participants List

SANDRA NORTHEY
DANIEL STUTLEY
GRAHAM COOK
DANIEL
MCCULLOCH
LUKE MCINTOSH
ISAAC NUTIRA
ADAM CALLEY
PAUL GRESSER
JARROD MATTHEWS
BAZ
JAMES NOWLAND
JOHANNES DEBLER
ROBERT GILMORE
GUY HANBY
ALEX GATELEY
CRAIG COOK
RYAN SCARLETT
SHAUN MAC
CLINT DADSON
SCOTTY P (COACH)
JARNO (COACH)
JACK R (COACH)
MICHAEL "WOODY" SMART
UDIT THAPAR



PULL YA STRINGS BRO

Compiled by Jules McConnell
Photos by Jules McConnell, Brody Johnson
and Gerri Whittaker

Picture snow capped mountains as far as you can see, turn around to the still waters of the Tasman Sea whilst flying over lush green paddocks below – this is the view from take off to altitude and all the way back down to the ground... Top this with the chilled atmosphere from the warm hospitality of Lee, Sophie and Gregg and you've got one outstanding drop zone! This is why we chose Skydiving Kiwis to host the second Pull Ya Strings camp, and why we've already planned a return trip in February.

The following comments from all the amazing people I had the pleasure to meet and fly with pretty much sum up the event. Amidst all the one on one coach jumps and streamer jumps were the staff test jumping a range of Safire3 canopies, Crossfire 3 prototypes and various other canopies in early stages of development. I got to try out some of these whilst getting people out of their comfort zone, flying up nice and close – bumping end cells, and even building two stack formations.

So a big shout out to NZ Aerosports for sending Chris Brook with a swag of canopies for all of us to try and for Chris to impart so much knowledge about the development of these new wings.

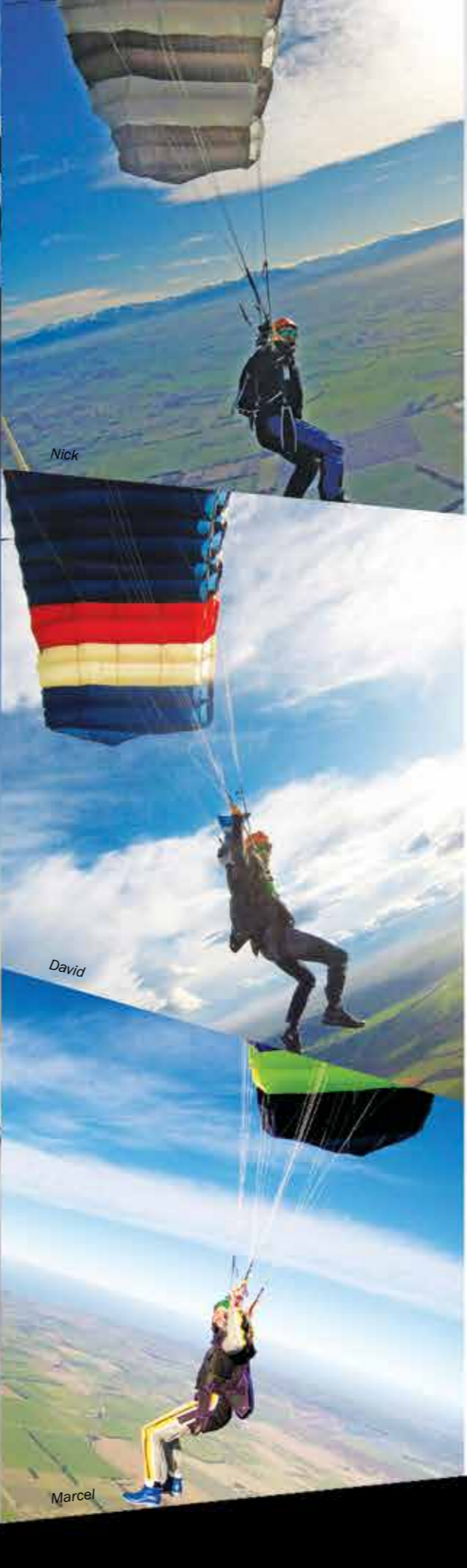
Also thanks to Brody Johnston for making it all happen and Louis for the tour of Christchurch where I got to meet the Wizard of NZ – on par with another highlight of meeting the amazing Brent Findlay!

Jules McConnell



Jo

Gerri



David

Marcel



Nick



Bevan



I've had input from a large number of canopy coaches through my skydiving career and Jules and Chris were both great. Not only had my HP landings improved over the course, I also left with a clear idea of what to work on. I'd recommend the course to canopy pilots of all levels.

Tim Bacon

As a visiting Aussie to Kiwi Land, Skydiving Kiwis reputation as the best fun jumping drop zone on the South Island and possibly N.Z. did not disappoint. Walking into the hangar I was greeted by the up-beat and positive personality that is Lee. Immediately I felt at home and by the time I left, this warm and welcoming skydiving community had become part of my ever-increasing skydive family.

My goals of improving my overall performance of my canopy and obtaining direction and skills required to continue improving my high performance landings were achieved and I now have some knowledge to continue my development in this amazing sport. I have set new goals to work towards before my next coaching session.

The course was as diverse as it was specific with knowledge from all the coaches covering manufacturing, deployment, performance, landings, packing and gear maintenance. I can't wait to practice all that I've learnt over these past four days, in the skies over my home drop zones.

Thank you to all the coaches, and wonderful people involved in the course. I can't wait to catch up with my Skydiving Kiwi family again soon!! Possibly Kiwi Boogie 2017 ;) Thanks Jules, Chris, Brody, Lee and Sophie for making this the most chilled and educationally rewarding camp I have been to.

Shane Turner

PULL YA STRINGS BRO

Skydiving Kiwis had the pleasure of welcoming Brody and Jules for the first N.Z.-based Pull Ya Strings camp between the 9th and the 12th of June. It was EPIC! Jules ran a seamless course, sharing heaps of knowledge and keeping a super energetic vibe while Brody made sure everything ran smoothly behind the scenes. We have already booked another course in for February and a few of the attendees have already booked their slots too it's needless to say that we're hungry for more! Get in on the next one. Chur.

Sophie-Claire Violette



This was the most amazing experience. I have learnt so much in the last four days about flying my canopy. All those things that I was too scared to even try, I have now done thanks to Jules - being able to fly closer to other people in the sky without panicking when they come near me.

The confidence I have gained from doing this course is worth a million. Thank you guys, you're all legends. I'll be back for the next one for sure!

Gerri Whittaker

This Pull Ya Strings event was sick! It helped me to reach my canopy skill goals, then took me even further than I hoped or had even imagined. The location was killer and the crew even better. Jules gave us her everything to help us reach our fullest potential and Brody was outstanding on the BBQ and camera. Between them and Chris they gave solid advice and helped create the banging atmosphere that drive us so hard. Cheers crew, look forward to next year!

Marcel Patterson





WIAS - SOUTH AUSTRALIA By Laura Watson

South Australia has been getting behind the Australian Parachute Federation's Women in Adventure Sports program, with two events held over the past three months tailored to developing the skills of female jumpers within South Australia.

The first event, a 'come and try' weekend, was held at SA Skydiving, Langhorne Creek in November 2015. That event saw females come out of the wood work, ladies who had not jumped for up to two years previously – they said knowing there would be more girls on the Drop Zone made them feel more confident and comfortable in the environment that created. There were wingsuit first flights and several B-rels completed. On Saturday night everyone shared a delicious BBQ and Jed Smith gave a useful safety seminar and de-briefed the landings which were filmed throughout the day. To further promote women participating in skydiving, a young female news reporter, Gertie Taylor, completed her AFF theory course, TAF skydive and first solo skydive. There were camera crews at the DZ over the weekend, and a fantastic story on women in skydiving was featured on the Chanel 7 news (with an average audience of 120,000 viewers). It was also promoted heavily on Facebook (viewed over 26,000 times) and

Twitter, which generated significant positive publicity for females in the sport and skydiving in general.

Link to Chanel 7 news story: <https://www.facebook.com/7NewsAdelaide/videos/1068676069829714/>

The second Women in Adventure Sports program in South Australia was a female FS 4-way intensive skills weekend with Ann-Marie Jarzebowski, hosted by Adelaide Tandem Skydiving at Lower Light, in January 2016. The style of this event was quite different, as it was a structured intensive weekend that saw two teams jumping with Ann-Marie as coach. Over just two days the skills of all participants clearly improved, personal and team goals were met and exceeded, and every single jump was successful. We had fun trying out different exits, learning how to successfully engineer a jump, and getting our heads around some of the 'secret stuff' that comes with 4-ways. Four out of the seven participants of this event are current B-rel coaches – so the knowledge and experience gained from this weekend will filter through to students who are at much earlier stages of their skydiving journey. As always, Ann-Marie was a professional, inspiring and patient coach who encouraged everyone and provided a wealth of knowledge.

These events were successful as a result of the strong support of the local community and funding from the Australian Parachute Federation, the South Australian Sports Parachute Club and the South Australian State



Council. Many thanks also to the DZ operators who hosted us, Travis Naughton and Ann-Marie for coaching, Gary Scheepens and Beau Gora for their camera work, and to Martin Letch and Tommaso Watson who provided ground support and offered much appreciated pack jobs!

Personally, I believe that the Women in Adventure Sports program is absolutely essential if we want to keep females participating in skydiving. Females learn differently, think differently and face different challenges to men. Women tend to 'undersell' their skills and achievements, doubting their own capabilities. I hope that events like these serve to help reverse this trend... several females who registered for the 4-way event with Ann-Marie had told me that they 'couldn't do Rel'. Yet every single participant nailed their jumps, flew their slots with precision, were strong, efficient, disciplined and we turned many awesome points! These women are more than capable, they are actually really, really good. It's time for us to all start recognising, accepting and celebrating our achievements. Thanks to all the amazing and talented women who came out to jump and participated in these two events!





SPEAKING LADY LANGUAGE

By Nicki Dowden

I still remember my first ever coach jump with Issy Dore when I was eighteen years old (fourteen years ago). There I was trying to look cool and relaxed as this skygod stood there with her sports crop top on, beaming muscles and bad ass demeanor, teaching me how to freefly. I still remember her words... Nicole, when you want to move forward in a sitting position you need to act like a guy and think with your bits. Point your bits to where you want to go and you will go!

This statement stuck in my head and sure enough on that next jump, I moved forwards in the sky! Issy has been an inspiration for me and I can't stress enough how important it is to continue to foster and promote female participation in the sport. Getting coached by other females has always helped me, a female's perspective allows me to relate to the sport in a different way and understand what I need to change or improve on. Us girls just seem to speak the same language.

AND.... This is why we need to change the current figure of only 14% of female solo participation in Australian skydiving. The team at SA Skydiving decided it was time to make a change and work on growing that 14% figure and offer women an AFF deal too good to refuse.

We started a campaign called 'Give It Away in May', offering the AFF Theory component for FREE to all women, this meant a \$150 saving and also a custom group of women doing the course together to offer encouragement to each



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other and foster friendships from day one. We are happy to say that the response was overwhelming, the course had to be run on two separate nights.

A very special thanks needs to be made to Jed Smith and Bryce Sellick for donating their time for free to run the theory courses. The \$150 saving would not have been achievable for the ladies with out your work guys. Jana Fitzpatrick worked very hard on creating the Give It Away in May campaign and creating the interest and hype amongst the ladies. Jana also created a mini-series of articles, interviewing current women fun-jumpers from SA Skydiving, to share their skydiving history and stories. These writeups were shared via social media and the feedback was extremely positive (check out saskydiving.com.au if you want to have a read!).

Before the AFF jumps had started Jana organised a meet and greet night in Adelaide for the new AFF participants and existing female skydivers of all experience levels. Once again the night was a success with fourteen women turning up for a drink and a chat, and to watch a great video montage put together by Jana and Bria Smith.

My words of advice to the ladies... "Ladies... Always remember to relax, breath and enjoy the moment, you will reach your 'goal' this way!".

I would like to make mention the awesome ladies who have attended their AFF theory courses and have either completed their first jumps or gone on even further! Congratulations Leah Skuse, Chloe Elkins, Laura Butler Oades, Lucy Silva, Haley Mitchell, Kelly Drinkwater, Jess Richards, Millie Daveys and Hannah Daveys.

Another special mention to the one and only Lauren Hatcher, our current superstar, who at sixteen years old visited us from NZ to complete her AFF course and now has moved to Adelaide, started a new school, and gained a part time job to continue her skydiving journey with us. You inspire many people Lauren, keep up the good work.

Well done ladies, I look forward to seeing you at the Drop Zone soon for a jump!



"Skydiving brings the best out in me, it challenges me in a way that no other extreme sport does. I'm sure I have a smile all week just with the thought of what I have achieved the weekend before and for what I am going to experience on the weekend ahead."

KELLY DRINKWATER



"If I had to choose a favourite part so far it would be the rush right after a jump!

My biggest struggle is definitely my mind, I have been over thinking absolutely everything. The support and guidance has been fantastic from the whole drop zone community, getting to know everyone would also be a highlight of mine. I'm really excited to jump more and learn more. I can't wait to get in the sky again this weekend."

LUCY SILVA

"Doing the AFF course was the best decision of my life. There have been challenges for sure. Balancing school and necessary work hours to afford jumps was hard but the motivation to jump definitely pushed me to find a way of doing just enough. Messing a manoeuvre up or doing something wrong then taking it really hard is also a bit of a challenge. But pretty much every woman in the sport I've talked to have beat themselves up over things more than once and whenever I'd get upset about something I'd done, someone else would find me and tell me all of their stories, turning it into a laugh. That support is one of my favourite things about skydiving; the encouragement, friendliness and just overall warmth of everyone in the sport. My other favourite thing would be the fact that there's nothing like it. When I'm up there, there's no place I'd rather be. When you're in the air, nothing else matters except the jump. I'm still new to the sport so I can't say much but I can definitely say that these past five months have been the best I can remember. If I can do it, anyone can."

LAUREN HATCHER



"I had always wanted to do AFF after completing three tandem jumps but I never had the confidence to sign up for a course. When the Ladies Only theory course came about I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to meet other females who had a similar interest and perhaps some of the same reservations that I had. I can't thank enough the incredibly passionate and professional staff at SA Skydiving who continue to encourage and support me."

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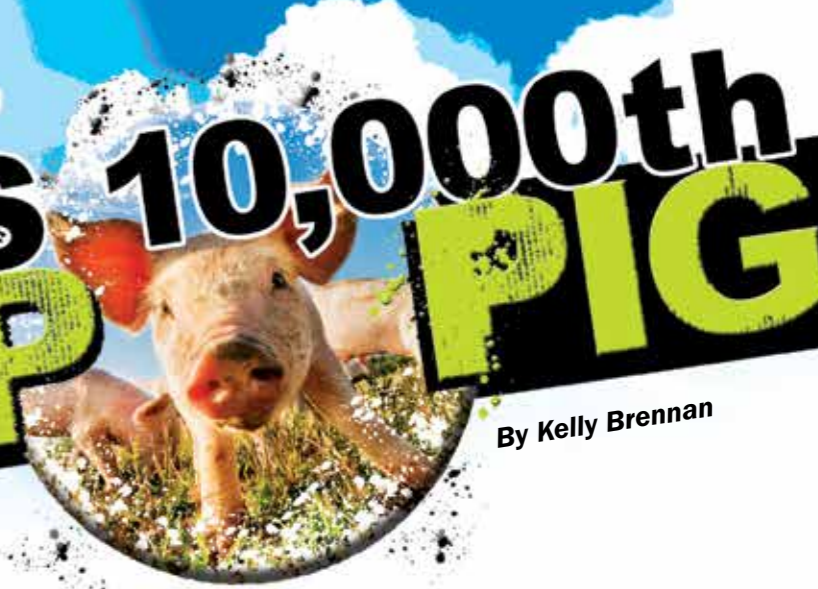
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SMEDS 10,000th JUMP PIG

By Kelly Brennan



STEVE SMEDLEY IS WELL KNOWN AROUND AUSTRALIA AS ONE OF THE 'SUPER NICE GUYS' OF SKYDIVING. AS WE ALL KNOW, NICE GUYS AREN'T NARCISSISTS. AND SMEDS IS ESPECIALLY RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT HIMSELF. SO IT TOOK A FAIR BIT OF SLEUTHING AND CAJOLING TO EXTRACT INFORMATION ABOUT HIS 10,000TH SKYDIVE AND HIS AMAZING CAREER IN THE SKY.

May 13th was a lucky 'Black Friday' for Steve Smedley, after days of bad weather had kept delaying his milestone leap. The skies were still a little grey but it was all systems go for a busy day of tandems at Skydive the Yarra Valley. Smeds managed to sneak in a quick drogue-free leap for jump number 10,000, a 2-way tracking dive with a work-mate, Brad Morton. "It was as good as what we could do and it was bloody awesome," says Smeds.

It was one of about 1,200 skydives this year for Steve's well-maintained logbook, which is full of achievements and milestones that most of us will never get to experience.

He reckons his 10,000th isn't worth a fuss. He says lots of people have done it. But, if I must write about it, (yes Smeds, I MUST) could I please stress that we never run out of new things to do in skydiving. "My only regret is that I'm not going to live long enough to try a third of the things on offer in our sport," he says.

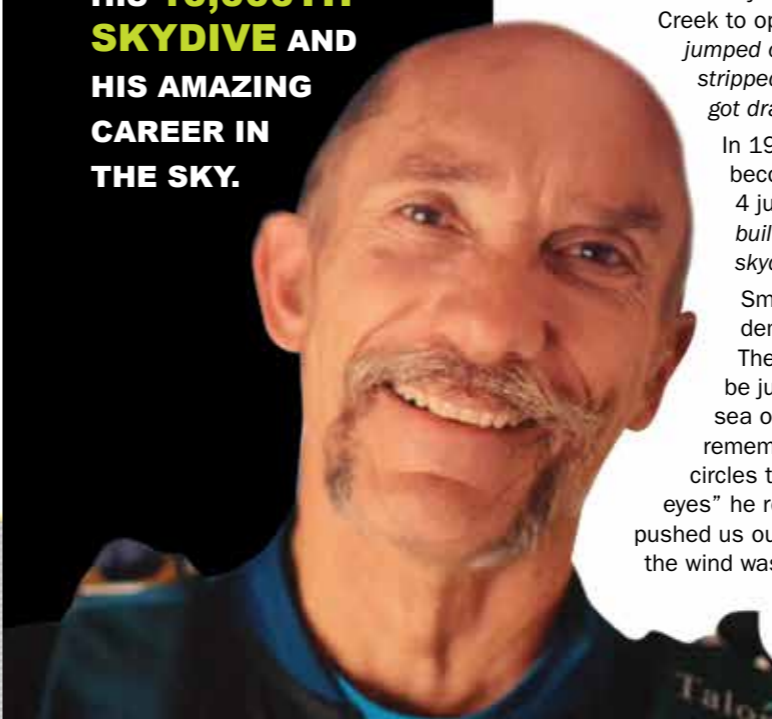
That's a big call from a man with a huge list of slab-worthy moments.

Smeds was a young school teacher when he did his first jump in 1983. Tony Edwards was the pilot and Kaiser Seider despatched him on Static Line.

His hundredth jump was a demo into Falls Creek to open the ski season. "We jumped out of Tony's 185 and I got stripped and got tied to a pole like a pig on a stick," he laughs. "Then I got dragged through the restaurant in the nude."

In 1984, he met Sandy, a static line student who would later become his wife and partner in running drop zones. Sandy only did 4 jumps, with incident reports on 3 of them. "Some of us aren't built to be jumpers," she explains. "Some of us become vicarious skydivers!"

Smeds worked for the National Safety Council from 1985 until its demise in 1989, doing lots of memorable para rescue exercises. They'd devote a couple of hours each day to fitness, then they'd be jumping, and building their skills to be ready for rescues at sea or in remote areas like the Snowy Mountain high plains. "I remember one occasion we were blindfolded and we went round in circles trying to disorient us, then they ripped the gaffer tape off our eyes" he recalls. "We hadn't even had time to get our bearings and they pushed us out of the plane." The team would have to figure out which way the wind was going, find a safe spot to land and then get to work on mock medical evacuations.





Another time he despatched a jet ski out of the King Air at Lake Glenmaggie then jumped after it, swam over to it, fired it up and went around the waterways in a practice rescue mission. "We were a bunch of guys in our twenties, just having a ball with all of this new fandangled equipment and jumping into amazing situations with new aircraft."

When the NSCA collapsed, Smeds decided against a return to teaching, and opted to pursue more full time work in skydiving. He and Sandy ran drop zones in Victoria's East Gippsland through the nineties, and their baby girl, Alyssa, was a classic drop zone kid. "It was awesome!" she says. "Like growing up with a massive extended family."

Smeds says more than 100 people came to the opening weekend for their DZ at Redcourt, near Bairnsdale, and the vibe was amazing. Another standout memory was hosting the Accuracy Nationals at Redcourt for a couple of years.

There were numerous memorable jumps in the nineties, like a demo into the back of a moving truck, followed by

a nude arrival onto a beach at Lakes Entrance, and an unofficial 103-way at Corowa, where just a few grips were wrong.

Smeds and Tim Stevens were jumping together on a planned 100 self-packed jumps in a day at Bairnsdale in 1993. Smeds rolled his ankle on his 67th landing and Tim completed the record without him. (Steve Boekel did 100 jumps too, but he had others packing for him.)

One of Smeds' many students was Chris 'Douggs' McDougall, better known nowadays as an international BASE jumping guru. Back in the mid 90s, he was just another nervous skydiving student, who was blown away when he saw Smeds climb out on the wing and do a bat hang.

"I found a family I never knew existed at that point in my life," says Douggs. "No judgement of how you dressed or acted, just respect for you being yourself. It truly changed my life."

Douggs says those early years at Redcourt were the reason he kept skydiving. "Not the skydiving itself, but the atmosphere, parties and the friendships. And it is all because of Smeds (& Sandy)."

The couple became a bit burnt out after a decade of seven-days-a-week skydiving, and they moved to Tasmania to start a tandem only business in Launceston. Alyssa enjoyed her first skydive with her dad at that drop zone, but Smeds was drifting more and more towards water skiing. He was even part of a world record, as one of 145 water skiers behind a single boat.

He ended up stopping skydiving for about three years. Three very long years.

Sandy was getting tired of Smeds running outside every time a plane flew overhead. "He got that annoying when he wasn't jumping," she says. So Sandy saved up two weeks of her own wages and told him to piss off and go skydiving! In 2010, Smeds test jumped his shoulder, which had been injured in a water skiing accident, and it passed with flying colours. He was back!

At first, he flew up to Nagambie as often as he could snap up a cheap air fare. It was only a matter of time before the Smedleys moved back to Victoria, bought a house in Nagambie and became firm fixtures at the DZ. They also hit the road for a big caravan trip, with Smeds doing tandem work at many different DZs along the way.

He moved on to Skydive Australia a year ago, and currently spends most working days at the Lilydale DZ.

Tandems are Smeds' livelihood, but he's also an active jumper in several disciplines. He loves wingsuits and angles, and he was part of last year's 119-way Aussie FS record. He's starting to do some freefly with workmates and he's been getting tips from Griggys about flying his canopy.

His famous black porn star moustache is well faded by now, and his hair is more salt than pepper. But Smeds still has his same huge freefall grin, and he's excited about what the next ten thousand jumps will bring.

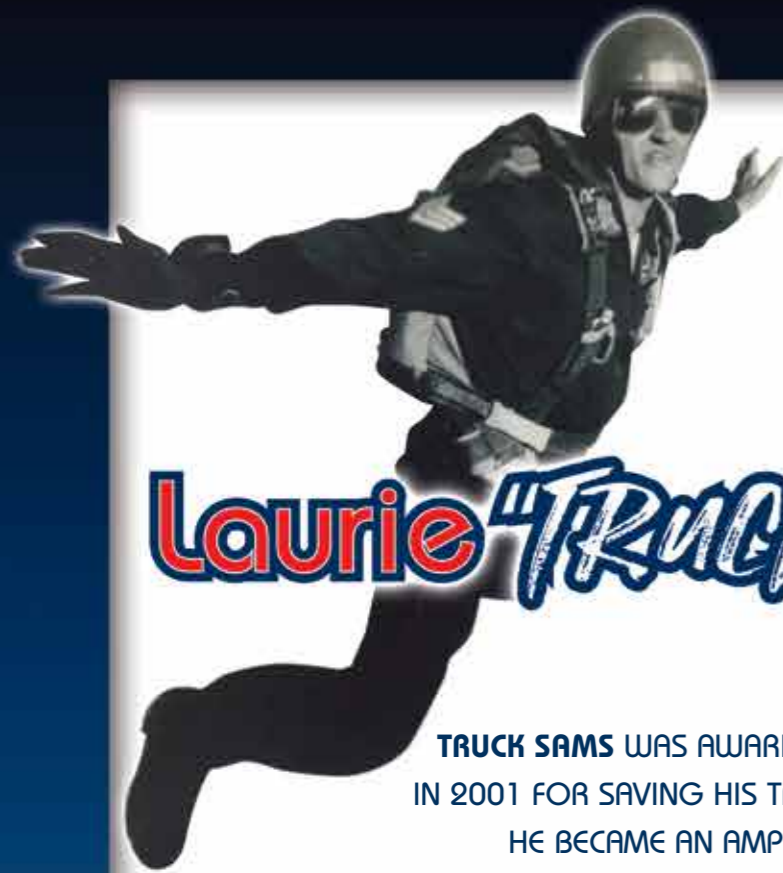
"Doing the jump numbers is easy while it's fun," he says. "It always was, and still is."

Steve never thought that his mid-fifties would bring records, new disciplines and twice as many jumps as his previous 'best' year in the industry. "I just feel like I want to say to people mix it up," he says. "Mix it up. Just don't stick to one thing!"

"You see so many people just doing one discipline and then there's burnout. But the older I get, the more I realise I am just scratching the surface. And that's what keeps me going."

While Smeds keeps scratching, I'll give the last word to his best known protégé: "You have made countless people's dreams come true, including mine," says Douggs. "And I think that's one of the coolest things you can give to humanity."

"Don't change a thing mate! Love ya."



SAS – Special Air Services
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Laurie "TRUCK" Sams SC SKYDIVER

By Noel Rath

**TRUCK SAMS WAS AWARDED AUSTRALIA'S STAR OF COURAGE¹ (SC)
IN 2001 FOR SAVING HIS TANDEM PARACHUTE STUDENT'S LIFE IN 1995.
HE BECAME AN AMPUTEE LOSING HIS LEG FROM THIS ACCIDENT.**

Truck became involved in Skydiving when he was in the Australian Special Air Services Regiment (SAS). Laurie served in Vietnam in 1970 with the SAS and became passionate about Skydiving and still is to this day. With 5,645 jumps under his belt and an exemplary competitive career, he is an ambassador par excellence for the sport.

WHERE IT BEGAN

It all started at SAS after serving in Vietnam and returning home. His SAS Troop that he served with in Vietnam became (designated) Freefall Troop. Truck later became one of the few highest qualified SAS Parachute and Freefall Instructors in SAS. As 2IC of Air Wing SAS he was responsible for all parachute training and related activities with the SAS Regiment.

In answer to why he joined the Army he said that he was following in the footsteps of his father (deceased) who served with the Australian Infantry in WWII in Malaya with the 2/26th Battalion where

he was captured, became a prisoner of war to be sent to work on the infamous Thai Burma Death Railway. One third of Australians who worked on the railway did not return home.

His civilian skydiving career began at Rockingham Skydivers and the SAS Skydiving Club. He

immediately excelled at multiple disciplines of sport parachuting but focused on Style and Accuracy for many years. In the latter years of his career Laurie became a Tandem Master and introduced many to the sport.

When asked about his most memorable times in his skydiving career, the ever quiet achiever said that is a very difficult question to answer as there are so many. Here are a few:

- Being the only Australian to be a member of 90 person Seoul Olympic Skydiving Exhibition Team in 1988.
- Reaching the milestone of being the first competitor to get the first perfect score in an Australian Accuracy Competition (AAC) since the beginning of AAC which commenced in the 1950s and then being invited by the parachute accuracy judges to set a record. (Truck hit another eight consecutive dead centres, setting the record. It still stands as the current official record (18 consecutive dead centres on a 10cm disc) after 34 years!)



- Being honoured by the Australian Parachute Federation as a Life Member, and recently being honoured by the United States Army Parachute Team, The Golden Knights, as an honorary Golden Knight and inducted into their Hall of Fame for services to Australian and International Sport and Military parachuting.
- Being awarded the Star of Courage. It was for "just doing his job" as a Tandem Master Truck reckons.

Have a chat to Laurie sometime and you'll hear many more.

Always an ambassador for the sport Laurie's competitive achievements are comprehensive:

- Australian Champion – 11 times in various disciplines
- Australian Accuracy record holder – 18 consecutive disks
- Australian Parachute Team – 12 teams
- Seoul Olympic Skydiving Exhibition Team – Sole Australian
- Team Leader – Red Berets Army Parachute Team
- World Cup Event Winner display event – Yugoslavia
- Winner – World Cup Champion of Champions (4 nations team) Event
- Bronze Medallist World Championships – Czechoslovakia
- Member of the United States Navy Parachute Team
- Member of the United States Army Parachute Team (Golden Knights)

AWARDS

- Australian Star of Courage
- Lifetime membership of the APF
- Australian Sporting Medal 2000
- Honorary Golden Knight

When asked what advice he'd give to competitive and novice skydivers alike, he replied:

- Be safe and always friendly and courteous to your fellow skydivers (it's a brother and sisterhood always).
- Always be an ambassador for the sport regardless, because it is a high profile sport and you will always be in the eye of the public.
- Excel the best you can in your chosen discipline, but always be there to offer advice to the newcomers in the sport. You'll always be remembered for that than taking on the Sky God image. If you think you're a Sky God then take on the attitude that God helps those in need, then you'll be remembered for both.

AND AFTER SKYDIVING?

After recovering from his leg amputation as a result of his accident that saw him awarded the Star of Courage, Laurie embarked on a number of bicycle rides in Thailand and Vietnam remembering Australians who served in war.

As an amputee he led two expeditions walking the complete length of the Thai Burma Death Railway. The first in 2002 under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Malaysia and again in 2005 under the patronage of our then Governor General of Australia Major General Mike Jeffery AC, AO (military). By 2014 Laurie had ridden over 12,000 kilometres visiting all the major battle sites in Vietnam.

WHERE TO NOW YOU MAY ASK

Laurie has set his sights on "The Long Ride Home" from Hanoi to Sydney as a friendship initiative between Australia and Asia and to support injured Veterans, adding:

"I'm blown away at the number of Vets suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other injuries, not just from Vietnam but all the conflicts we have been involved in before and since. I lost mates in Vietnam and many others are still suffering terribly, so I'm using the ride to raise money for their treatment and really shine a spotlight on their problems."

The ride is underway and Laurie has already ridden from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City and is now heading to Singapore. He will arrive in Sydney on the 20th November after crossing the Nullarbor Plain. If you want to learn more www.thelongridehome.com.au.

Always demonstrating courage, initiative, teamwork and leadership Laurie is an amazing Australian, Skydiver and voluntary Ambassador working to improve the lives of others.

Note ¹ The Star of Courage is awarded for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril. It is the second highest Australian Bravery Decoration



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Safety matters

"When we jump out of an aeroplane we have one job: to save our lives and not endanger the lives of others. Fun is secondary." Max Cohn

The following are a sample of incidents from those submitted to the APF between March & June 2016, and are published in the interest of safety education. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, neither the APF nor ASM make any representations about their accuracy, as information is based on incident notifications as submitted. Note: Any 'Actions' stated are taken verbatim direct from the incident forms. Please use these incidents to think about what actions you might take to reduce your chances of having the same type of incident and/or how you might handle a similar situation. Discuss your options with the Chief Instructor / DZSO / qualified personnel at your DZ.

EXITS/AIRCRAFT

Certificate E, jump 2011. Vector 348. PD Velo 90. Normal exit from 14000 AGL, sit jump. Main premature opening at ~6000ft AGL. Normal canopy flight, normal landing. **Action:** Sew tuck tab flap on container. Reinforce gear cheeks before boarding.

Certificate C, jump 185. Jumper exiting from a Squirrel chopper. Straddled the skid and slid sideways. Bungee between leg straps caught over a bolt protruding from skid. Was hanging upside down from bungee on skid for a good 20sec. Had to use both feet to push off from skid to successfully snap bungee cord. **Action:** Take more care in climb-out procedures.

DEPLOYMENT PROBLEM/MALFUNCTIONS

Certificate D, jump 267. Vector 3 Container. Jumper was wearing board shorts and a t-shirt for a tracking jump. The shorts had an elastic tie attached to the back right pocket for fastening/closing the pocket. The jump was uneventful. On deployment the jumper noticed a profound hesitation after throwing his pilot chute. The jumper allowed time for his main to deploy, but elected to perform emergency procedures as 2k approached. Jumper was under reserve by 1500ft. Main came out of the container and landed in a paddock to the NE of the DZ. All gear, except for the cutaway handle, was recovered. Jumper landed on DZ, albeit in student paddock. Jumper shaken that something as small as an elastic adjuster on his shorts can create a high speed malfunction.

Certificate A, jump 22. Canopy - Safire 169. Completed B-rel stage 2. Commenced deployment at 4000ft. Main canopy opened with line twists - unable to kick out. Elected to cutaway and deploy reserve. Reserve open by 2500ft. Flew back to DZ. Circuit looked good, turned from base to final at approx. 400 feet. Wasn't making a lot of progress. At 200 feet allowed canopy to turn 90o off of wind line - landed in dam. No injuries.

Jumper had been spoken to the jump before about letting her canopy drift on final approaches. I.e. if you are drifting sideways while facing into wind you are off the wind line. She was under the impression that she couldn't make any corrections under 200 feet. **Action:** Equipment recovered. Jumper debriefed and additional canopy flying education about trimming the canopy including use of a backup TA will be used in future.

CANOPY CONTROL/LANDINGS

Certificate C, jump 110. Canopy - Safire 159 (~1.1 W/L). After completing a 4 way, jumper opened canopy at 3,000' with no issues then proceeded to set up landing pattern. When getting close to landing time he realised that he was in fact flying down wind and made the decision to do a low turn to face into

wind for landing, during this manoeuvre he was too close to the ground to complete the turn and aborted the turn resulting in a crosswind landing. He flared as best as he could and finished the landing with a PLR. During the roll his shoulder took some impact resulting in a dislocation. **Action:** DZSO debriefed jumper about setting up for landing and crosswind landings.

Certificate D, jump 750. Canopy - Crossfire3 109 (~1.4 W/L). The incident occurred during a boogie at a remote location DZ, at approximately 5.30pm on the jumper's 9th jump of the day. The 8 way angle jump was uneventful. The weather on the day was fine with 2 Oka's cloud and 0-3kts NNE winds.

Canopy flight was without incident until final approach. Set up was downwind, base, cross wind and final approach was all one sweeping left front riser turn. Final approach was initiated with a left hand front riser turn. No flare was inputted and she landed legs first then bounced re-landing on her head.

Immediate emergency medical care was provided by on-site paramedics until an ambulance arrived, before the member was later airlifted out by helicopter.

Conclusions. Probable target fixation with the open door of a van. Lack of Control input recognition and depth perception.

Fatigue is likely to have contributed to this incident. Jumper was short sighted and may or may not have removed her prescription sunglasses for this jump due to fading light.

The APF and all instructors need to continue to provide education into canopy handling and appropriate canopy downsizing.

Note: at ASM print time, the member (having sustained multiple serious injuries including serious head injuries), had recovered enough to be transferred to her home o/s for further rehabilitation.

Skydiver with 219 jumps using a Hurricane 135 main parachute (~1.3 W/L). Weather condition at the time of the incident were 2-3kts, fine with 2/8 Oktas cloud. Jumper's 3rd skydive for the day on the 7th load, participating in a group angle skydive. Freefall was without incident.

Canopy flight was without incident until final approach.

Final approach was initiated with a left hand front riser turn at an adequate altitude. A 90o turn would have been correct for final approach, but it appears that there was a turn of about 120o, which put him in collision with the creeper pad and packing hut. To avoid collision with the obstacles a 45o right turn was applied until impact. No flare was inputted. Multiple injuries were sustained including head trauma, multiple fractures face, pelvis, ankle, foot, femur, spine bruising.

Initial conclusions. It appears that after only 18 jumps on this canopy type, the skydiver was not familiar with the flight characteristics of the Hurricane 135. His logbook indicated that his downsizing progression after student canopy included a Spectre 170 until 122 jumps, a Sabre 150 until 200 jumps, followed by the Hurricane.

Turn was conducted too close to obstacles. Possible target fixation with obstacle avoidance. Lack of control input recognition, used front riser input to make avoidance turn instead of brake input.

Note: At ASM print time the member had been released from hospital to continue recovery.



Compiled by: **Kim Hardwick**
APF Technical Officer

MISCELLANEOUS

Certificate B, jump 62. RW jump, separation & deployment of Sabre 150 completed successfully. At approximately 3,100ft flying towards DZ, initiated a hard-right hook turn. Passing 180-270o of turn, right shoulder **collided with bird**. Right toggle ripped from hand and ended up entangled in right suspension lines - lost awareness as to exact sequence of events. Turn to right slowed and countered with left toggle input with approximately 1/2 brake. At 2850' slow left turn on toggle towards DZ. Attempted to reach and free toggle from lines. Canopy destabilised due less left input. Tried to counter with harness and left toggle but again unable reach to free. Unknown as to why more and more left toggle input required, went onto rear left riser and continued to fly towards DZ. Entered buffet and canopy had several incipient stalls. Not confident of returning/landing with main canopy, cutaway at 2520'.

Reserve deployed without issue, retained both cutaway pillow and reserve handle. Half brake orbits of free-bag and main, landed right next to free-bag. Recovered main.

Action: All equipment recovered, reserve inspected and repacked by rigger. Main inspected by rigger as well. Discussed incident with CI, undertook solo jump immediately after.

CYPRES2 (DoM 11/10) unit activated on the ground.

The equipment got wet after a CP landing into a pond. While drying on the ground about 1-1.5hrs later, the AAD activated. The closing loop was cut and the reserve pilot chute launched out of the reserve container. After inspecting the AAD, the manufacturer reported that the activation was caused by a wet & clogged filter.

Manufacturer Response: Like written in the user's guide the procedure after a water landing is, to switch the CYPRES off after exiting the water, then replace the filter with a new one before the next jump. (Chapter 4.6 page 29) This ensures that the filter is clean and dry, and the air pressure reading is precise and correct, as it is not distorted by a wet or dirty filter. Please always remember, the CYPRES needs air pressure (like all AADs) to calculate the correct activation altitude and the correct and precise timing to activate, if needed. The only thing you have to take care of, is the condition of the filter which allows the correct air reading inside the AAD. Any water and/or dirt in or at the filter will not allow the correct reading of air-pressure in any AAD.

Wing suiter hits aircraft on exit

Certificate E, jump 900. Cessna 208, Caravan. Phoenix Fly Vampire Sukhoi (Vampire SU) suit.

The incident occurred on a 2-way wingsuit jump from 14,000ft. Jumper exited the aircraft second as the decision was made to let the "lesser experienced" jumper of the two exit first. This was their second 2-way wingsuit jump of the day. The exit of the first jump was planned and executed the same way, without incident. The two jumpers left the aircraft in a shoulder to shoulder position, in order to maintain proximity during the exit so that they could be in close proximity at the beginning of the wingsuit flight.

As the jumper exited the aircraft his GoPro camera (helmet mounted) got snagged on the forward vertical rail of the sliding door. This caused his head to stay behind and lag on the exit, while his legs already left the aircraft, resulting in the leg wing of the wingsuit catching air, inflating and being lifted up. The arm wings were still tucked in/collapsed. Although this only lasted momentarily, it put the jumper in a slight head down/legs up position on the exit, which caused a foot to hit the horizontal stabiliser of the aircraft after the exit.

Background: Jumper stated that he has done around 900 skydives, of which approximately 300 are wingsuit descents.

He only did 2 skydives in the two months before the incident (both on the day of the incident), approximately 14 during the last 6 months and approximately 40 over the last year. He stated that all his jumps over the last year would have been wingsuit jumps. He has also done around 160 wingsuit BASE jumps. He has periods of absences from skydiving due to work commitments.

On the relevant jump he was jumping a Phoenix Fly Vampire Sukhoi (Vampire SU) suit. This is a big wingsuit, classed as a high performance wingsuit designed for experienced wing suiters (Phoenix Fly recommends a minimum experience level of 250 wingsuit jumps). The suit is a very fast suit designed with BASE proximity flying in mind. The jumper estimates he has done about 10 to 20 jumps on this specific suit. Before this, he had jumped a variety of other wingsuits including Squirrel's Aura 1 & Phoenix Fly's Venom Power, both categorised by their manufacturers as big high performance wingsuits for advanced flyers. His initial experience had been on Phoenix Fly's Shadow WS, suitable for all experience levels.

Jumper Recommendation: The jumper has reflected on the incident afterwards and also discussed the incident, causes and possible lessons with peers. He recognises that having the specific GoPro helmet camera mount he used in conjunction with his position in the door, created the problem. He also mentioned that he had never thought that getting a GoPro camera caught on the door rail could be a potential problem before this jump. After the incident he decided not to use the GoPro camera mount anymore. He has done a number of wingsuit jumps afterwards and has not used a camera. His intention is to change his mount to something that will not be able to snag before he uses it again.

When using big wingsuits, jumpers require more space in the aircraft door to manage the suit on exit. He is also of the opinion that having two jumpers shoulder to shoulder trying to exit the aircraft in close proximity creates problems with managing the big suits on exit and contributed to this incident. His recommendation is that, with bigger wingsuits, each jumper should be given maximum space in the door to facilitate safer exits, with more time/ space between jumpers exiting. With big wingsuits this will not have a major effect on the success of the skydive, as they have a lot of time in freefall in any case.

Safety & Training Officer assessment:

The jumper in this incident did not act negligently or dangerously with a blatant disregard for safety, nor did he contravene any regulation. It appears that the wingsuit he jumped was within his experience level and capabilities. Although he is within minimum currency requirements, his low jump numbers during the recent past may have been a contributing factor.

STO recommendation:

- That all cameras and mounts on all skydives be checked and approved by DZSO's, as per Operation Regulation 9.7.1 (a) (All camera descents must be made with the approval of a DZSO.)
- That the wingsuit community through coaches and other experienced flyers have a critical look at procedures for exiting aircraft when using big high performance wingsuits, taking into consideration different aircraft types, different experience levels, currency and "flock sizes" (e.g solo, 2-ways or bigger "flocks".) That where required, specific procedures be implemented for exiting specific aircraft and "flock sizes" when using big wingsuits. These procedures will most likely be DZ specific.
- That the lessons learnt from incidents like this be used to educate all wing suiters.
- Possible introduction of a wingsuit "upsizing criteria", similar to the canopy "downsizing criteria"?

Incident Round-up

Excerpts from 2015 Annual Report statistics

These safety records stand as a testament to decades of strict safety standards, training policies and programs, as well as improvements in skydiving equipment over the years.

Skydiving involves inherent risks, but most skydiving accidents result from human error. With proper preparation and good judgment, skydivers can minimize those risks. Thanks to safer equipment, better training and the staffs at more than 70+ active APF-affiliated member organisations across the country, skydiving continues to become safer.

When entered into the incident data base, each incident is categorised under a Master Category. The following graph identifies the percentage of incidents across these categories.



Incident Category Codes

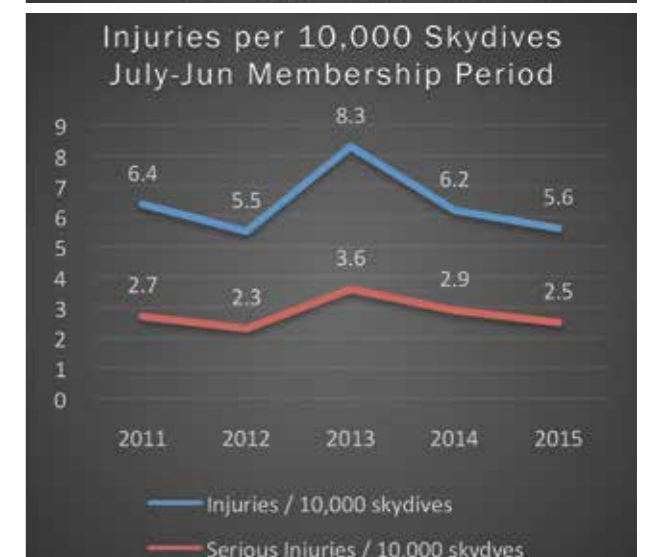
(A/EI) Aircraft/Exit Incident, (AIR) Aircraft Only, (CCI) Canopy Control, (DEPL) Deployment Problem, (FFI) Freefall, (LAND) Landing, (MAL) Malfunction, (OTI) Other, (PRO) Procedural (RIG) Rigging Report.

During 2015 there were 192 incidents that resulted in injury. The following graph identifies the percentage of injuries sustained across each certificate level (includes student). *Note: Includes 4 fatalities.*

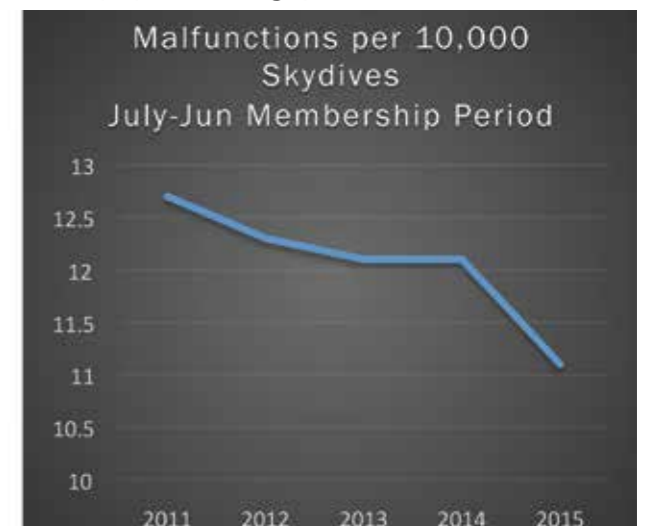


Stats from July-Jun Membership Period

The following data from membership periods, i.e. 1st July – 30 June. Number of jumps by members are collected on membership renewal forms, therefore includes all jumps done by the holders of a Sporting Licence, including tandems. While they can't include data from non-renewing members, they give a reasonable indication of activity. Injuries are collected through the incident reporting system.



Note: Serious injuries include broken bones, multiple injuries, fractured vertebrae and dislocated joints. Fatalities for the purposes of this graph are also included.



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iFLY DOWNUNDER



THE AUSTRALIAN INDOOR SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

By Mike Brigg (iFLY Flight Instructor)

iFLY Downunder will be hosting it's second Australian Indoor Skydiving Championships on the 27th August and registration is now open!

Last year's Championships was awesome with a huge turnout, 47 teams did 311 flights in 7 hours. The viewing gallery was packed, not just with the competitors and their families, but members of the general public coming to see what all the hype was about. There were participants of all skill levels and every team in the Rookie 4-way category had at least one non-skydiving team member. Some of those are now licensed skydivers, which is just awesome to see the tunnel being used as an accessible gateway into the sport.

So what do you need to do to take part? Register, train, turn up and fly! If you want, you can take it seriously, find yourself a coach, do loads of training, have fun and aim to win! Or, you could just come and participate and have fun. Either way, I guarantee you'll learn something. If you do choose to take it seriously, you will learn more than ever before. The pressure of competing is the best catalyst for improving your skills. At least, that has been my experience.

I hope you're not thinking that you shouldn't compete because you're not 'ready'? Even if you're fresh off your AFF, there's nothing to stop you from forming a scratch team and entering for the fun of it. There's still time to prepare if you want to. Come down to the tunnel and chat to some of the guys who work there. Some of them have been involved in competitions before. Or just get in contact with us and maybe we can put you in touch with others looking to form a team. If you're struggling to find others to compete with, we can help!

This year iFLY will be introducing 2-way Dynamic into the available categories to compete in. So all you Freeflyers can drop those grips and start charging. A stepping stone to 4-way Dynamic next year perhaps? iFLY will have the Kids Freestyle category back for 16s and under as well as a new Open category for Freestyle. There's a few kids in this country under 16 who will give most freeflyers a run for their money if they end up against each other in the Open category. The future of our sport is here today! These kids can really shred! Here's a list of all the available categories to compete in.

Disciplines:

- 4way Rookie (randoms only no blocks!)
- 4way A
- 4way AA
- 4way AAA
- 2way VFS Inter (Head up)
- 2way VFS Open
- 4way VFS Open
- Dynamic 2way (new in 2016)
- Freestyle Open (new in 2016)
- Freestyle Kids

Last year we had some flyers transcending disciplines. Kate Vaughan won silver in the 4-way Open AND the 2-way Inter VFS. So there's some inspiration for you to get fully stuck in. It was great to see the top flyers rubbing shoulders with the new guys and sharing their knowledge and stories throughout the day. Although it is a competition the vibe is always relaxed and friendly, but I guess that's skydiving in general! Now with it being a competition, naturally there are some prizes (and glory) at stake. So, here's the run down of what is on offer should you be aiming for a medal.

Prizes will only be awarded where four or more teams/ participants enter a particular category, so encourage your mates to enter a rival team!

Event registration will take place on Friday 26 August afternoon and evening where teams will be assigned tunnel time to set the speed for their rounds. Additional tunnel time may be available for purchase on the Friday evening, subject to availability.

The cost of entry for each discipline is as follows;

All fees are inclusive of flight time and food (TBC) from The Flight Lounge Cafe.

Solo events: \$175 per person

2way Events: \$150 per person

4way Events: \$115 per person

Even if you have no plans to compete, come along anyway! It's a great opportunity to catch up with everyone, and a good chance to just sit, watch and be inspired by some of the best flyers we have in the country, as well as those just flying for the fun of it. After all, if you're not having fun, you're doing it wrong! And did I mention the party?



Jules McConnell CANOPY COURSE

By Jonathon Ride Photos by Matt Hart, Matt Drew & Jules McConnell

If you haven't been to Skydive Territory before, let me start out by giving you an idea of our Drop Zone near Darwin. Based at Batchelor, an hours drive south of Darwin, we're probably the most isolated fun jumper and AFF training DZ in the whole of Australia. Servicing Darwin's transient population of roughly 100,000 people, the Club is surprisingly busy with a healthy crew of regular skydivers and a seasoned organisational team. So, keeping all that in mind, it's a really big deal for us when we get the opportunity to host a coach from interstate. Jules McConnell has been up with us before and we were lucky that she was so happy to come back and run another canopy course.

Jules arrived on the Friday afternoon of the jump weekend in May and in true NT style had Friday night dinner at the DZ's local pub. It was stripper night, so the place was full of testosterone and

it seemed that a lot of the clientele had come to see boobs and fight, and they'd finished seeing boobs. The evening was cut short as Jules was ushered into a car and returned safely to the DZ. Welcome back to the NT Jules!

We'd maxed out our bookings at ten people per day for the Saturday and Sunday and experience levels ranged from fifteen jumps to 1,500 jumps. Both days began with Jules teaching the theory behind canopy flight and the varieties of inputs to manipulate during flight whilst especially emphasising the importance of flying safely when doing CRW. For a lot of the jumpers this was the first experience they'd had with CRW so getting the right advice from the start was invaluable.

For the newcomers, Jules was great at explaining the proper techniques to not only land well but all the elements to consider to make sure

they're as safe as possible. Video footage during canopy flights with one-on-ones and every landing of every skydiver filmed from the ground in HD meant that the debriefs covered every aspect of the canopy ride. For the more experienced jumpers it was great to have an experienced eye look over their techniques and give them guidance for improvement.

Some of the highlights worth mentioning were having streamers attached to ourselves and chasing each other under canopy, Jules bumping end cells and hooking into lines while giving guidance over a blue tooth headset, fresh crispy bacon and hot coffee every morning prepared in the new kitchen and cold beers every night.

While writing this article a couple of jump weekends after the canopy course, it's really obvious that everyone's skills have improved and the new jumpers are contributing more to

discussions about wing loading, wind direction etc. Since the course, we've been using the extra streamers to keep practicing what we learned and it's amazing how much more confidence we all have under canopy with the way we've learned to use all the different inputs to control our canopies. The comprehensive debriefs Jules gave us also made sure we'd be able to give constructive feedback to each other after the course, and that the more experienced jumpers have the best knowledge to pass on to the parachuters of the future, something that is very important to an isolated drop zone like ours.

The course was organised by president of Skydive Territory, Josh McKindley and Jules McConnell. The course was funded in part by the APF and the Northern Territory Parachute Council, and we thank those mentioned for their effort and support.

RATE THE EXITS



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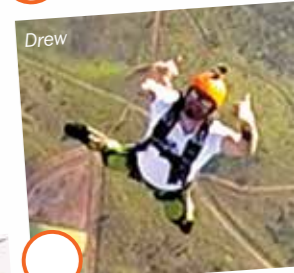
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2-WAY CANOPY FORMATION E-LEAGUE 2016



Article and Photos by Martin Letch

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING FOLLOWING THE AUSTRALIAN CANOPY FORMATION RECORD IN NOVEMBER 2015, WE DECIDED TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITION VIA THE E-LEAGUE FORMAT FOR THE SEQUENTIAL DISCIPLINE OF CANOPY FORMATION. WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE APF, PERFORMANCE DESIGNS, ICARUS AND CASH'S PROMOTIONS WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS IN QUITE QUICK SUCCESSION FOLLOWING THE AUSTRALIAN RECORD COMMENCING THE FIRST COMPETITION IN JANUARY 2016.

With six registered teams, the competition proceeded without too many hiccups. The teams were given five draws with three months complete them. To make the competition accessible to the intermediate competitors we decided to remove any cross canopy moves from the draw and reduce the draw to four points. The draws provided to the teams to complete were as follows:

Round 1: A – F – B – E

Round 2: D – C – E – A

Round 3: B – F – C – D

Round 4: C – E – A – F

Round 5: E – B – D – C

Being a competitor in the event myself, my team learnt a lot (and continue to do so) specifically surrounding efficient and effective methods to achieve the desired points. Although we certainly didn't master these, it gave us a

good foundation to continue building upon when the next competition comes around. We also learnt quickly (after the event) what constitutes a legal grip and that we shouldn't be scared to get the cameraman in closer to the action.

In the end, although we didn't have an astronomical number of competitors in the event it has now provided the foundation knowledge for the next Canopy Formation E-League event to move forward. BIG congratulations to the Stinger Defence boys who, following their silver medal effort at Australian Nationals were also announced as the gold medallists of the inaugural Canopy Formation E-League event.

I would like to place another BIG thanks to the APF (and the Fi Fund), Performance Designs, Icarus, Cash's Promotions, Jules McConnel, Craig 'Crash' Bennett, Gail Bradley (and her team of judges), and of course all of the competitors. Hope to see all of you again for the next iteration of the event.

2016 CANOPY FORMATION E-LEAGUE – RESULTS

Team	Jump 1	Jump 2	Jump 3	Jump 4	Jump 5	Total	Place
Stinger Defence	7	6	6	5	6	30	1
Line Burns	4	3	0	2	3	12	2
Wrappers	2	0	2	2	2	8	3
Dock Me Hard	0	-	-	-	1	1	4
CarnAGE CRW	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Rapid Descent	-	-	-	-	-	-	5

GOLD: *Stinger Defence:* Brendan Buell, Sam Mehan and Simon Kube (camera)

SILVER: *Line Burns:* Tommaso Watson, Marty Letch and Matt Muth (camera)

BRONZE: *Wrappers:* Allan Gray, Marty Letch and Justin Gray (camera)



Line Burns wing dock



Line Burns post training down-plane



Line Burns in flight



Silver Medallists with Jules McConnel - Line Burns



National 2016 Stinger Defence (far right) gold medallists of Canopy Formation E - League



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Isaac Marshall, Stage 7 Backloop. Photo by Belgium Steve Geens

DISPLAY DAY AT SA SKYDIVING

Words and photos by Bryce Sellick

The Display Day was a great success with extremely positive feedback from both participants and the community.

The day saw nine participants of ranging experience levels complete four jumps into four different locations around the Adelaide Hills area. The aim of the event was to build display skills and challenge participants with five new landing environments.

The day begun with a thorough briefing session where all aspects of Display Skydiving were covered, from the preparation of Display sites/ approvals, rules and regulations, skydiver conduct whilst participating in Display Skydiving, spotting jump aircraft, to hazard elimination.

After the four jumps into the four different locations, the winds unfortunately got the better of us and we concluded the day with video debriefing of all participant landings.

A big thanks to the Morgan family for their hospitality, the Australian Parachute Federation, the SAPC and the SASPC for their continued support of sport Skydiving.

Keep an eye out for the next Display Day!



Spotting, Left to right, Dale, Dom



Dr. Tee Showing us why is should be on every display



Vinnie and Bryce Under canopy over Callington



Front, Bryce. Left to right, Hendo, Harry, Dale, Rob, Dom, Rhys, Jon, Dr. Tee, Vinnie, Lee.



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 Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

SKYDIVE HERVEY BAY (HERVEY)

PO BOX 5422, TORQUAY QLD 4655
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: PETER AGNEW
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 email: pete@skydiveherveybay.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: HERVEY BAY AIRPORT
 Web: www.skydiveherveybay.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182

SKYDIVE RAMBLERS - RAINBOW BEACH (RAINBO)

PO BOX 7 , RAINBOW BEACH QLD 4581
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: WAYNE MCLACHLAN
 Club Phone: 0418 218 358
 email: rainbow@skydiverforfun.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: RAINBOW BEACH
 web: www.skydiverforfun.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 (Super)

SKYDIVE RAMBLERS - SUNSHINE COAST (SKRAM)

PO BOX 178, MOFFAT BEACH QLD 4551
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: WAYNE MCLACHLAN
 Club Phone: 07 5448 8877
 email: jump@skydiverforfun.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: COOLUM BEACH & BLI BLI
 web: www.skydiverforfun.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Piper Chieftrain (11 place)

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND SKYDIVERS INC (SEQS)

102 Lyndon Way, Karalee QLD 4306
 Non Training Operation
 Club Phone: 0408 729 749
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 web: www.seqsclub.com.au

SUNSHINE COAST SKYDIVERS (SSCSC)

PO BOX 1079, CALOUNDRA QLD 4551
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: TIBOR GLESK
 Club Phone: 07 5437 0211 email: bookings@
 sunshinecoastskydivers.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: CALOUNDRA AIRPORT
 web: www.sunshinecoastskydivers.com.au
 Aircraft: Piper Navajo

TOOGOOOLAWAH SKYDIVERS CLUB INC. (RASP)

40 SWORD ST, WOOLLOONGABBA QLD 4102
 Non Training Operation
 Club Phone: 0418 154 119
 email: bennord@ozemail.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: TOOGOOOLAWAH

NEW SOUTH WALES

ADRENALIN SKYDIVE (TUDD)

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 Club Phone:one: 0422 585 867
 email: bookings@askydiver.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: GOULBURN AIRPORT, NSW
 Web: www.askydiver.com/
 Aircraft: E110, Cessna 182

AIRBORNE SUPPORT SERVICES (3RAR)

11 YANDERRA ROAD, TAPITALLEE NSW 2540
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: LEIGH SHEPHERD
 CLUB & DZ PHONE:ONE: 0487 505 800
 email: shep@airbornesupportservices.com
 Drop Zone Location: Nowra Airfield
 Aircraft: Cessna 185 & 182

COASTAL SKYDIVERS (COAST)

23 BLUEWATER CLOSE, WAUCHOPE NSW 2446
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: TONY MAURER
 Club & DZ Phone:one: 0428 471 227
 email: jumpportmac@bigpond.com
 Drop Zone Location: PORT MACQUARIE AIRPORT NSW
 web: www.coastalskydivers.com
 Aircraft: Cessna 182

COFFS CITY SKYDIVERS (COFFS)

PO BOX 4208, COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: LAWRENCE HILL
 Club Phone:one: 02 6651 1167
 Fax 02 6651 1094
 email: jump@coffsskydivers.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: COFFS HARBOUR AIRPORT
 web: www.coffsskydivers.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Cessna 206

NEWCASTLE SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB (NSPC)

PO BOX 158 BRANXTON, NSW 2335
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: KENTON MCLEOD
 DZ Phone: 0422 870 009
 email: enquiry@nspc.net.au
 Drop Zone Location: MOORES LANE, ELDERSLIE
 & WITTINGHAM AIRFIELD, SINGLETON
 web: www.nspc.net.au
 Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA - HUNTER VALLEY (GOFAST)

PO BOX 5361, WOLLONGONG NSW 2520
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: BILL TUDDENHAM
 DZ Phone: 02 4225 8444
 email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: WITTINGHAM AIRFIELD,
 SINGLETON AIRPORT
 web: www.skydive.com.au/hunter-valley
 Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, Cessna 206, Cessna 182

SKYDIVE BYRON BAY (BYRON)

PO BOX 5361, WOLLONGONG NSW 2520
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: JOE STEIN
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 Fax 1300 338 803
 email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: TYAGARAH AIRFIELD
 web: www.australiaskydiver.com
 Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

SKYDIVE MAITLAND (NSWTS)

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 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: JASON CLARKE
 Club Phone: 0456 830 864
 Email: nswts@outlook.com
 Drop Zone Location: MAITLAND AIRPORT, RUTHERFORD
 Aircraft: Cessna 182

SKYDIVE MUDGEJE (MUDGE)

15 AMARANTHUS PLACE, MACQUARIE FIELDS NSW 2564
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 Drop Zone Location: MUDGEJE AIRPORT, BOMBIRA
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 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Cessna 210

SKYDIVE OZ (PAUL)

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 Club Phone: 1300 185 180
 email: fun@skydiveoz.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: MORUYA AIRFIELD, MORUYA BEACH
 & TRANGLE, NSW
 web: www.skydiveoz.com.au/
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Cessna 185

SKYDIVE THE BEACH AND BEYOND - CENTRAL COAST (SCC)

PO BOX 5361, WOLLONGONG NSW 2520
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: MAX MOTZO
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 803, email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: Warnervale Airport
 web: www.skydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Cessna Caravan 208

SKYDIVE THE BEACH & BEYOND - NEWCASTLE (SBN)

PO BOX 5361 WOLLONGONG, NSW 2500
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: BILL TUDDENHAM
 Club Phone: 1300 663 634
 email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: LAKE MACQUARIE AIRPORT
 web: www.skydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 206 & Cessna Caravan 208

SKYDIVE THE BEACH & BEYOND SYDNEY/ WOLLONGONG (SBS)

PO BOX 5361, WOLLONGONG NSW 2500
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: JOE HALLIN
 CLUB & DZ Phone: 1300 663 634
 Fax 1300 338 803
 email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: STUART PARK, WOLLONGONG
 web: www.skydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, P750 & Cessna 182

SKYDIVING NSW DROP ZONE (NSWDZ)

PO BOX 764, TAREE NSW 2430
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: MARK BRODY
 Club & DZ Phone: 0418 730 741
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 Drop Zone Location: TAREE AIRPORT
 Aircraft: Cessna 182

SYDNEY SKYDIVERS (SYD)

PO BOX 226, MILPERRA NSW 2214
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: CINDI HEMMILA
 Club Phone: 02 9791 9155
 DZ Phone: 02 4630 9265
 email: support@sydneykskydivers.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: PICTON, NSW
 web: www.sydneykskydivers.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, de Havilland Beaver & XL

TANDEM SKYDIVING (TANDY)

25 COMARA CLOSE, COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: RICHARD PETTERS
 Club/DZ Phone: 0418 275 200
 email: rpeters@ozemail.com.au
 DROP ZONE LOCATION: CAMBEWARRA
 Aircraft: Cessna 180

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE TANDEM SKYDIVING (SAJ)

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 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: ALLAN GRAY
 Club Phone: 08 8261 4161
 DZ Phone: 08 8520 2660
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 Drop Zone Location: LOWER LIGHT
 web: www.adelaideskyskydiving.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Cessna 206

COASTAL SKYDIVE SA (COOL)

PO BOX 333, GLENELG SA 5045
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: MARK GAZLEY
 Club Phone: 0448 148 490
 email: jump@coastalskydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: GOOLWA AIRFIELD
 web: www.coastalskydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182, PAC Fletcher FU-24

SA SKYDIVING OPS (SASD)

2/193 GLEN OSMOND ROAD, FREWVILLE SA 5063
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 email: greg@saskyskydiving.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: LANGHORNE CREEK AIRFIELD
 web: www.saskyskydiving.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 206 & Cessna 182

SKYDIVE THE SOUTHERN VINES (VINE)

51 ANDERSON ROAD, BRIDGEWATER SA 5155
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: MARK PINCOMBE
 Club/DZ Phone: 0455 266 880, email: jump@
 skydivethesouthernvines.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: LECONFIELD WINES (McLAREN
 VALE)
 web: www.skydivethesouthernvines.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 206G

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB INC (SOUTH)

PO BOX 884, NORTH ADELAIDE SA 5063
 Non Training Operation
 Club/DZ Phone: 0405 167 493
 email: committee@saspc.asn.au
 Drop Zone Location: LOWER LIGHT, LANGHORNE
 CREEK, GOOLWA
 web: www.saspc.asn.au

VICTORIA/TASMANIA

AUSTRALIAN SKYDIVE (AIRS)

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 Club Phone: 1800 557 101
 DZ Phone: 0434 174 773, email: info@
 australianskydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON
 web: www.australianskydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182, 206 & Caravan 208

AUSTRALIAN SKYDIVE (TORQ)

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 Club Phone: 1800 557 101
 email: info@australianskydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: TIGER MOTH WORLD TORQUAY
 web: www.australianskydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 182 & Cessna 206

COMMANDO SKYDIVERS INCORPORATED (CDO)

3260 SOUTH GIPPSLAND HWY, TOORADINVIC 3980
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 DZ Phone: 03 5998 3702
 email: info@commandoskydivers.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: TOORADIN AIRFIELD & PHILLIP
 ISLAND AIRPORT
 web: www.commandoskydivers.com.au
 Aircraft: GA8 Airvan

RELWORKERS INCORPORATED (WORK)

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 Non Training Operation
 Drop Zone Location: NO FIXED DZ
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 email: simlark@yahoo.com
 web: http://jump.relworkers.org/
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 PO BOX 311, NAGAMBIE VIC 3608
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: DON CROSS
 Club Phone: 03 5794 1466
 email: jump@skydivenagambie.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: NAGAMBIE
 web: www.skydivenagambie.com
 Aircraft: XL 750 & Cessna 182

SKYDIVE THE BEACH & BEYOND - GREAT OCEAN ROAD (GOROAD)

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 Club Phone: 1300 734 471, Fax 1300 338 803,
 email: k.oneill@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: BARWON HEADS AIRPORT
 web: www.skydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 206, P750

SKYDIVE THE BEACH & BEYOND - MELBOURNE (STBM)

PO BOX 5361, WOLLONGONG NSW 2520
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: GREG HAYS
 Club Phone: 1300 734 471
 Fax 1300 338 803
 email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: MORAN RESERVE, ST KILDA

web: www.skydive.com.au

Aircraft: Cessna 206 & P750

SKYDIVE THE BEACH & BEYOND - YARRA VALLEY (VPC)

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 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: GREG HAYS
 Club Phone: 1300 734 471
 Fax 1300 338 803
 email: info@skydive.com.au
 Drop Zone Location: LILYDALE AIRPORT
 Web: www.skydive.com.au
 Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna 182 & P750

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FOR LOVE OF SKYDIVING (FLOS)

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 Club Phone: 08 9417 9400
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 email: wasac@inet.net.au
 Drop Zone Location: PINJARRA
 Aircraft: Cessna Grand Caravan 20

