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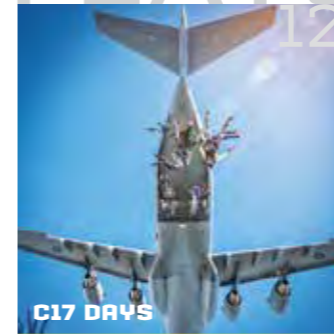
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# FEATURES



C17 DAYS



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EDITORIAL

Nothing like the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of C17 Globemaster jumps to get this breast-feeding mother out of jumping hibernation and back in the air after a year-and-a-half ground-bound!

Talk about a build-up – this was a hugely anticipated event! I'm talking excitement overload for months, weeks and particularly in those days leading up to the Ladies Day. I actually can't find appropriate words to describe the feelings leading up to the first load! On the actual load, with my group being first out on the last pass (the best slot!) we had a long time to soak up and feed off the energy of the 75 girls and their exits before us. Sensational. By the time it was our turn to go though, the ramp came down and the back of the plane was closed right in front of our eyes. There had been too much time at height apparently, so down we went for a spell. That anticipation was extended even more! At this point, if I didn't get to jump, it would have been totally ok as I felt blessed to have experienced what I had so far. Obviously, jumping is better and we were granted that wish.

Talk about value for money. I enjoyed weeks of those wonderful pre-jump nerves, you know, those juicy, good ones. I couldn't wipe the ridiculous cheesy grin off my face all day, so much so that my face was getting sore, but I couldn't do anything about it! Extraordinary.

It was always about the plane and never about the jump, though I had two super fun jumps with Vik, Cherie, Louise and Ryleigh. Thanks for the fantastic memories girls, particularly watching Cherie get the exit blast a millisecond before me; and seeing Vik the Rel-worker in a perfect Sit for about a thousand feet after exit; not able to take her eyes off that machine. I'm so glad Ryleigh didn't have to chop though, as her RSL was hooked onto her big 3-Ring, fresh from her Reserve repack, and missed at the gear check and by many of our eyes.

There was a question asked that day. Who had to achieve something to get themselves there that day? They were meaning Star Crests and/or a higher licence. There were plenty who had achieved that, and sadly there were vacant seats in the plane for those girls who didn't achieve them. For me to get on those C17 jumps, I had a few hurdles of my own, mostly leaving my little baby for the day. Without my baby, or my security blankets (husband and/or father), I found myself again... Susie the skydiver, the friend and one of the girls.

Susie EDITOR  
Susie McLachlan

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BACK COVER



Angling towards Taylor Cay, North Queensland.

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# C17 LADIES DAY

AT THE RAAF'S SQUADRON 36, THEY PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BEING STRONG AND SURE. THE REARING STALLION ON THE TAIL OF EACH C17 SYMBOLISES STRENGTH. THE SQUADRON'S MOTTO IS "SURE". BUT, WHEN YOU'RE SPAT OUT THE BACK OF ONE OF THOSE BEASTS AT 140 KNOTS, IT IS HARD TO FEEL EITHER OF THOSE SUPER POWERS!

In early November, a quarter of Australia's licenced female skydivers came together at RAAF Base Amberley in our own show of force. We were thrown from that rearing stallion and tossed around like rag dolls in a tumble dryer. As if that wasn't awesome enough, we were also treated like VIP guests on an unforgettable day of elation.

## MILITARY PRECISION

The "Girls' Only C17 Jumps" were organised by Laura and Adam Williams (from Toogoolawah drop zone) to support the APF's newly revamped program called Women In Adventure Sport, or WIAS. There'd been months of planning and getting to know each other online. At least ten of those who took part had to upskill themselves for the event, because a 'C' Certificate and Star Crest were the minimum requirements. This was a great example of what the WIAS program aims to achieve. We're all about goal-setting, upskilling and challenging ourselves in a supportive network.

And what a network it was! There were 80+ women, aged from eighteen to their fifties, across a range of disciplines and experience levels. They came from

drop zones all over Australia, converging on Ipswich motels and drop zone bunkrooms the night before the big event.

The perfect, blue-sky day finally dawned after a broken night's sleep for anybody who didn't mute their phone. Those who'd been too excited to sleep decided to share this with the Facebook group, so there was an endless stream of beeps and bings for everybody else!

We were due to meet beside Southern Amberley Road for an 0830 convoy into the base. Naturally, nobody wanted to be late, so the line-up began well before 0800. The military precision continued with a safety briefing, a welcome chat and then another bus ride – with much squealing and mirth – to the Squadron 36 area, where the C17s were lined up outside.

There was also an impressive line-up inside at the ladies' loos, as the nervous wees began. The squadron obviously wasn't built to cater for six dozen women all needing to hit the bathroom at the same time.

It seemed like an eternity before we geared up and filed out past that imposing half-fleet of C17s to the one parked farthest out, with 206 on its tail. (A few of us were bemused at comparing this 206 to the ones we are more familiar with jumping from.) We





checked out the massive ramp, squealed a bit more, repeated our dirt dives INSIDE the plane, and took our carefully assigned seats with one row for each of the four planned passes.

## FLYING HIGH

As the engines fired up, we had quite a Mexican wave going through those four rows. Then the take-off began as a lurch that threw us sideways sparked a fresh round of squeals that was well off the Richter scale. We had no windows to know how quickly we were climbing and our Alti's still said zero in the pressurised cargo hold. Then the pressure changed and the Alti's suddenly climbed as fast as a second hand on a wrist watch.

It was time for that giant cargo door to open, revealing beautiful blue skies around us and the Ipswich landscape below. Heart rates soared. This was real at last!

Everybody else remained buckled up while the girls on the first pass moved down to the ramp. Group after nervous group ventured to the edge of the ramp and were blasted outside. Same for passes two and three. Some even held hands as they danced off the edge and into the vortex. Not for long, of course, as they were kicked apart by the stallion's invisible heels.

Pass four had to wait a while, as the magnificent team at RAAF realised there'd been two chops from pass two. Once they'd confirmed all was OK for the women and their gear, the last groups finally had their turn to leap out.

The landing area was full of smiles, hugs and (you guessed it) super-charged squeals.

It was just as well that we'd worked up an appetite because the RAAF put on a man-sized lunch for all of the girls. They also catered to our shopaholic side with plenty of souvenirs to snap up.

Then the magic happened all over again! The take-off lurch for our second sortie was funny rather than frightening, the nerves had gone and the excitement was much more confident this time around. Our cameras weren't given the same workout either. This time we could enjoy it more without recording EVERY moment!

Air space delays on this second sortie also kept us all waiting a long time until exit. Remember that line-up at the ladies' loos earlier in the day? Well, there was another queue just as long on the plane as we took turns to climb the ladder and check out the cockpit of a \$220m aircraft. We wondered if hypoxia was kicking in as a couple of the girls dozed off, and many of us had legs like jelly when we finally stood up to jump.

## MISSION SUCCESSFUL

This load was incident free and the landing vibe was even more amazing than the first one. We watched the giant C17 come in to land and we considered career changes as our buses drove past the parked-up fleet of RAAF fighter jets.

Some of the girls had their log books signed by Air Commodore Ken Robinson, the boss of the base, who came to chat with us about our amazing day.

"Success has many friends," according to an old adage. And we certainly have many to thank for this ultra-special girls' day out. Let's start with Laura Williams, who patiently collected everybody's jump details and fielded many special requests on the road to Amberley. As it turned out, she wasn't able to be there on the day because she put family first and headed interstate.



Laura, you have a whole network of skydiving sisters who owe you big time. Make sure you collect on the hugs and friendship coming your way.

Likewise, for Emily Hatfield and Natisha Dingle who worked with Laura to make this all happen. You all rock!

Flight Lieutenant Jamie Andrews looked after all the logistics on the day. An officer, a gentleman and a superstar!

Air Commodore Ken Robinson gave us his biggest machines to play with as guests of his amazing team. To Sir, with love. Thank you.

Group Captain Adam Williams (AKA Laura's "Honey") had us at "Hello". He'd secured this once-in-a-lifetime experience for us, so he was already Mr Perfect. Then, over the next few hours, we grew to love him even more. He was relentlessly cheerful, positive and encouraging, no matter what little hurdles came along.

Adam was also very determined to share credit with colleagues. "No one noticed from down the back, but the crew were fighting with a misbehaving mission computer the whole day," he revealed. Through it all, they kept us safe and kept us smiling.





## AIMING FOR THE STARS

One group of the C17 girls set a new national record, successfully building a 12-way Star. This might not sound like much, but it's a record that we hope will soon be broken!

It came about because Sandy Nieuwenhoven realised that a category existed for a Star formation, and no record had been claimed under this category. The paperwork was lodged before the first C17 load, and two groups went up with the aim of achieving a 12-way record Star. Despite all the distraction of the crazy exit, plus an essential moment to look up at the plane, one of the groups succeeded. (If both had succeeded, they would have gone for a bigger Star record on the next load.)

Congratulations to Kate Vaughan, Kelly Brennan, Shirley Cowcher, Heather Little, Katherine Papastratos, Amanda Lavis, Amber Clarke, Dani Bevins, Kristina Hicks, Dana Tomaszewicz, Ruth Connors and Jodie Mayo. Thank you to camera flyer Jess Johnston for making us look good. Thanks also to Sandy for the brainwave and the judging team who made it all official.

So now, the challenge is on. This record is made to be broken. Please get out there and break it!



## WOMEN IN ADVENTURE SPORT

Have a think about our figures...

Nearly half of Australia's first jumpers (48.3%) are female, but we make up only 14.6% of Australia's licenced skydivers.

This is something we want to change. Gravity does not discriminate. In skydiving, men and women are equal.

We have 347 licenced female skydivers in Australia, and 81 of them took the opportunity to leap from the C17.

Samantha Harper is the WIAS Co-ordinator within the APF, working to connect mentors, mentees and other WIAS members. The program aims to build on female retention, celebrate our vibrant, inclusive culture, and encourage women to achieve respected leadership roles in skydiving.





# C17 LEGACY DAY

ON 4 NOVEMBER, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ONCE AGAIN PARTNERED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN SKYDIVING COMMUNITY TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR LEGACY.

Two loads of C17 jumped out at a shoulder stretching 140kts from 13,000ft above Ramblers Parachute Centre in Toogoolawah – Thanks Macca you bloody legend! There was a 29-way Flat led by Benny Nordkamp, a big Angle with Richie Convery and Kai Kai, and a heap of 6-12-way groups of movers, freeflyers, flatties and hectic exits. It was great to see all of your frothy faces hitting that massive ramp again (and again thanks for putting up with my yelling and constant gesturing to sit the &^%\$ down).

It was also a special day for five Legatees – children of men or women who have lost their lives in service

of the country, like Brianna whose dad was an Army paratrooper. The APF organised tandems for each of the five so they could forget their troubles for a while and share their stories. Keep an eye out for your faces in February on the episode of Creek to Coast on channel 7!

One hundred and eighty-five jumpers, \$30,000 for the Legacy Organisation, no incidents (unless you count the Big-way landing off). Not a bad day out.

**Adam Williams**  
Group Captain, OC 86WG











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# Rel Week Boogie 2017

By Jonn Connolly  
Photos by Steve Fitchett & Wayne McLachlan

ASK ANYONE WHO HAS VENTURED TO THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, AND THEY'LL TELL YOU STORIES OF UNIQUE LANDSCAPES AND OUTRAGEOUS CHARACTERS. THROW INTO THE MIX AN OPEN INVITATION FOR SKYDIVERS AND A WEAPONISED JUMP SHIP (TANDEM CAIRNS' CESSNA CARAVAN "SUPERVAN 900"), AND THE RESULT IS OUTSTANDING: A HYBRID BOOGIE-BEAST, MIXING TRADITION WITH TRENDS AND AN INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR ALTITUDE.



The Boogie's latest participants (victims) were summed up by local ABC news coverage as an "Odd Mix", an astute description for which Kat and Corey are now the poster children.



Corey Ronaldz, image by ABC News



Katherine Papastratos, image by ABC News

The event got off to a cracking start, pushing 20+ loads for three days in a row before the drop zone was greeted with some unwelcomed winds, courtesy of the extended dry season. The wind put a slower pace on for the next couple of days, though we still managed decent load numbers (Over 1,800 slots for the week!) thanks to the precision manifesting skills of Sandy, Deb and Naomi.

## COACHING EXTRAVAGANZA

The coaching arsenal was fierce this year courtesy of Travis Naughton (Magic Carpet Flyer), Red Ferguson (Swiss Army Knife), Mason Corby (Bernoulli's Love

Child), iFLY Downunder's Matt Boag (Mr iFLY) and Aussie Big-ways' David Loncasty (Rel Dad) and Tracey Basman (Rel Mum). The skills delivered were second to none; coordinating load after load of Wingsuit flocks, Star Crests, Big-way formations, Hybrids, Angles, tracking groups and freeflyers. A special mention to Steve Smedley who provided his wealth of skills for AFF and B-Rel jumps, which took the load off the local instructors, allowing them to make the most of the surging talent pool.

The amazing coaching line up could not have been possible without the immense support received from the Australian Parachute Federation; the primary sponsorship for the event provided by the APF's Fiona McEachern Sports Development Fund (Fi Fund). The APF's support of Rel Week demonstrates great commitment to their vision of delivering "A vibrant and sustainable skydiving community". Darwin Parachute Club holds dearly their support, which allows the club to continue a long-standing and well-loved traditional event. The Boogie's history traces back to 1977, when TC (Trevor Collins) and his compadres launched 4-way to 10-way relative formations from a Cessna 182 and 206. Needless to say, there has been a great deal of evolution in both the sport and the event since those days. Whilst the evolution continues, the traditional spirit of Rel Week is definitely not lost; the Boogie vibes are carried on with great esteem by the latest generation of skydivers, evident by the gigantic smile TC was carrying around all week!



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VIGIL



# Rel Week Boogie 2017

## REL FORMATIONS

This year the Rel tradition was upheld by coaches David Loncasty and Tracey Basman. Davey and Tracey's supreme load organising was on show as they mustered the flatties into Star Crest and Big-way groups, conducting detailed dirt dives and debriefs, and wringing out the potential in each and every jumper. The results spoke for themselves as formations turned into sequentials, group confidence grew, smiles kept getting wider and the day tape footage became more and more impressive each night. The incremental and continued success of the groups demonstrates what is possible with a week-long event; such time allows for comradery to build and each jumper can develop an intricate knowledge of their fellows' skills for greater success of the group.

When asked about the Boogie, Tracey had the following to say:

*"It was awesome to see so many RW jumpers of all ages and levels at the Boogie keen to jump 4-ways up to Big-ways. With the broad spectrum of talent, the loads were engineered to accommodate most. The POPS were there, the under 200 jumps jumpers were there, and the hotshots were there too. David managed to organise over 25 loads of higher level 12-ways to 16-ways. I (Tracey) was busy ground coaching and organising Big-way groups all week too and I was assisted by Red Ferguson, who jumped Base for many loads; making successful Star Crests, Big-ways and 'PaceMaker' loads during the week. Red was also snagged to jump a few 4-ways too.*

*We could see the day tape each evening after the daily prize draw, and everyone had something to toast about. The bar was manned by pros, no one went thirsty as it was well stocked and the bell was ringing...*

*Koppel was there with a full complement to satisfy all rigging needs. Thanks Koppel!*

*Meals were supplied with quality and quantity. We were truly looked after in the meals department.*

*Thanks Brendan!" T.B.*

## FREEFLYING UP NORTH

iFLY Downunder came onboard as a major sponsor for the event and released their highly skilled coach Matt Boag from his tunnel duties to travel up and inspire the next generation of freeflyers. Boags brought the Boogie vibes, slicing through the air with his trademark knee flying and leading Tracking groups for all levels of experience. He presented a great safety message to the Boogie regarding "Knowing Your Level" – a message that reflects his efforts to standardise the references to skill levels (student, beginner, intermediate and advanced) particularly around Freefly and Angle skills. This message is aimed to allow skydivers to correctly allocate themselves to groups with a common skillset, thus making jumps much safer and way more fun.

Mason Corby delivered his unique style of bodyflight-cross-aerodynamics coaching to the intermediate and advanced groups who made the most of his ultra-currency (thanks to his recent European coaching tour). When asked what were his highlights of the event, Mason replied:

*"I had a great time up in Batchelor; the 'Big Day Off' trip to Buley Rockhole in Litchfield National Park was definitely a highlight but the biggest highlight by far was the attitude and effort that the local club went to. Darwin Parachute Club's efforts were amazing and inspirational and made me fall in love with jumping all over again. They helped me remember why I got into skydiving and provided a reminder to the great aspects that have kept me in the sport. I am very grateful for such fond reminders. Thank you for showing me a great time." M.C.*

Mason's words ring true with many of the jumpers attending the Boogie. Venturing into the "Batchelor Bubble" provides a much welcome refresher about living in the moment, making the ultimate escape to our minute of freedom, and choosing to spend it with like-minded souls.



DPC welcomed back coach Red Ferguson who earned himself the Coaches' Jump Pig award, living up to his reputation as being the Swiss Army Knife of Boogie coaches (small, red and full of tricks). Red delivered once again; ripping through Angles, Hybrids, Star Crests and Big-ways, for all levels of experience. His commitment to a seat in the jump plane is all too familiar, sharing the same appetite as our local DPC fun jumpers, thus it seemed fitting to crown the Coaches' Jump Pig with a DPC Club Jersey, donated by Manufactory Apparel. Fly in style brother!

## WINGSUIT

Travis Naughton lead the Wingsuit charge commanding a talented group of flockers and making the news cameras go weak at the knees over his "extra fabric". He delivered a great message to new and experienced Wingsuit pilots regarding factors for consideration when upsizing to larger and more advanced Wingsuits. This included a few videos that he had collected over the years, which showed how quickly it can go wrong, turning your Wingsuit flight into a spin cycle and tumble dry. Travis' highlights for the week included the amazing progress that Brendan Saunders made with his carving abilities (including the well-carved meats that he and his catering team served up on the

ground), and the once in a lifetime Wingsuit first flight for jump plane pilot Bernie, which sent the crowd into a frenzy during the day tape. (Wait a minute... if Bernie was out there, who was flying the plane? None other than Phil Onis himself!)

## ROGER CLIFTON - HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Many individual milestones were achieved at the Boogie including Star Crests, Freefly Crests and new certificate ratings. However a recent milestone from local legend Roger Clifton stole the show. Roger had been very busy in the months leading up to the Boogie, travelling overseas as the only Australian to take part in two successful world record formation jumps with he and his fellow veteran skydivers completing: Jumpers Over Seventy (JOS) 24-way and Skydivers Over Sixty (SOS) 65-way. Roger's continued dedication to the sport of skydiving, coupled with his remarkable achievements rang true with Darwin Parachute Club and the Club's Committee made short work of voting for Roger to become an honorary life member of the club. Roger's passion is second to none and he is always working to improve the skills of the novices at the Club, inspiring the next generation of hungry jumpers: On ya Roger!



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## POPS



Red Ferguson and the "Pacemakers"

The POPs, the legends that walk among us and fly with us. It wouldn't be a Boogie without their support and participation! "Jurassic Park" was made official at this year's event with a new sign marking their territory at the drop zone. There's a lot you can learn from the POPs: Resilience, attitude, demeanour. They are masters at longevity and having fun. (Can you even have one without the other?) The generation that honed their skills on the old-school, malfunction prone equipment so that we could have the safe modern gear that we sometimes take for granted. We owe them a lot. So, next time you are in the presence of one of their own, make sure you buy them a beer and listen to the wisdom of the ages. (Unless it's Ross Stockings telling you to use a ripcord activation for your Main. Maybe, don't listen to that part!)

## ADAM'S CARTON

One of our local jumpers Adam Klein recently departed the N.T. to get married and honeymoon through Asia and Europe. This sounds like an amazing trip, but homesickness kicked in when Adam realised he was missing Rel Week. So much so that he walked five blocks, through dodgy back streets in a far corner of India to find a Wi-Fi signal that was strong enough to allow a single internet bank transfer... to put on a carton for his home drop zone! The DPC spirit is strong with this one! Cheers mate from all at DPC!

## JUMP PIG (FUN JUMPER)

Once upon a time, on a cold winter night, there was a small party in a little boy's toy box. Most of the toys had gone home, but Stretch Armstrong and the Energiser Bunny were still up, trading quips over a diminishing bottle of absinth. Nine months to that day, Doodz (Dan Egan) was born. A special kind of awesome, he's the guy organising back flip contests and kicking the party into gear. Doodz took out the DPC bragging rights this year, earning himself the prestigious title of "Rel Week Jump Pig" (Fun Jumpers Category). He planned his attack well, three rigs in his armoury, nailing 52 jumps for the week, keeping us all entertained and earning himself a 35% off Tony Suits Wingsuit voucher in the process!



## KOPPEL'S CROSS-COUNTRY SEARCH AND RESCUE

Treat yourself to a high-altitude sunset Hop 'n' Pop they said. It'll be fun they said. After all of Koppel's hard work and late nights of packing and rigging, what better way to reward himself than to take his ride-on-the-side (Leia 82) up for a bit of alone time? Unfortunately for him, his mistress was in a foul mood, apparently something to do with him wanting to go home and spend Father's Day with his family rather than play with her. Acting in defiance, Leia decided that she would have the last laugh and (in)conveniently opened into a spinning malfunction at 13,000ft. The "Free Beer" handle was pulled, ordering her to have a time out to finish her tantrum on her own, and making for a long and awkward Reserve ride home.

A 20-knot South Easterly was present above 3,000ft, consistent through the flight level, Leia was left to ride the uppers on a 15-minute journey into the outback. On these winds, her resting place was looking like a 5-6km radius from the drop zone. The sun was going down fast, meaning the search had to wait until morning.

The search began with Jimmy Vella sending up his drone within the search radius, but to no avail. A couple of 4WDs were dispatched into the bush, roving the harsh N.T. landscape for signs of the fallen maiden. By this time, Koppel was well and truly ready to forgive her, and he was beginning to show signs of Stockholm Syndrome, yearning to be reunited with his tormentor. With a lack of progress and the sun edging higher into the day, it was time to call in the big guns. A team of spotters was assembled and the 206 took flight. A few circuits of the area and the spotters came up trumps, her Navy and Tangerine colours radiant as ever, a beacon to lustful eyes. The ground crew made short work of tracking the location down the dirt tracks, through a few gates, finding her elegantly posing over a tree.

In a moment, which should have been reserved for day time television, they were reunited, reconciled and ready to retire after a long day of heartache and retribution. A happy ending for this love story.



## KAYLIE-ANN'S 14-WAY TANDEM

Our drop zone might not be situated next to a giant rock, or a white sandy beach, but there is something special in the air around Batchelor. We love sharing our sport with newcomers, especially when they are dating one of our own! I spoke with Kaylie-Ann Lenis and asked her about the amazing Tandem jump that she did, which brought the Boogie's Freefly community together for an unforgettable 14-way sunset Tandem:

*"I never planned on doing a Tandem at Rel week but my partner Danny Mogensen (Mogo) set it all up before I knew about it because of my fear of heights. I was super excited to have a familiar crew of W.A. mates, as well as a few new Darwin friends, and felt really fortunate to have so many amazing flyers so keen to get on this jump. It was truly an unforgettable experience and the perfect high for our last night in Batchelor... As for doing my AFF, that's still on the cards if I build a bit more confidence!" K-A.L.*

Thanks for flying with us Kaylie, hope to see you again!





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## SONNY'S TANDEM

If you've ever jumped at Batchelor, chances are you've seen a little drop zone grommet running around named Sonny. An absolute legend of a lad, he's a mini Steve Irwin in the making. Always rocking up with freaky animals to show off: Snakes, lizards, spiders, bats, frogs, you name it... This year Sonny was finally old enough for his first Tandem jump and he paired up with local Tandem Master Matty Steen:

*"Sonny took the briefing, gear-up and dirt dive like a pro, cruising through it with the same casual confidence that he's known for around the foosball table. He knows he is going to perform, this is his home after all..."*

*The plane took off and started its climb, Sonny was grinning ear-to-ear and scoring high fives, talking about how he is feeling with all the other DPC jumpers, no dramas! Sonny's Dad (and local DPC legend) Jimmy was on the jump, which helped immeasurably: We all know Jimmy can be a little loose at times, however this jump he was totally focused on Sonny's safety, providing calm and reassurance on the way up.*

*The lights went on and we stacked it up; Sonny and I surrounded by the DPC crew. We keyed the exit and rode through a textbook drogue-pitch. Freefall was awesome, flying through the air with the crew. Sonny owned the sky like he was born to it! We waved off and deployed, and the rest of the scallywag skydivers tracked away. Upon opening we were immediately talking about how cool the jump was (in between Sonny's attempts at unblocking his ears!) We came in for landing with everyone around cheering and clapping. The crowd was going wild and Sonny was the star of the show!*

*The ride back in the pick-up vehicle was full of high fives, hugs and raw, happy emotions, those only reserved for when people are falling out of planes. It's a special kind of awesome, which most of the other people on the planet don't get to experience, nor do they know it exists. (We can all agree that they definitely should.) About 20 minutes after the jump, I see Sonny and he tells me the jump was amazing and he can't wait to go again! He then runs off to all of his friends with them asking him about what it's like to fly.*

*One of the best jumps of my life." M.S.*

## CLOSING CEREMONY

Capping off the week was TC's (Trevor Collins) fantastic flag jump, keeping up with traditions for the closing ceremony. Soaring above the drop zone with the Northern Territory flag in tow, flanked by streamer jumpers Josh McKindley and Cam Faust, Steve Fitch on camera and Bernie in the caravan, all against the backdrop of an unforgettable Top End sunset! It was great to see everyone come together out the back before the final presentations, which were followed by local band "Silk Village" and DJ Darian "Dazza" Lee who kicked the party into overdrive. (Post Boogie note: Dazza just completed AFF Stage 1!)

A massive shout out to our Chief Instructor Terry King (TK) for his efforts over the week, keeping his watchful eye over skydiving operations.

Thanks to: Deb and Naomi for their continued work behind the scenes and in the manifest office; Sandy for her superb job in manifest; our groundsman Ken for his sterling efforts keeping the drop zone in pristine condition; Chris "Mippa" Wojtowicz (Line Marking N.T.), Will Agius (Water Blast N.T.) and Mikey Richardson for blasting, painting and sign writing the packing shed, manifest office and landing area; to TC for his efforts with the required permits and manning the refuelling pumps, keeping those hot loads turning over; to Phil Onis for releasing the Cairns crew and their mighty jumpship for the Boogie; to Koppel and Angus for their tireless efforts working on rigging and packing into the night; to Brendan Saunders and his catering team for the marvellous munchies, serving up delicious and hearty food each night; to Courtney and Dor for their efforts behind the bar; to all of the DPC Committee for their work organising the event; to the coaches for bringing the skills; and Wayne, Fitchy, Spot and Marco for their camera flying; to Silk Village and DJ Darian "Dazza" Lee for supplying the tunes; and to all of the skydivers that made the pilgrimage to the N.T. - you rock!



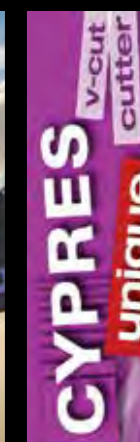
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## THEY CAME, THEY BOOGIED, THEY CONQUERED

The Rel Week spirit lives on, once again transcending generations to bring a sense of mad calm to those willing to make the trip up to Batchelor, N.T. Darwin Parachute Club thanks all of you for continuing the traditions and helping us celebrate the sky, I'll leave you with a fitting quote from DPC's very own Alistair Bates "To those who have visited us during Rel Week, remember:

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## FAI WORLD CUP OF WINGSUIT FLYING

SKYDIVE FYROSITY · OVERTON · USA 2017

Australian Wingsuit Team:  
**Chris Byrnes, Luke Rogers, James McKew**  
Australian Judge: **Neil Fergie**

By Chris Byrnes  
Photo credit: Skydive Fyrosity

THE SECOND FAI WINGSUIT WORLD CUP WAS HELD AT A NEW DROP ZONE, APPROXIMATELY A 45-MINUTE DRIVE NORTH-EAST FROM LAS VEGAS. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST FAI WORLD CUP AT NETHERAVON, ENGLAND IN MAY 2015 AND THE FIRST FAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT Z-HILLS, FLORIDA IN NOVEMBER 2016, SKYDIVE FYROSITY HAD BIG SHOES TO FILL. A RELATIVELY NEW DROP ZONE STILL IN ITS FIRST YEAR, SKYDIVE FYROSITY IS RUN BY SAMMY VASILEV AND HIS WIFE IVA WHO ALSO RUN SKYDIVE TV.



Being ready to host an FAI world-level event within a drop zone's first year of operation is no easy task, and the success of the event speaks volumes of the hard work put in by Sammy and all the staff at Skydive Fyrosity. Without the hard work of everyone behind the scenes, from the FAI, Judges, Staff and each country's National Aero Club there would not be a competition. As competitors, we wish to thank all those who contributed, especially the Australian Parachute Federation and the South Queensland Parachute Council, in particular Rob Libeau and Leanne Critchley. Without their support we would not be representing Australia.

him to test wingsuit a suit specifically for World Cup. In the competition, he used the 'J Nite' from TonySuits. Luke Rogers, being sponsored by Squirrel, did his training before the competition at Skydive Spaceland, Houston. Both Luke and James were flying the 'CR+' from Squirrel. James' suit was a little different with logo's promoting the Invictus Games, which will be held in Sydney in 2018. James is an ambassador for the Invictus Games which is a Paralympic style sports event for military veterans. The event aims to showcase the healing power of sport. It was awesome to see James representing Australia professionally and also raising awareness for a good cause at the same time. James was training at Skydive Perris, California in the lead up to the competition.

The road to the Wingsuit World Cup started at the 2017 Australian Skydiving Nationals held in March at York. At the Nationals, the wingsuit performance podium was made up of Luke Rogers finishing in 1st, Chris Byrnes 2nd, and James McKew 3rd. It was these pilots who were chosen to represent Australia at the Wingsuit World Cup. Representing Australia is an honour and a commitment that we take seriously. From the Nationals, we were all training with our focus on the World Cup. We ramped up our training in the last few months before the competition with all of us obtaining updated versions of the latest racing wingsuits and taking the time to train on our new suits before the competition.

Through representing Australia in skydiving, we often are competing overseas. We also utilise the high lift capacity drop zones and the facilities of our sponsors in the U.S.A. when training directly before competition. However, Australia is our home and is still where we perform the majority of our skydiving and training. It is exciting to see the growth of the wind tunnel in Australia and its ability to be used as a training tool to aid in competition. Recently, Scott Patterson in conjunction with Tayne Farrant and

Leading up to the competition, Chris Byrnes was training for a month straight at Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida. With Chris being a TonySuits sponsored athlete, having the TonySuits factory beside the drop zone at Z-Hills allowed





Dave Hyndman started the "TruFlight" tunnel program for wingsuit pilots. This consists of doing Vertical wind tunnel training in a Freefly suit to help build body awareness and dynamic flying skills that can be transferred to wingsuit flying in the sky. Chris Byrnes took advantage of this new program and did an hour of training with Matt Boag on the Gold Coast. This training definitely increased Chris' performance in the sky.

The Australian Wingsuit Team met on Halloween in the Las Vegas airport, with James McKew picking up Chris and Luke from the airport. They drove to check out the drop zone and went on to book a hotel in Mesquite, about 30 minutes away, where they would stay during the competition.

November 1 and 2 were the official practice days to get in some last-minute training. The elevation of the airport at Skydive Fyrosity is 416 metres above sea level. With the competition window being 3,000m to 2,000m above ground level it means that the air would be slightly thinner than if the competition was held at sea level. This is a noticeable difference whilst flying the wingsuit and it is good practice to train at the same elevation before heading to a competition.

These two days of training were a good opportunity for us to get comfortable and familiar with the drop zone. Also, to become familiar with the terrain surrounding the airport as navigation is an important part of wingsuit competition. The view from the air above Skydive Fyrosity is spectacular. Dry desert on one side contrasted with the green fields of the

farming town of Overton on the other, and with the runway in the middle. From the air, there were also mountains to be seen and, in the distance, Lake Mead held back by the famous Hoover Dam. The "Valley of Fire" was nearby and the prevailing wind direction during the competition had us exiting over its brightly coloured rocks and flying three or four miles back to the airport.

November 2nd finished with a flag jump into the opening ceremony, with each country invited to jump their National Flag. Chris Byrnes proudly flew the Aussie flag during the jump with the U.S.A. flag landing last to the sound of the U.S.A. national anthem. We then entered the hangar for the opening ceremony followed by food and drinks sponsored by the USPA.

The wingsuit acrobatic competition took precedence with six teams from around the world competing. Each acrobatic team consists of three wingsuit pilots. Two performing manoeuvres and one as the camera person. They do six jumps total consisting of three 'free' rounds and three compulsory rounds. The compulsory rounds saw precision flying with the pilots holding hands and then performing pre-determined acrobatics such as barrel rolls and front flips with hand-hold grips in between each move. The

competitors are scored on the number of grips and moves they perform as well as their style of flying and the creativity of the camera person. The free rounds saw the competitors free to choose their own moves. Their routines were mind blowing with some never before seen acrobatic moves. The Russian team Sky Republic were outstanding and their moves even bordered on magic seeing them shoot to an early lead. The rest of the Acrobatic competition saw a tight battle for the podium between the Russians and the two U.S.A. teams, Wicked Wingsuits and Flatspin. It came down to the



last jump with Wicked Wingsuits maintaining a narrow margin to become World Cup Champions.

The first few days of wingsuit performance competition were slow with one jump each day for two days while the Acrobatic competition took precedence. The first jump was a Distance run with the performance competitors aiming to fly as far as possible across the ground through the competition window of 3,000m to 2,000m. Chris Byrnes and Luke Rogers both did great Distance runs; both breaking the previous Oceanic Record of 4.25km set by Chris at the 2016 World Championships at Z-Hills. Luke came out on top though with a new FAI Oceanic Continental Distance Record of 4.654km.

Unfortunately, James along with two other competitors were scored a zero for their first round's score due to a lane violation. To allow for a safe competition, the jump run is crosswind offset three to four miles upwind of the drop zone, with the competitors flying in lanes back to the drop zone. James crossed another competitor's designated flight path, and with the rules applied as they are written, scored a zero for that round. There was no safety issue as he did not cross actual flight paths with any other competitors and navigated back to the drop zone safely from 4.5 miles away. Despite our best efforts, the judges' decision was upheld. James handled the situation professionally and fought hard for the rest of the competition, breaking his Speed personal best in the process. He finished 33rd out of 38 competitors from eleven nations.

Chris also had a tough start to the competition when making a mistake on the second jump, which was a Speed round. This put him in 18th place after the first two jumps, but he fought back well and made it into the top ten finishing 9th overall. Chris and Luke both broke the previous Oceanic Speed Record of 300.5km/h set by Steve Holden in Netheravon, England in 2015 on the first Speed task. The aim of the Speed task is the highest average horizontal speed across the ground through the competition window. Chris finished fastest and set a new FAI Oceanic Continental Speed Record of 314.6km/h.

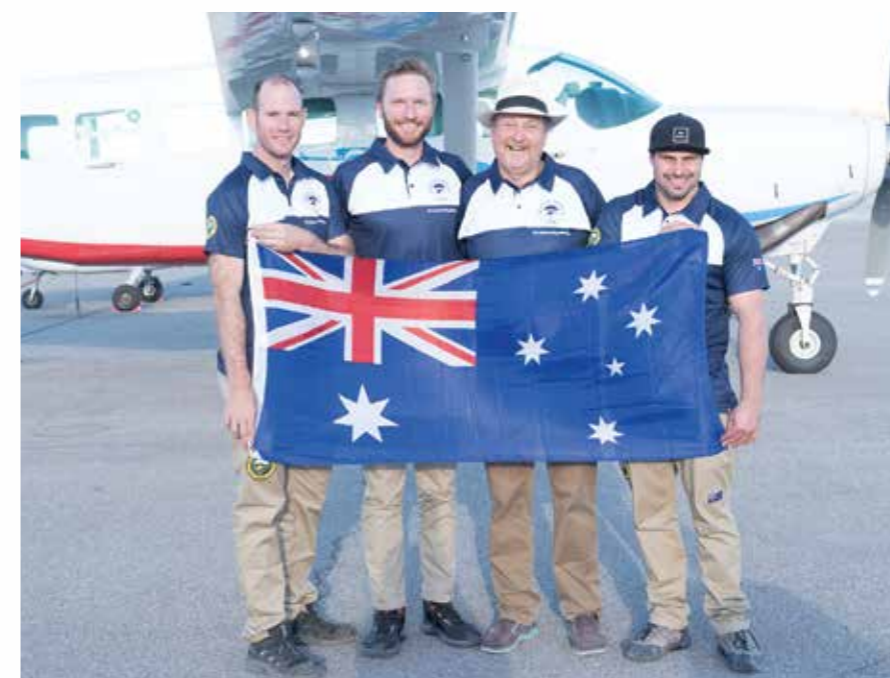
Luke showed his experience and professionalism through the event consistently posting good results. He overtook Espen Fadnes from Norway, the defending World Cup Champion on the last jump to finish in 5th place overall and the top Australian Competitor.

The Wingsuit Performance podium was a tight battle for Silver and Bronze between the U.S.A. competitors Alexey Galda, Travis Mickle and Kristian Szczepitko. Their positions regularly swapped on the leaderboard between each round. Alexey finished with the Silver, and Travis with Bronze and also the highest placed TonySuits competitor. Kristian was close behind in 4th. The Gold was never in doubt though as the World Champion and U.S.A. National Champion Chris Geiler aced the competition.

Neil Fergie, an extremely experienced wingsuit pilot himself, also attended the Wingsuit World Cup. He was doing an FAI Wingsuit Judge course and passed with flying colours. We are now lucky to have two Australian

FAI Wingsuit Judges in Neil and Sheena Simmonds. This is a very important part of the sport as there would be no competition without judges. We wish to thank Neil for his commitment and also for his camaraderie and support during the competition.

The World Cup was overall very successful. With wingsuiting only in its 3rd year of FAI competition, it is nice to see the competition growing and ironing out issues to make each event run smoother than the last. We now look forward to the Wingsuit World Championships, which will be held in 2018 in the Czech Republic.





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**YES... WE DID IT!**

**Twelve months in the planning, ten training and selection camps held around Australia, and we've done it. A new Australian Vertical Record!**

You can plan for just about everything and no matter what there's always going to be some last-minute running around. From scrambling to find a new judge at short notice (thank you Ken Enright, you legend), Red Bull DJ not being able to make it, confusion with the media, and last-minute aircraft adjustments, we all still pulled together and made this happen. All set to go, except the weather that is!

People were arriving a few days beforehand and starting to make good use of the Caravans and awesome scenery on the coast. If you haven't been here yet, you're missing out. Skydive Oz at Moruya simply has to be one of the most awesome drop zones you'll find anywhere in the world.

Wednesday was the official Day 1 of the event and we had some good weather to get some warm up loads running. We used the day to get everyone sorted into their quadrants and flying with their FOCUS quadrant leaders, while the BASE practiced exits over and over again.

# VERTICAL RECORD<sup>20</sup><sub>17</sub>

*By Kieren James  
Photos by Jimmy Cooper  
and Mark Gazley*

International coach and world record selector Jason Russell (SDC CORE) arrived a day late after some Visa confusion out of Canada. Better late than never though, and he was ready to roll with us on Thursday. Unfortunately, the weather had turned on us by then. The whole team were kept well occupied during the weather delays by JRuss running through Big-way flying seminars and some spectacular footage of a variety of different jumps and perspectives gathered from years of Big-way flying. Very insightful.

We managed to get skywards again on Friday with just a few attempts made from the top (18,000ft) on oxygen.

The plan was to go for a 52-way piece from a three-plane formation (Caravans) with the trail planes 250ft below and back from the lead plane. Most people would float to the formation, except for the dive pod from the lead plane exiting after the Base. The Base was a 5-way launch with three people cutting in to make an 8-way, and then pods forming from there. Everything needed to work quickly.

On one of the Friday attempts we had a Base blow out completely. Most people would think the jump

was over, but with strong flyer discipline and heading control, the Base regathered and people starting docking and building pods. We actually got over 40 people docked on that jump and laughed about the story it would've been if we had actually free-built the record.

Unfortunately, by Saturday the weather had again restricted our attempts and we needed to make a tough call: Scale back to a guaranteed one-shot record. We restructured the piece and submitted a 36-way (just three more than the current 33-way), which we firmly believed could be set in one jump to at least get a record in the bag. Pressure was on everyone selected for that jump and the anticipation was high as we climbed to height. Lights on, nailed the exit, and from the Base I could see the formation building neatly and quickly. Yes, it was looking good. I was sure everyone was on. But wait, one person off. Who the heck is that? You see, there's this guy you may have heard of: Matt Boag (from Australia), and he's kind of a big deal. The formation of 35 was holding solid. Just waiting on a mate, while Boagsy slowly putted in like a 90-year-old granny parking a Kingswood at the local Woolworths.



# FOCUS AUSTRALIAN VERTICAL RECORD<sup>20</sup><sub>17</sub>

He took up his dock with only seconds to spare before the first track off Dytters sounded and the formation broke away. On playback, we counted that the 35-way had built and flew solid for a staggering ten seconds before Boagsy decided to join the party. Seriously couldn't have happened to nicer bloke. You think we'll ever let him forget it? Never! Love your work Boagsy.

So, after a little judging and reviewing the money shot provided by our camera legend Mark Gazley, we had an official record of 36 in the bag. Now, to go bigger!

We immediately added eight more people to the formation and went for another shot. Unfortunately, one person fell off the plane and another found themselves in the wrong slot, but it was close. Straight back up again and, BOOM! A 44-way. That's better! Scotty and I breathed a sigh of relief that we could get this record into the respectable 40's.

One last shot. This time a 50-way. As we took off, there was an epic full circle rainbow teasing us that this was the jump. Last light was setting in on the final day of the record. Everyone was frothing.

Alas, this is how records go. We had about 45 people in, but no third record for the day. It definitely didn't stop the high 5's (even for Scotty) and celebrations that started from the Formula 1 style Moet showers at the closing address, and carried on well into the following day (and then some).

At the start of the event we outlined three key goals:

1. Everyone goes home safe
2. We all have fun
3. We set a record

Mission accomplished. We set two new records in just eight attempts! All it took was a little FOCUS.

## IFLY IN THE SKY

There is no doubt about the fact that because we now have three awesome tunnels in Australia, the flying skills of all skydivers have improved over the last few years. Using the tunnels for drills and skills in the warm up events was a great aid too. It was great to see iFLY, not only as a major sponsor of the event, but also to have a whopping thirteen staff members (from tunnel instructors to the CEO) be a part of this event and represent on the record as iFLY show their commitment to the "outdoor tunnel simulators".

## WORLD RECORD SELECTIONS

Next year, will see the world's best assemble again at Skydive Chicago with the goal to beat the current 164-way and go for a 185-way; edging ever closer to that 200 mark. Australia has been granted up to twenty slots for our Vertical elite to attend and represent. JRuss and FOCUS are working together over the coming weeks to provide individual assessments and issue the invitations to those who should receive them. Exciting times ahead.



## ONE GOAT

Big-way records cannot be achieved without a strong team, and it takes the entire team (and one goat) to be a part of this. Instead of listing the individuals who happened to be on the actual 44-way record jump, it's far more appropriate to recognise the full record team who all played a part in making this dream come true. Thank you to each and every one of you for making this happen:

- Alana Bertram
- Barb Meister
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- Special J – you are a total legend!
- Ken Enright and judges.
- Jason Russell.
- Everyone who made the team.
- Schnitzel the Goat.





# FOCUS AUSTRALIAN VERTICAL RECORD 2017

"After months and months of staring at the formation, and engineering what we had designed on paper, it was epic to see it all start coming together in the sky. After days of weather and lots of pacing around looking at clouds and developing grey hairs, we managed to get in the air. After our fifth attempt at a 52-way formation on the morning of the last day, we had to change our plans and it all came down to strategy. We had to dramatically reduce the size of the formation to guarantee a result with the plan to build up the formations throughout the day to go as big as we could and include as many participants as possible. The result was two successful Australian records. A 36-way and a 44-way, with our last jump being a 50-way attempt that was only a few grips off. If only we had another day of attempts, we would have got the 52-way for sure. A massive thanks to everyone involved for staying FOCUSED through stressful times and working with me and the rest of the team in such a professional manner. It sure makes organising 55 people a lot easier. Next time we will go bigger!"

**SCOTT HISCOE**



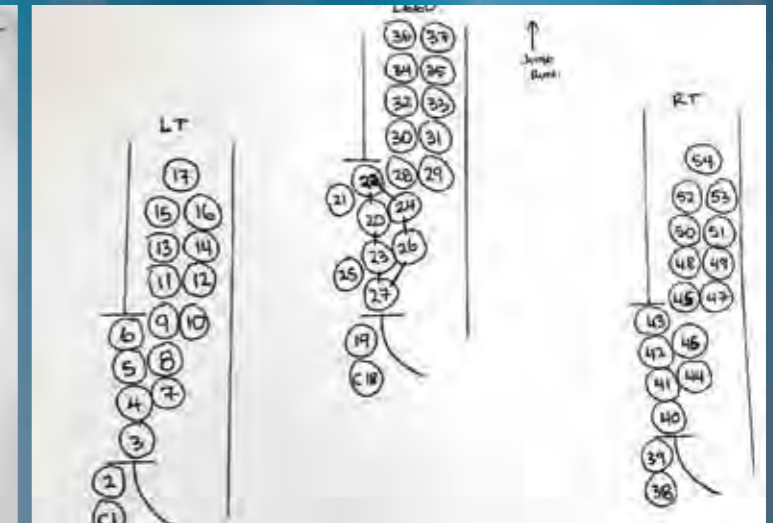
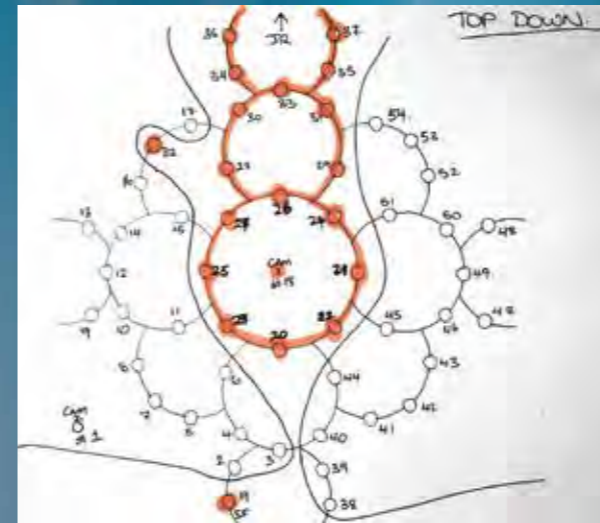
"Let's make HISTORY." **BRUNO CHAGAS**



"Having attended record camps in Australia and in the States in the past, I was struck by the level of organisation that Team FOCUS brought to the party. Everyone was brought into the fold and treated as part of the team, on the bench, on the jump, or taking a break. Information was timely and communicated effectively." **JASON LANE**



"The lead up camps and the actual record days were well organised by the team Focus, led by Scott Hiscoe and Kieren James. Achieving a new record of this size requires not only excellent preparation and the right flying skill set of each individual and as a whole team, but also the determination, commitment, the experience and teamwork to make it happen when needed, the right mindset over the days, keeping up the mojo and staying focused especially during long weather holds and down times, and a great environment, provided by Skydive Oz in Moruya. The atmosphere during the record days was vibrant and everybody was eager to get this new record set this year. After setting an initial 36-way on the last day, the team of seven women and 37 men were able to set the bar even higher with a new 44-way Vertical record. With a consecutive and last jump, we were very close to get the 52-way but had to postpone this to the next time. Overall, a great achievement by all and everybody who was directly and indirectly involved to make this happen and supported this Australian success." **BARBARA MEISTER**



"This year, with a bun in the oven, I wasn't able to help out the customary way by flying my slot. So, I decided to help out where I knew the FOCUS boys needed it: Watching footage, slot changes, load sheets and judge submissions. Working with Scotty, KJ and the Focus Boys was a breeze, but we certainly had a difficult hand dealt by mother nature. The massive efforts put into the skills camps leading up to the record attempts was a major contributor to how quickly we started building such large record attempts. I'm already looking forward to the next record, because I know we can achieve that original 52-way given more time. But you never know, by then, we could go even more!" **JENNY HOPWOOD**



"Getting the chance of my lifetime to be a part of the new Head-down Australian record was amazing and insane. With twelve months of solid Head-down only jumping, plenty of money thrown down the tube, and four FOCUS camps under my belt in preparation for the big attempt, I felt as prepared as I was ever going to be. I was lucky to be one of the more well-built jumpers (fat) and had a ball in the 8-way Base. The whole event had a great feel, with most of Australia's tunnel coaches, Freefly coaches, and all-round best shredders all under one roof. To top it off, it was super well organised. Thanks FOCUS!" **NATHAN BROWN**







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DOWNUNDER

# DYNAMICS 3

By Mason Corby



IN 2015, I MOVED BACK TO AUSTRALIA WITH A GOAL OF TRYING TO BRIDGE THE SKILL GAP WE HAD HERE AND ATTEMPT TO CREATE A PATH OF PROGRESSION FOR PEOPLE TO FOLLOW. THIS STARTED OFF WITH THE FIRST DOWNUNDER DYNAMICS HELD AT TOOGOOLAWAH DROP ZONE IN QUEENSLAND. AFTER THE FIRST EVENT, I APPLIED TO THE APF FOR FUNDING TO START TRAVELING THE COUNTRY WITH MY TEAM MATE, KEITH GREALY, TEACHING THE EXPERIENCED SKYDIVERS AT TEN DIFFERENT DROP ZONES HOW TO RUN EVENTS OF THEIR OWN AND TEACH THE UP-AND-COMERS SAFELY (HOPEFULLY TO START BRIDGING THIS SKILL GAP).

Now, two years later, the third event of Downunder Dynamics, this time rather than holding it for the high-level freeflyer, we went back to basics and wanted all levels to participate. The goal was to start bridging the skill gap rather than laying down the foundations for this to happen. It was amazing to see a lot of new, keen faces attending, and that all the coaches had participated in one of the DD Train the Trainer events, or had been on one of the first two larger skill camps (DD #1 at Toogoolawah and DD #2 at Golbourn). This was an awesome surprise and so too was the feeling to see the plan starting to work and fall into place.





# DOWNUNDER DYNAMICS 3

The event DD #3 itself unfortunately, started off a little slow with a day and a half of rain. The weather was a bit crappy but this allowed us plenty of time to get all the seminars done. In hindsight, this was a blessing in some way as it allowed the entire camp to be on the same page with knowledge straight away. I think for the next, we will start off like this with a couple of small seminars to get everyone on the same page.

The seminars included: Theory and physics behind body flight. How to read and join a canopy pattern. The mechanics of spotting. Rigging-Freefly and gear safety. Tunnel-to-sky – sky-to-tunnel conversion. Freefly exits – Body Positions and the relative wind. Having these seminars at the start of the event felt like it got everyone on the same page and set a standard for the rest of the week's jumping, and got all of the questions everyone had out of the way in an open forum.

Once the jumping kicked-off, it all started to happen. Two planes, fifteen coaches, 65 participants, and well-manicured, open landing areas. Most people did about 16-20 jumps for the week with one mid-week night load. We also got to knock out a fair few Crests along the way. With the general size of the groups being about three to six participants per Coach, it felt like a safer environment for everyone to work in, although it proved difficult sometimes due to restrictions from cloud, and having to break groups up for Vertical.

The night festivities were great to see as Tommy worked very hard every day to deliver great Day Tapes. He also jumped up and MC'd, was great entertainment, and did the prize giveaways. The only injuries during the camp were the typical night time festivities in the foam pit. Who said foam pits were safe?

This was a good first event of this type for me, and definitely the first of many. It was a massive learning curve to see what we can improve for the next one. We have had some great feedback already with people keen to learn and do more seminars and activities focussed on targeted information for Freefly and jumping. Next event for all levels will be held on 12-17 February. One for the experienced will be in June/July. Six days of Head-Up only!

A big thanks to Macca for letting us use his drop zone, the APF for the funding and support, all the sponsors and of course my team mate Keith Grealy for helping me organise.

For more information on camps and events, check out the Downunder Dynamics page on Facebook.

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*“ I liked that I was able to jump with different organisers each day, practice different disciplines and experience different advice/coaching styles. ”*



*“ The number of coaches was awesome to have around. One of the only events I have been to with so many coaches attending. It was great because we could now jump in smaller groups with the same skill level. It catered for all. ”*



*“ It was good that even on weather days the learning continues. The openness of the coaches, for example, if they weren't sure about something, they'd get someone who was more experienced in that area to come help out. ”*



# CAY Boogie



By Tim Kolln  
Photos by Kian Bullock

THIS YEAR'S *CAY Boogie* STARTED WELL WITH PARTICIPANTS SHOWING ENOUGH INTEREST TO ADD AN EXTRA DAY BEFORE ITS USUAL START. MATT BOAG AND KEITH GREELY ARRIVED EARLY WITH MANY PARTICIPANTS EAGER TO SMASH OUT SOME AWESOME JUMPS. BY THE SECOND DAY, MORE EAGER SKYDIVERS HAD ARRIVED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND EARLY TO GET THE PLANE RUNNING HOT DURING THE MORNING. THE MOCK WITCHES HAT CAY HAD BEEN SETUP WITH EVERYONE BEGINNING TO PRACTICE ACCURACY LANDINGS; EXCEPT FOR BOAGS. HE OWED A CARTON STRAIGHT UP FOR HIS PERPENDICULAR TO EVERYONE ELSE BEER LINE INFRINGEMENT. LUCKILY, DOYLE'S KEEN DZSO SKILLS HELPED JUMPERS IMPROVE AND KEPT EVERYONE SAFE.

The Far North Freefall bar was in full swing with cartons flowing and Fry cooking up feasts for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food maintained energy levels with everyone up early to get jumping Saturday morning. With all their energy Toog's jumpers Adam, Matt, Adrian and James were always chomping at the bit to get on a load.

Saturday was winded-out for a few hours, but by the afternoon we were back jumping followed by a briefing for the Mission Beach display. We jumped; we landed, drunk a beer on the spectacular Mission Beach whilst packing on the grass under the palm trees, and headed back to the drop zone for Issy's famous Cay briefing. After the hour-long briefing, everyone had learnt the most important points. Don't go downwind of the Cay and don't go downwind of the Cay.

Sunday was another early start. Everyone was in full excitement mode for one of the best jump locations possible in the world! A few miscommunications with the elderly coast guard ears stalled the jump. It was cancelled and only Dunk Island was doable. Then our GCA boat arrived at Taylor Cay after a little battering at sea and it was back on. Everyone was pumped! We jumped onto Dunk Island, landing on the peninsula with two loads of Angles and a few smaller groups going off without a hitch; except maybe Jaime who copped a face full of life jacket in freefall. Needless to say, it was repacked much more securely.

*The plane then picked us up from Dunk Island and we flew over the picturesque Great Barrier Reef spotting the rather small, from 14,000ft, Taylor Cay. The jumps were awesome but the canopy ride was spectacular.*

Spotting the Cay, you know you are upwind and then you can cruise back enjoying the scenery. It has to be one of the best canopy rides in the world! Everyone made it to the Cay. Even with the wind, everyone landed with a face full of stoke! We set up the shelter and cracked open the beers to celebrate another awesome year of the Far North Freefall Cay Boogie.

Many thanks go out to Damo, Paul and Kaaja for weathering the outbound battering to GCA on Taylor Cay. Alister Pike of Hooked Up Fishing Charters for picking us all up from the Cay. Issy, Kaaja and Josh for organising and coordinating an amazing event! Fry for his chef master skills. Karen for manifest. Boags and Keith for LO'ing. Kian for his camera flying. Doyle for DZSO'ing. APF Fi Fund and NQPC for funding! Skydive Australia for the plane. Mark and Miles for flying. Most importantly, the participants and volunteers who make this club event happen and run so smoothly every year!











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## PROFILE

# Graeme Windsor

MASTER OF SPORT PARACHUTING AWARD  
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By Kelly Brennan

**THERE COMES A TIME FOR MOST SKYDIVERS WHEN 'FROTHING' IS WHAT HAPPENS TO THEIR CAPPUCCINO AND 'SHREDDING' IS WHAT HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE THEY CAN EAT THEIR STEAK. BUT THAT TIME IS A LONG WAY OFF YET FOR ONE OF OUR OWN LIVING LEGENDS.**

**GRAEME WINDSOR IS NEARING HIS 50 YEAR MILESTONE IN THE SPORT AND STILL GOING STRONG ON THE GLOBAL STAGE. HE HAS ENJOYED A LIFETIME OF TRAVEL, COMPETITION, SPECTACULAR AERIAL ADVENTURE, AND FRIENDSHIPS. ALL THANKS TO A CHANCE MEETING WITH A BUTTERFLY EXPERT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER. HOW IT ALL BEGAN...**

Graeme was 19 years old and working in Port Moresby in 1969 on a transfer from the Australian Government. "It was so hot up there," he recalled. "It was too hot for rugby and hockey, which I used to play in Canberra before I left."

He befriended an Australian entomologist who was studying the magnificent butterflies of PNG and was also into skydiving. Graeme told him he wasn't interested. "Why would I be interested in that?" But he was soon persuaded to come to the club meeting and then to do his course. His first jump was on October 20th, 1968. "I let go of the plane and fell away. It was static line, so it wasn't a long drop, but I thought, 'WOW, that's fantastic!'"

"It was so quiet under the canopy and I just loved it! It was fantastic that I'd found something new. And I never really lost the enjoyment of it."

Graeme's butterfly friend was his jumpmaster on his second jump, when the other guy had about twelve jumps to his own name. "I can remember watching him jumping," laughed Graeme. "He had trouble falling straight down. He'd get into huge spirals and he'd try to delta out of them and he'd just end up spiralling even faster!"

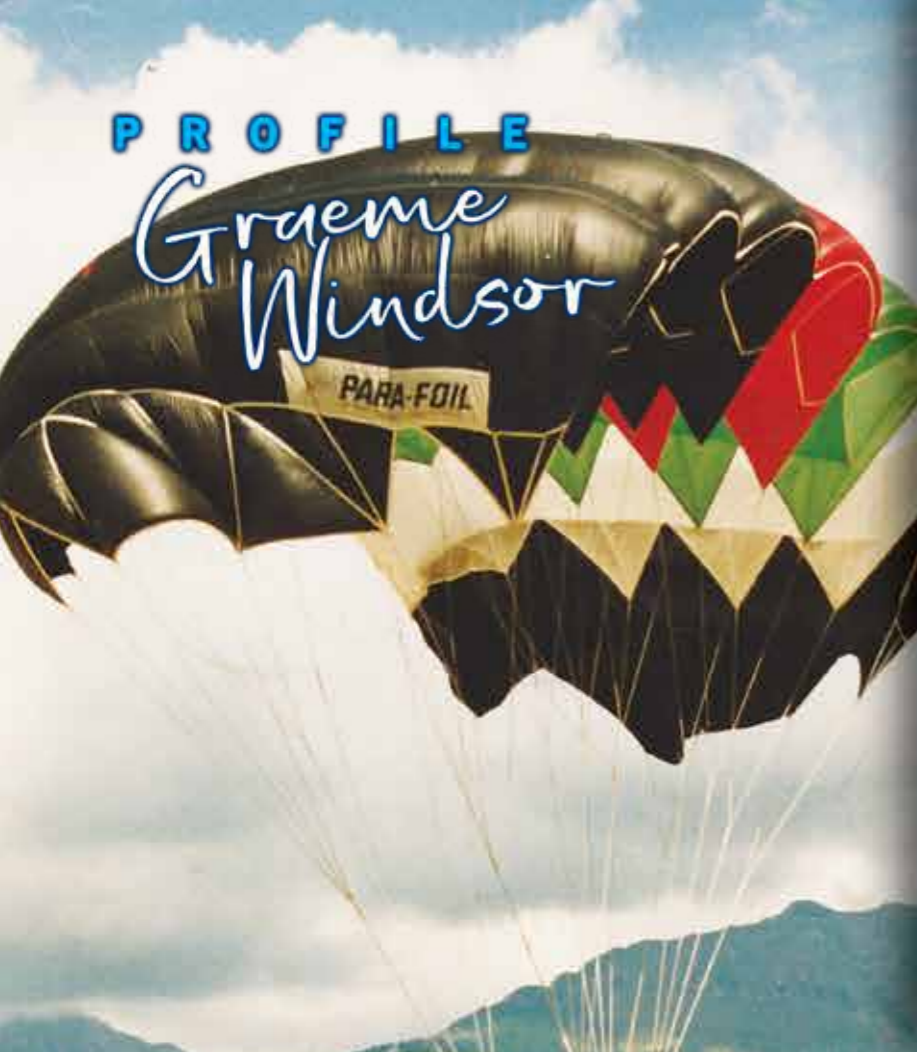
But Graeme was certainly working on his own flying skills. Inspired by early competitor, Cathy Burrows, who was also in PNG, Graeme soon took a keen interest in competition. His first Accuracy event was the 1969 PNG Championships. He'd done a grand total of sixteen jumps before this, and his first competition score was 13 metres. Not bad for a 28-foot C9 round canopy!

Around this same time, an active young skydiver named Claude Gillard visited PNG and did a bit of a recruiting drive for the growing APF.



# PROFILE

## Graeme Windsor



**"In terms of the world, I would call Graeme the most famous Australian in parachuting"**

### Development of Australian Skydiving...

When Graeme Windsor returned to Canberra in the early seventies, he became an APF qualified Senior Instructor and bought a share in a Cessna 182. This led to a charter operation, a flying school, and eventually the Canberra Sport Parachute Centre.

Neil Fergie first met Graeme Windsor in 1973. "I was literally a pimple nosed kid," said Fergs. "With only ten jumps at that time, I had lots to learn. Graeme was a quiet motivator who not only assisted me through my next few student-training jumps, but then sent me on my way to Labertouche to further my skydiving journey."

By this time, Graeme was a regular at the Australian Nationals, and he was selected to represent Australia in Style and Accuracy for the World Championships near Zagreb in 1978. Since then, he has competed at some 20 Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) First Category events in Style and Accuracy, as well as Para-ski.

Some of Graeme's most memorable jumps came in the next few years of travel, competition and Big-ways. His career highlights included the DC3 days at Corowa, when jumpers from Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and everywhere else would converge on Corowa. "I was with a group, there were about 20 of us, and we used to put ourselves out as a 20-way Base for anything going," said Graeme. "That was a lot of fun, jumping with big jumpsuits and big groups. We did a 45-way attempt out of one plane load one morning. That was a pretty full aeroplane, 43 got in."

He also remembers jumping the mountains of Switzerland and Austria out of helicopters doing para-ski events.

Apart from his incredible jumping adventures, Graeme worked in an impressive array of skydiving administrative roles. He'd already served in volunteer roles, like Board Member and Chair, before being employed by the APF as National Coach in 1989. Graeme was later appointed as National Safety and Operations Officer, and Chief Executive Officer, retiring in 2008.

### The Global Guru...

Of course, retirement was never going to mean a change across to lawn bowls. Graeme kept jumping and stepped into more challenging volunteer roles with the International Parachute Commission. He'd been attending meetings since 1991, starting out as an alternate delegate for Australia and then getting involved in several committees.

Graeme was elected as IPC 1st Vice President in 2003 and President in 2007. So, his retirement from the APF paved the way for his unprecedented nine-year term as IPC President.

He made a lot of friends and won a lot of respect for this work. "In terms of the world, I would call Graeme the most famous Australian in parachuting," said Gail Bradley, Australia's current IPC delegate. "Certainly because of his IPC Presidency, but also because he is a visible competitor, a good listener, a great moderator and a true mentor to those who seek to achieve."







PROFILE

# Graeme Windsor

Gillian Rayner, from the French Parachute Federation, said Graeme was the force behind a special company that was created for the IPC to develop business relationships and market the sport. "Graeme's leadership of the IPC was visionary," said Gillian, who worked closely with him.

Gillian supported the nomination for Graeme to receive a Master of Sport Parachuting Award, along with another IPC colleague, Richard 'Buzz' Bennett. Buzz described Graeme's necessary guiding hand as IPC President. "He had a knack of gently steering things along on an even keel, treating all – whether he agreed with them or not – with the same courtesy," said Buzz.

Graeme's IPC efforts included presentations on Australia's development of cloud jumping approvals and commercial opportunities for professional international events. He also helped drive a Strategic Plan for the organisation.



And there's a very strong belief in IPC circles that Australia's successful bid to host the WPC next year was helped a lot by the widespread respect for Graeme Windsor.

### Friendships and competition...

Janine Hayes is one of the many friends that Graeme has made through his stellar career. She has competed alongside him in Accuracy events in France, Yugoslavia, Austria, China, Japan and Montenegro.

"It has been a pleasure to have trained with Graeme in numerous places throughout Australia and overseas where he has always been a team player and shown great camaraderie," said J9. "At all times during events Graeme has competed with good grace and good humour, and he's respected the judging process."

Another great mate, Mike Dyer, recalled being the novice on the team for the WPC of Style and Accuracy in 1982 in Czechoslovakia. "During that time, Graeme was the most genial and helpful of the team in supporting me with advice and guidance," he recalled. They even managed to bring home a bronze medal. "That is still the only year in which an Australian team was able to stand on the dais to receive a medal," said Mike.

### Milestones and mishaps...

Graeme was still notching up milestones decades later, doing his 7,000th jump in November 2016, and collecting silver at the Nationals in York in March 2017.

In May this year, he was lured along to the APF Awards night to be there when his friend Janine would receive her Service Award. Graeme was totally caught off guard when he was called up to receive a Master of Sport Parachuting Award, the highest honour in the APF system. He walked to the stage, surprised and happy, then he turned to the crowd and realised he was getting a standing ovation.

"Oh well, it was a complete surprise to me, and I was deeply honoured to receive that award," said Graeme. "I didn't know what to say at the time. I probably still don't know!"

"It's wonderful that I've had so many things happen in my life from skydiving that it's just the cream on the top! I think back to all those years of jumping and competing all the places around the world and what I've done, working for the Parachute Federation, in the office or being a volunteer. It's all sort of nice towards the end of my skydiving career I suppose, or the latter stages, that it's all come to this."

Unfortunately, the joy of that night was short lived. Graeme had made the trip to Adelaide on his motorbike, travelling with Dave Boulter. As the pair headed to Canberra the next day, via remote back roads, things went wrong.

"Rangers in the area said it was OK but in fact it wasn't," explained Graeme. "It was a slippery road. Water had been lying on it for two to three days." He managed to come off his bike, breaking an ankle and eight ribs.

"I was there waiting a while as Dave had fallen off his bike too so he took about twenty minutes to catch up to me. He hadn't hurt himself thankfully."

"It was an adventure in itself lying there for a couple of hours waiting for ambulance. I had a satellite phone with me but didn't want to set it off without being absolutely sure that I needed to get rescued."

Eventually, he was rescued and flown back to hospital in Adelaide. Over the next few months, the experts fixed four fractures in his ankle and he endured a lot of pain with the broken ribs, especially with some of them broken in more than one place. "I've never had an injury like that before in my life," he laughed (carefully). "And I don't want another one again!"

So, in late July, two months after the motorbike accident, I asked him what any skydiver would ask. When would he be back in the sky? Well, first he had to be able to walk again, he explained. Landing on the tuffet was all well and good, but you have to be able to walk to the plane! Nevertheless, surprise, surprise, he did happen to have a schedule planned after this temporary setback.

He hadn't set WPC 2018 in Bulgaria as a primary goal but would be quietly doing a bit of training and hoping to make it there. So, the nationals in 2018 at Nagambie are very much on the agenda, and then the World

POPS meet in April. ("I won the first world POPS meet at Ettamogah Pub back whenever it was...")

He has an important date in September too, when he's inducted into the International Skydiving Hall of Fame in the U.S.A. "Honestly, I was astounded at that too," he said. "I just think, 'what a year it's been!' It's amazing."

### What's next?

With so many achievements and so many great mates, what could possibly be left on Graeme's wish list? "Well, I'd like to see a bit more of Australia and spend a bit more time with my wife, Chris, enjoying what we've got around us, our family and so on."

It's a family that well understands Graeme's love for the sky. He's had the pleasure of taking his daughters skydiving, and his grandchildren, and some of their friends too.

There'll be a bit of motorbike riding ahead, complete with an inflatable air-bag jacket for the next time he comes off. And plenty of jumping too, of course. He won't be sitting in a chair all day and watching TV.

"It's been a great, incredible life and journey so far," he says. "And it continues!" He's had many heroes and role models in the sport. "More than that I've got a lot of friends. And I think that's the best thing about it."

He's seen many changes with all the new disciplines evolving in the sport. "I get quite surprised going to the drop zone and I see people jumping in ones and twos out of big aeroplanes, and I think well, 'why aren't they all just jumping together?'" The social scene is quite different now too, without the entire crowd staying on the drop zone to party every night after jumping.

But he understands that different people like different types of jumping, and they also have active lives away from the drop zone. "What's still the same is that the people who are jumping have got a love of life and an exuberance for living and doing things."

"It doesn't matter what discipline they're into, they've just got a huge passion for what they're doing and they enjoy life to the fullest."

"There's always something you can achieve in skydiving. I've probably come to the end of chasing dreams in the sport, other than enjoying what I do."

"I'll basically be a quiet, behind the scenes jumper, enjoying jumping and encouraging others to do their best!" Perhaps having the odd afternoon snooze at the drop zone? "Oh, no, no, no. The drop zone is for jumping not for snoozing!"







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**AUSSIE LARGE FORMATION RECORD EVENT – MAY 2019**

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## Captains Call



Hi everyone and welcome to volume 2 of our "Aussiebigways" page.

Our team of motivated volunteers continues to plan, organise and conduct events across the country – raising the skills, knowledge and attitude of Aussie Big-way skydivers planning to attend our Record event in May 2019 at Perris Valley, Ca, U.S.A.

The current Australian Big-way Formation record stands at 119 and it would be an awesome feat to break that, so if you are interested then go our website: [Aussiebigways.com](http://Aussiebigways.com) and read up on what is happening, what we are all about, and how to get on board to be a part of the journey.

Recently we have held highly successful and enjoyable Intermediate and Advanced Big-way camps at Goulburn, Moruya and Nagambie drop zones in the build-up to this year's Premier Big-way Event with world renowned P3 Big-way Coach, Doug Forth, being held at Moruya drop zone from 19 to 25 November. This is shaping up to be another fabulous event which will no doubt rival last years' Premier Event with Dan BC at Nagambie. We have over 90 skydivers registered with one or two slots still available. So, if you can make it and meet the attendance criteria, please get yourself registered and come along!

Year 2018 is already shaping up to be a big year for Aussiebigways, commencing with a quiet period to allow people to train, prepare and compete at the APF Nationals in March at Nagambie drop zone. We will step up the pace with a series of Big-way camps around the country. Again, culminating in the last of our annual Premier Events at Toogoolawah towards the end of the year with Larry Henderson, another amazing world renowned P3 Big-way Coach. A lot more detail and information on this event will be forthcoming in the New Year, but for those who know Larry (he has already been here twice before) you will know it will be another memorable event!

Until then, wishing everyone safe jumping, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on a drop zone somewhere.

Blue Ones,

*Greg Jack*

*Aussie Bigways Captain*

## National Perspective



The momentum from the high-quality Aussie Big-way events of 2017 will catapult us into what is lining up to be an awesome year of jumping in 2018.

Thus far, our Premier Events have been hosted by Skydive Ramblers, Toogoolawah QLD (2014), Sydney Skydivers, Picton N.S.W. (2014), Skydive Nagambie VIC (2016), Skydive

Oz, Moruya N.S.W. and Skydive York, W.A. (2017). Many thanks to the APF, the State Parachute Councils and the drop zones who are constant supporters of the Aussie Big-way Team and the direction we are heading.

Four years on, we are returning to Skydive Ramblers, Toogoolawah for our Premier Event in 2018 with P3 coach Larry Henderson! The dates have been set so get your pens out:

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER THROUGH TO FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2018**

Watch this space, more details to come. This will be our final Premier Event prior to attending Perris to break a record the following year. This is one event you won't want to miss!

Aussie Big-way direction nationally for the first few months of 2018 will be to encourage you to join a team and attend Nationals at Skydive Nagambie in March. Why you ask does Aussie Big-way encourage 4-way and 8-way?

Because it is an effective pathway to practice your Rel skills in a smaller group environment, jumping with the same people where levels are already worked through, and you can move onto learning/practicing core basics for Big-way flying. Competition jumping is also the perfect environment to overcome record nerves when we come down to the wire on our last jumping day in Perris 2019.

There are four skill levels of 4-way you can enter either as a participant or jumping coach. You control your team's focus and fun factor – make the journey enjoyable by jumping where the action is happening and where the cool cats hang.

There is also the POPS World Meet offering another competition environment at Skydive Nagambie in April that is worth considering.

From April to September in the lead up to our Premier Event with Larry, our national focus will shift to Big-way events in all States including Intermediate, Advanced and Ultra Oz levels. Stay tuned to our Aussie Big-way Calendar of Events to keep abreast of what is happening in your State and at your home drop zone: [aussiebigways.com](http://aussiebigways.com)

We welcome ALL skydivers to join us whether you intend to be there for those record attempts in 2019 or not. With all the work happening behind the scenes by the Aussie Big-way team of mentors, and the support provided by the APF, Councils and drop zones, don't get left behind. Most are availing themselves of wind tunnel coaching to improve their personal flying skills, team training and focused Big-way coached events where participants can enjoy good quality jumps. Unsafe zoo jumps have largely become a thing of the past! Good quality events are happening now. We are making life-long memories now. Join us NOW. In a few years' time you will reflect on these being The Good Ol' Days!

*Tracey Basman*

*National Events Coordinator and Mentor*

## Skill Development



Have you ever decided to run a marathon?

I imagine you would have done some planning to map out a training schedule. It might have been set up on your mobile phone to prompt daily reminders on calorie intake, exercise goals and hours of sleep. Life may have driven changes

to the plan and yet crossing the finish line would only have been possible with a level of deliberate preparation.

What makes our decision to be in the Aussie Big-way record team any different to the goal of running a marathon? In the context of preparation, I would suggest, nothing.

Kate Vaughan has a wonderful description for the range of skills that we should cover in our training plan. Her phrase 'Ground to Ground' prompts consideration for equipment, operational knowledge, jump preparation, exit and in-air skills, canopy skills and teamwork. Physical, mental and emotional resilience and dexterity glue everything together so that we can use our skills to best effect.

Don't let May 2019 take you by surprise.

Most of us would not run a marathon tomorrow without any training, so:

- Look ahead in the ABW, iFLY and drop zone calendars for activities that will support your personal plan and will help you make best use of your time, money and energy.
- Consult with people you trust and be selective in your choices. You have a goal to achieve.
- Prepare for each activity. The best learning happens when you and your coach work in partnership.
- Write down your goals and talk them through with your coach in advance, then again after the activity to understand how far you have come against your target.
- Ensure you are in the right physical, mental and emotional state to learn when you turn up. Add activities to your plan to train in these areas.

Not all training costs money. There are many effective and free activities to include in your routine that will complement the air time you have:

- Watch videos to pick out best practice examples. Check out [www.skydivingphotography.com](http://www.skydivingphotography.com)
- Read articles in the ASM and on the internet. Check out [www.skydivemag.com](http://www.skydivemag.com)
- Visualise a jump from ground preparation to landing as you run, exercise, or sit on the bus.
- Walk through a jump, literally, including all the physical, mental and emotional aspects in going through your moves.
- Connect with a fellow ABW team mate. Discuss your experience and share resources to broaden your knowledge.

Be on the team! Make a plan, follow it, and I will see you there.

*Melissa Harvie*

*Aussie Bigways Consulting Coach, Personal Flying Skills specialist*

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# Advanced Oz BIG-WAYS SKILLS CAMP, SKYDIVE NAGAMBIE

28-29 OCTOBER 2017

By Christian Peric, Aussie Big-ways Victorian State Mentor

Photos by John Swanland, Roi Fuchs and Kelly Brennan

**WOW, HAS IT BEEN TWELVE MONTHS SINCE THE LAST COACHED AUSSIE BIG-WAYS SKILLS CAMP EVENT AT NAGAMBIE? SURE HAS! FAST FORWARD FROM NOVEMBER 2016 TO OCTOBER 2017, AND WE FOUND OURSELVES BACK AT NAGAMBIE WITH THE SAME GREAT COACHES, DAVID LONGCASTY AND TRACEY BASMAN, TWO GROUPS OF EAGER BIG-WAY BELLY-FLYERS, AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF, NAGAMBIE'S NEW SUPER-FAST CESSNA CARAVAN TURNING LOADS TO HEIGHT IN LESS THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES. WE KNEW WE WERE IN FOR A TREAT!**

This time, we were up for an "Advanced Oz" Skills camp to turn it up a notch on the challenge meter. The idea was born some seven months earlier, between my 4-way team mate David Gough and the drop zone leadership, mulling over a beer at the bar and the white board to look at potential dates. Their idea was to do Big-ways that are more challenging, with outfacing slots, spinning pieces and turning points. Basically, to push people's flying skills and have fun doing it. After some emails and meetings, the idea quickly grew to a formalised event with support from our Aussie Big-ways' mentors and coaches, and with some more background work, generous and welcome financial support from the APF Fi-Fund, the VTPC and Skydive Nagambie.

With a number of participants heading to Moruya for the Doug Forth Aussie Big-way Sequential Camp in mid-November, it was an opportune time to refresh and perfect our personal Big-way flying skills, as well as challenge and push ourselves out of our comfort zone; thanks to the complex sequential jumps prepared by our coaches.

We ended up with two groups of twelve. Participants were largely from Victoria, however two came down from QLD, one from N.S.W. and one all the way from Singapore. Talk about keen! It was decided to balance the groups based on the mix of experience and jump currency to guarantee the best possible success for all. Some people may not always like that, but there you go. Dave's group, or team "Happy Snacks", was the slightly more advanced and ended up doing the more difficult jumps, while Tracey's group, or team "No More Gaps", was more of an intermediate mix, on the cusp of advanced, ready to show the others what they can do.

**"Coaching with Dave Loncasty: More fun than fighting a dozen ferrets in a small enclosed sack!"**

*Martin Klapper*

At the welcome speech and introductions, an interesting point was made by Dave in that this camp is not only about building our skills and challenging ourselves as advanced Big-way flyers for the weekend, but also for the Aussie Big-ways organisation to get a read on possible 'anchor' people for the 150-way record planned for 2019 in Perris, CA. Dave explained that anchor fliers are those who can be gripped on multiple appendages and still fly their body solidly and confidently, not letting any waves or energy go through them. This weekend certainly gave us plenty of opportunities to experience that very job.

With weather on our side, we quickly kicked things off. Tracey's team was on load one, with Dave's team backing up. The plan was for five jumps per day, each group engineering their individual dive. Focus was on efficient stack up, fast exit, efficient stadium approaches and stopping in slot before picking up grips without momentum. As always, safety was our highest priority, so safe tracking, disciplined canopy flying and buddy gear checks were briefed and reinforced over the weekend. In Dave's team, it was interesting to note that due to the nature of "Advanced Oz", there was deliberately less focus on coaching the basics, even though they were mentioned often, but instead more on the complex sequential moves

**"Bipoles are hard!"** Sarah Brown



once we were in formation. For example, turning into bipoles, sidebodies, cat grips, or how to use visual cues in formation, looking through the centre, and so on.

As it turned out on Saturday, both groups ended up doing six jumps. As the plane was so fast, we finished the fifth jump by two in the afternoon. So, what the hell, do one more. The day ended well with everyone enthused and with a very positive vibe. The smiles and grins on the jumpers' faces from both groups said it all. The dinner provided by the drop zone canteen that night was nothing short of brilliant, and with plenty of free beer and Swanee's day-tape to enjoy, it all topped off a great day.

Sunday morning saw us meet at 7:45am sharp, with wheels off just after 8am, and with Tracey's group again on first load. The forecast was for winds to get stronger by mid-day, so we did not want to miss our opportunity to get four jumps done and complete the planned ten in total for the weekend.

Both teams efficiently ticked off the jumps, getting into a flowing sequence of dirt dive, jump, pack, debrief and repeat. By lunch time it did end up quite windy, and some folks on Tracey's team with bigger canopies sat out for a while. The conditions stayed variable but jumpable, and in the end,

we all caught up doing all jumps as planned. Team "Happy Snacks" topped off their weekend with a brilliant 3-point 12-way that saw us build a complex arrowhead formation.

After a final group debrief, watching some video highlights, and many thank you's, it was time to call it a weekend. The weekend was very successful and met, if not exceeded, everyone's expectations, which was really nice and encouraging feedback to receive.

A big thank you and recognition to our generous sponsors, without whom this event could not have taken place: The APF Fi-Fund, the VTPC and Skydive Nagambie. Thank you for helping us fund the event and thus advance our skills.

Thank you: To all participants for attending; to our coaches David and Tracey, you are legends; to Dave Gough and Louise Cross for getting the idea off the ground in the first place; to our camera flyers Roi and Swanee for their good work; to our hosts Don and Louise at Skydive Nagambie; to the pilot for getting us up there; to Anna for packing; and to Matt for putting on a great dinner.

For those whom I have missed to thank, I apologise. See you again soon somewhere at the next Big-way event. Blue Skies.

**"The weekend was very good, very informative, I learnt a lot of new skills and had a lot of fun jumps. My skydiving brain has been better fertilised than Harvey Weinstein's pot plants."** Kerry Hook







“ Thank you for another excellent holiday! ” *Whaze Tan, Singapore*

“ It’s been a fantastic two days. The weather has played ball, and we have had some pretty dynamic 12-ways, multi points, and we have learnt a whole lot. ” *Mervyn O’Connell*

“ It was a great weekend and we improved from jump to jump. It was pretty busy. Good to see that many people here. Thanks for sponsoring it APF, VTPC and Skydive Nagambie. ”  
*Jan Nejedly*

“ It’s great to have Dave and Tracey come down south of the border to help all of us get upskilled before Moruya. Thanks to them, thanks to the APF, thanks to the VTPC, and thank you Skydive Nagambie. I had a great weekend, and I feel I am so much more current. Ready to go. ” *Adrian Ferguson*



“ It was a fantastic weekend here at Nagambie. Thanks to Dave and Tracey for coming down and coaching us through the weekend. Thanks to the VTPC, APF and Skydive Nagambie for supporting us. ”  
*Lee Barton*

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*"If it looks iffy, flies iffy, or even just seems iffy, lose it – and lose at, or above your hard deck."* Chuck Akers

## Landing That Partial?

*"... trying to land a partial. He apparently had it under control, but it went south on him at a very low altitude."*

I stress the following constantly. A partial mal will never get better and will often get worse, and Murphy's law says it will happen at the worst possible moment.

I think too many people are afraid to cut away and I'm not sure why. Someone told me once that he was hesitant to chop because that meant he would be relying on his "last chance". I reminded him that if he isn't willing to cut away, he is already relying on his "last chance" – and it isn't working properly.

If it looks iffy, flies iffy, or even just seems iffy, lose it – and lose at, or above your hard deck.

Chuck Akers



*The following are a sample of incidents from those submitted to the APF between August - November 2017 (incl.), 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 drop zone.**

## AIRCRAFT/EXIT

**Certificate C, jump 282. Icon container.** Jumper was second last to board the plane, sat facing the rear wall beside the door. Once the plane rose to 1,000ft, SPR was removed and jumper rotated on the spot to position himself facing forward, resting his rig against the rear wall of the plane. He sat in this position for the remainder of the climb to altitude until the 3-minute light came on. He adjusted himself to sit up on his knees to conduct a final gear check, when he felt something behind him (back still against the wall). At which point he asked his jump buddy to check his pins, to which he replied, "Don't move, your Reserve pilot chute has deployed". Load Master on the load was informed immediately and he instructed the pilot to abort the drop and land the plane. Landed safely

without further incident. **Action:** Checked jumper's equipment, no apparent damage, Reserve closing loop intact, AAD did NOT activate. Spoke with the jumper regarding protecting pins and handles and not leaning the rig up against anything. DZSO inspected the aircraft and found no apparent snag point on the rear bulkhead of the parcel shelf.

## DEPLOYMENT PROBLEMS/MALFUNCTIONS

**Certificate E, jump 776. Valkyrie 103 Main, Optimum 160 Reserve.** Jumper was acting as Jump Master 1 on an AFF2 skydive. Exit and freefall were uneventful and deployment took place at approximately 3,800ft. After canopy inflation the jumper noticed that their canopy was turning to the right, and upon further inspection noticed that their pilot chute and bridle had wrapped around three of the right-hand brake lines at the tail of the canopy, causing the turn. After several attempts to free the pilot chute and bridle the jumper checked their altitude, which was approximately 3,000ft and made the decision to execute their emergency procedures, as the canopy was not safe to land. Reserve deployment was uneventful, and jumper landed Reserve without further incident.

**Certificate D, jump 308 and 309. Vector 3, Sabre 150 Main, Optimum 160 Reserve. Wingsuit (type not identified).** Two jumps in a row, jumper made several attempts at deploying the pilot-chute, with each attempt prevented due to wing reinflation. Losing height, deployed Reserve, with good openings and incident free landings back on the drop zone. **Action:** After the first jump, discussed with wingsuit coach and Chief Instructor, completing additional ground practice of deployment procedures. After second jump, had further discussions with the wingsuit coach and CI. The outcome of these discussions was that the new wingsuit was creating difficulty (geometrically) in physically grasping the pud. A similar older suit is to be used on the next attempt. The Wingsuit tutor will fly and observe the flight and practice deployments.

**Certificate E, 3500 jumps. Vector 3, JVX 89 Main, Optimum 113 Reserve.** JM1 on AFF Stage 3, uneventful jump. JM1 watched JM2 deploy, was low man as TA-ing student. JM1 deployed at approximately 2,500ft. Canopy seemed to open normally, slider came down to risers. Canopy then began to slowly wind up, turning to the left. JM1 naturally pulled right riser attempting to arrest turn. Canopy continued to dive, no amount of right riser would arrest the turn. JM1 then elected to pop toggles in attempt to arrest dive and flare parachute. This was a grave mistake. Turn rate increased, JM1 cutaway. Skyhook deployed Reserve (before Reserve handle pulled), at approximately 1,500ft. Great Reserve opening. Uneventful landing in student landing area. Review of footage revealed tension knot seeming to involve the left brake line and left sided suspension lines. **Action:** Jumper reminded themselves of the ability of small canopies to wind up quickly. If an issue is identified, spend less time playing with them and more time getting off them, especially when already deploying low. Skyhook was a saving grace on this occasion. Freefalling away and deploying Reserve in a 'stable' body position would only have meant using more valuable altitude.



## Emergency Priorities

Think about and review the seven priorities of skydiving:

- Pull: Open the parachute.
- Pull by the assigned altitude or higher: Whether stable or not.
- Pull with stability: To improve canopy-opening reliability.
- Check the canopy: Promptly determine if the canopy has properly opened and is controllable.
- If necessary, activate the Reserve: Perform the appropriate emergency procedures if there is any doubt that the Main canopy is open properly and is controllable.
- Land in a clear area: A long walk back is better than landing in a hazardous area.
- Land safely: Be prepared to perform a PLR with the feet and knees together to avoid injury.

Another jumper in the group observed the incident and confirmed rotating malfunction, canopy collision, cutaway and Reserve activation.

**Action:** J1 advised to initiate Reserve drill immediately situation becomes irrecoverable. J1 to practice and demonstrate to CI correct emergency procedures and recognise the importance of “look, locate, look, locate” before being allowed to do next jump. Do not expect the RSL will do its job, nor for that matter rely on the AAD.

According to J1, gear checks prior to emplaning and at 10,000ft included the RSL connection, which was found to be in order. Further investigation into the RSL detachment will be required. Note: At time of ASM printing, reason for RSL detaching not yet identified.

**J1’s thoughts post incident:** Don’t get brain fried by your RSL not working! I was looking for where my Reserve was coming, it ate time, and it totally cooked me.

Check how deep your Reserve handle can go in your harness. Never seen it tucked so far in and so small (mini metal Reserve handle).

I practice my emergency procedures: look, peel, punch every load @ 10k. To improve: Drill in locating handle if you can’t see it, work your hand from hip articulation up.

Don’t rely on the AAD, but I was glad that I knew it was coming, and I hadn’t got my shit sorted with my Reserve handle, but had got to belly for the opening. Video recorded me under Reserve at 340ft. Would have hated to be 100m to my left (river, trees and powerline), or with line twists/ Reserve coming out not belly to earth, etc.

## GEAR CHECK

### Are you using this leg-strap tie?

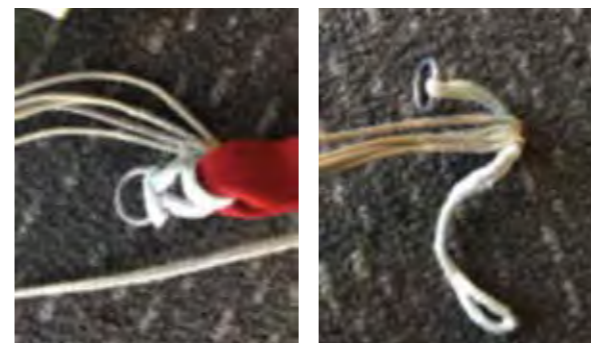
Something being seen lately is people using pull-ups instead of a bungee to hold their leg straps together. If you are doing it, then please replace the pull-up with a bungee. When the pull up cord is not under tension, it will be loose and could be a snag hazard. Bungee cord is used as it will hold constant tension and will recoil when not under load, therefore leaving very little excess to cause a snag hazard.



If a pull up cord is used, there is no elasticity to it. So, for the user to be able to sit comfortably in their harness under canopy, the pull-up must be left with enough slack for this to happen. This almost defeats the purpose of the leg strap bungee. We want the leg straps kept closer together during Head-up Freeflying to prevent leg pads slipping down the thighs causing possible unsymmetrical body positions during opening or even worse, possible ejection from the harness in the event of a premature opening.

**Certificate E, jump 1077. Wings, Mamba 150 Main, Micro Raven 150 Reserve.** Angles jump with two other people. Normal track off. Opened Main, did not open particularly well but not particularly bad either. Stowed drawstrings on slider and whilst pulling slider down risers, then noticed right rear riser had no lines attached and was only suspended by brake line. Normal cutaway and landed near freebag and Main. No further incident.

Back at drop zone, inspected equipment and right rear soft link was still threaded through two suspension lines. A check of all other soft links revealed they were **all connected incorrectly.**



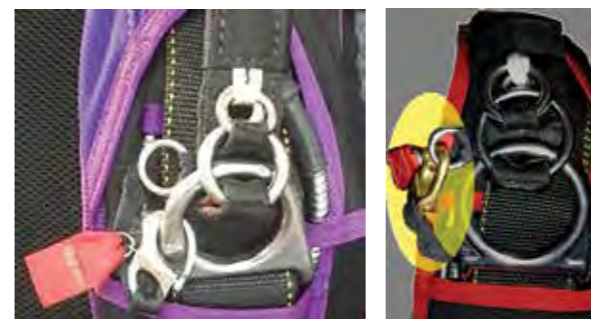
This was the first jump I had done on the gear since it had a Main swap out yesterday by two fellow jumpers. This is a borrowed Main.

**Action:** DZSO contacted the CI of the “two fellow jumpers” and told of the incident. That CI was contacting the “two” to see if they had connected anyone else’s equipment and provide further training.

### RSL connection

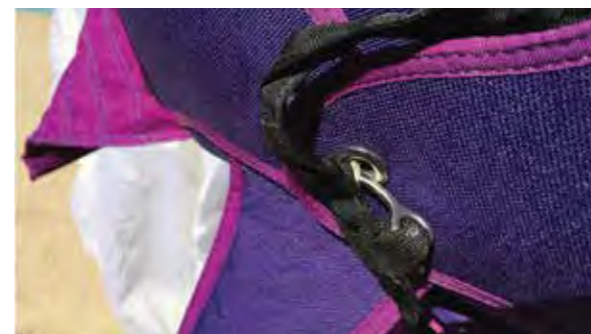
After a Reserve re-pack, this rig (pic below left) was used by the jumper twice with the RSL quick release connected to the 3-ring rather than the RSL ring. The error was missed by the owner and by a checker during an event gear check. It was observed during a later gear check and relocated to its correct position.

Jumpers: Know your gear and what the pertinent inspection points are for a gear check. If you don’t know how your gear works, ask your CI, DZSO, Packer, Rigger and Instructors at your local drop zone.



### Container Lock

A jumper flying her wingsuit attempted to deploy her Main canopy at 3,500ft. A few seconds after she threw her pilot chute, she saw the pilot chute trailing behind her, so she pulled her Reserve ripcord. The Reserve deployed and was fully inflated by 2,000ft. The Main canopy remained in the container after the Reserve deployed.



Upon landing, the jumper discovered that the Main container locked closed when the closing pin jammed into the collapsible-pilot-chute-indicator window on the pilot chute bridle. The closing pin on this jumper’s equipment

attached via a tab to the side of the bridle, which provided enough slack to allow it to wedge into the indicator window. Some manufacturers have developed alternative packing instructions that route the main bridle below the main container flaps to prevent this type of malfunction from occurring.

### Bag Lock Malfunction

This bag-lock malfunction occurred when one of the packing tabs on the canopy entangled with the last closing-stow band on the deployment bag. Although this is a very unusual malfunction, jumpers can help avoid it by making sure that the stows are not near the packing tabs when closing their deployment bags.



### Misrouted Pud Bridle

A jumper using a pull-out pilot chute (known as a “pud”) experienced a total malfunction due to a misrouting of the Main-closing-pin bridle. The jumper could extract the pud’s handle but couldn’t extract the pin due to the misrouting. The jumper pulled her Reserve ripcord and landed uneventfully under her Reserve parachute.



The report of the incident did not mention whether the jumper packed her own Main or if she used a packer. Regardless, jumpers must close pull-out systems according to the manufacturer instructions to ensure that the lanyard routing allows the Main pin to extract and the Main pilot chute to pull free from the Main container flaps. A proper gear check could have identified the problem before the jump.

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FOR THE INITIATED, ANDREW WHITTEN THE SKYDIVER WAS WENDELL CANINO THE CRWDOG. THE REASONS FOR THE NAME ARE, LIKE MOST SKYDIVING IDENTITIES, LARGELY LOST IN TIME AND KNOWN ONLY BY A FEW. BUT THE LAST THING THAT ONE WANTS TO BE KNOWN FOR IN SKYDIVING IS WHY YOU GOT STUCK WITH A NICKNAME. IT IS WHAT YOU COULD DO IN THE AIR, AND WHAT YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SPORT, FOR WHICH YOU ARE REMEMBERED.



# R.I.P Andrew Whitten

By Andrew "Sarge" Preston Photo by Steve Fitchett

If that is the yardstick, then Wendell is unlikely to be forgotten. He has left an indelible mark on Australian skydiving and he deserves to be remembered for his contributions to the development of canopy formation in Australia as a long-time national and international competitor and as an innovator in terms of ideas, theory and technique. He was unique.

He started on his jumping career in early 1984 on static-lined "roundies" as many of his peers did. Unlike most of us, however, who as soon as we got off the static line and started doing "Head-down" and Freestyle while grappling for our ripcords, Wendell took to the air as though he was born to it. His confidence and ability quickly saw him picked up by his more experienced peers and he fell in with his first team, the Junior Woodchucks, at Ramblers. The next year, he won his first trophy by bringing home to Ramblers the coveted Aratula Cup. Think skydiving State of Origin at the time. That had not been done before or since.

Within four years, Wendell was invited onto the famed Early Openers 8-way Canopy Formation team. That team, based at Ramblers, had placed third at the Canopy Formation World Championships held in Australia the year before. Wendell's innate abilities saw him assume a leadership role even though he wasn't the leader. He took one of the more important slots on the dive, and led largely by example. The end result of this saw the team take the silver medal in France losing to the U.S.A. only on a protest.

History tells us that two years later Early Openers armed with their secret weapon in Wendell became Australia's first World Champions in Thailand in 1990. If Early Openers had been the Beatles, Wendell would have been John Lennon.

Wendell continued to compete at international level for years after that mentoring, passing on his knowledge and further cementing his credentials with his peers at home and abroad. He was without doubt the finest exponent of canopy formation that Australia has produced and in the top three or four that I have ever seen. I always thought that he could chase down a bat in a windstorm under his canopy and I was privileged to have seen in

action many hundreds of times from the best seat in the house – that is, right up there next to him.

There is of course, always a new generation coming through and Wendell had also made the decision to spend more time doing other things. He had a family, Janine, Rhomany and Tait and skiing seemed a lot of fun. He certainly wasn't doing any canopy formation.

It is at this point that I can point to just how great Wendell actually was at parachuting. The proof lies in knowing this brief background about the lead up to the 100-way Canopy Formation World Record. The 100-way CRW Diamond was intended as the culmination of a series of events planned over the previous decade. It was a once in a lifetime thing. Numerous people were required to attend selection camps held in Europe or the U.S. And to the organiser, it didn't matter who you were – friend or former team mates – you had to prove your credentials. Enthused, I returned from the U.S.A. after the 64-way World Record and organised an attempt at the Australian 25-way Canopy Formation Record. I had arranged the services of Chris Gay, the organiser of the world record campaign and the man who would pilot the 100-way if we ever got there, to come to Australia to help out, train people, give guidance, pilot our little 25-way and generally lend his expertise. He was also the selector of the world record team. We had the numbers, but needed people in key positions. Wendell had stopped crashing his canopy into other people some time before that but I asked him if he would like to come along and play. He agreed but didn't have a parachute. I organised one for him.

Within two jumps, and on video footage alone, Chris Gay selected Wendell for the 100-way CRW world record attempts that year even though Wendell had turned up only to help out rather than try out. Without trying and without attending a selection camp, Wendell gained selection on the Canopy Formation World Team and became part of the largest canopy formation ever flown. He was the only person accorded that privilege. That's because there is only one Wendell.

Vale Wendell

Editor's Note: Wendell died recently from an aggressive form of Liver Cancer.



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# SUPPORTS THE VERTICAL RECORDS

By Kieren James

There's been a lot of buzz around the tunnels this year as we saw a re-emergence of Static flying and VFS skills, particularly at iFLY DOWNUNDER and iFLY PERTH. With Team FOCUS pushing hard on the outdoor skills camps around Australia, iFLY decided to throw some additional sponsorship support to the cause by hosting FREE TUNNEL sessions for the registered participants of both the WA State Vertical Record and the Australian Vertical Record.

In the lead up to these two events, we saw the boys of FOCUS coaching groups of six and eight people through big-way skills and drills, using the tunnels as the perfect training aid to fine tune levels, body position and solid flying technique. This was a new concept both in terms of using tunnels for big-way skill development and the way in which iFLY sponsorship can reach far more people than just awarding a prize voucher to an individual.

Everyone at these camps had a blast and were impressed by how well they ran and what was achieved, and the skills were immediately evident in the sky shortly afterwards.

*"We hit the skies over York the day after the iFLY PERTH camp and we were all blown away by how much better everyone flew from jump number one, where we were successfully building full pods with heaps of time to spare. It made it far easier to get straight into a good rhythm and make the most of the sky", says Kyle Chick from Team FOCUS... "same again at Picton after the Penrith camp too, the sky skills were immediately better, charging straight from the tunnel camp the night before. Yeah this is definitely the way to go".*



Following some well-engineered tunnel drills, the participants also managed to build a solid 9-way at iFLY PERTH (12-way if you count the additional three linked people out the door of the tunnel – haha) and a 12-way head-down piece at iFLY PENRITH. It was impressive to watch and there were fun times all round.

This is definitely an event sponsorship model that we (iFLY) think is a winning formula and will be looking to ramp up in the future for all disciplines and reach out to far more people.



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JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THE N.S.W. AND A.C.T. STATE MEET COULDN'T GET ANY BETTER, NINETY-ONE SKYDIVERS MADE UP 177 COMPETITORS THIS YEAR – SOME DOUBLING OR EVEN TRIPLING UP IN EVENTS – TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION THE BIGGEST IN FIVE YEARS!

**What makes it so good?**

**Is it the location: Beachside oasis?**

**The facilities: World-class hangar with beachside bungalows?**

**The staff: Professional beachside bums?**

**Or the competitors and coaches: Wannabe beachside bums?**

I think it's a combination of all of the above, kick-started with a killer coffee by the Sky Monkey Café, that made this event a huge success.

A big thank you to N.S.W. Parachute Council for supporting the event. Judges: Dean Brook-Rerecich, Neil and Sharon Fergie, Ken Enright and Leanne Connor. Volunteers: Pete Franklin (tech support), Josh Lessuink (team dubber), Ravo 2 (GCA), Katy Willcock (team photographer), Dan Rowen (Sport Accuracy judge), and all the staff at Skydive Oz. You all made it epic!

Here's what the competitors have to say...



Team Gastronomas



Stretch Marks

# N.S.W. & A.C.T. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

## SKYDIVE OZ, MORUYA



Paper Plate Pensioners

*"Last two N.S.W. State Meets we've seen a competition in place of the Open division, and I think it's a great sign that we had three AA teams pushing their way towards the Open pool. Four Skins had an awesome competition! Round one (our first jump together) set a good tone with an (almost) grip complete 21-off-the-door and a 9-point double blocker. So as not to exceed our expectations, we followed up with a few fumbles on Round two, and then three solid Rounds (including an 18 on a random jump) left us with a 10-point average. Thanks to Keen & Easy and That's a Good Question for the competition.*

*Awesome to have enough interest in 8-way for three teams! Although, Human Waterfall took out the top spot with two (again almost) complete exits helping their scores. I reckon the Moo Crew should get double points for their matching student jumpsuits.*

*Thanks to Jules, SkydiveOz, and the NSWPC for an awesome event. It's already in our calendars for next year!"*

**RUSS BLACKMAN (4-way AA and 8-way gold medallist)**

*"Thanks to NZ Aerosports and my princess Leia, I managed to hit the dot on most of my jumps."*

**CHRIS GARCIA (Sport Accuracy gold medallist)**

By Jules McConnel Photos by Stephen Tonson, Robbie McMillan and Katy Willcock



Grrr

*"The Gastronomas moved up from the Blast division to the A division of 4-way. We also had a new member, Nigel Johnson, who replaced Joshua Leussink when he went over to the States and crippled himself. This was our first time doing blocks in competition. We had done about an hour and a half of tunnel time, but a few months before the competition, so we weren't really match fit. Being the point flyer, I remember on jump #3 doing a 4-block, and when I let go of the middle piece and began flying around them, I thought, holy shit this place is awesome. Jumping over the coast of Moruya is so good it's almost detrimental when competing as it's so beautiful. Winning the competition was the cherry on top of an awesome weekend. We'll be back next year competing in AA!"*

**MARK WILKINSON (4-way A gold medallist)**



Quick





Get Off De Fence

"The N.S.W. and A.C.T. Championships was such an awesome event. It's my second year competing in Artistic Freestyle, a mix of acrobatic manoeuvres, dance and my own style of yoga poses at 160-200 mph. For me, skydiving is living in the moment, flying my body, strength and beauty. Artistic Freestyle is a fun discipline allowing you to put your own style into routines and have fun with learning all different ways of flying your body.

Skydive Oz is the perfect location and always puts on an amazing event."

**JESSE JAMES (Freestyle gold medallist)**



Quick



Busted Ballerina

"I started skydiving in July, meeting Deb Joy when I was spectating at the 2017 Australian Indoor Skydiving Championships only a month afterwards in August. We got talking about my goals within the sport, and my eagerness to learn more led her to offer to compete with me at the State Championships. With just 60 jumps and half an hour in the tunnel, I competed in the 2-way FS Novice division alongside Deb.

Having never jumped together before, I was anxious to prove myself to her, mixed in with the rush of nerves from my first competition. I was worried about what the result would be. However, it seems the combination of emotions pumping through me worked in our favour, our duo scoring 29 points in that first Round. That standard continued throughout the competition, our scores remaining high over the next three Rounds, and winning us the gold medal. A truly outstanding performance from both Deb and our camera, Kestral, left me feeling elated in a complete turnaround from my anxiety prior to the competition.

The State Meet provided me an awesome opportunity to learn, especially in terms of Rel work. Not only from my own jumps, but through absorbing knowledge from the range of experience showcased at the competition. The atmosphere over the entire weekend was buzzing, and it was thrilling to see all the jumpers I had met over the last few months together and displaying their skill sets. I'm so thankful for the success of my first competition. It's an experience I'll never forget."

**TRINITY CARSON (2-way Novice FS gold medallists)**

"Over the course of the 2017 N.S.W. State Championships, I had the privilege of filming the illustrious duo known as Get Off De Fence – starring Daniel Holder and Grant Hoffman.

2-way Vertical Formation Skydiving this year used an Intermediate dive pool from the International Bodyflight Association. It was completely Head Up, making it achievable, but still challenging for all the competitors. Coaching was provided for all the teams by Kyle Chick from FOCUS. He was a fountain of knowledge for the Vertical teams who were keen to learn.

The Australian Defence Force Parachute Association (ADFPA) sponsored the team, including training jumps at Picton the week beforehand to help the team gel. Straight after that, the pair spent time in the Penrith wind tunnel going through the dive pool. We were lucky enough to get all six Rounds in, and it was a tight competition. I Don't Even Know were pushing hard, beating us by four points in Round 3, a round which required some flexibility for the double hand dock behind the back, which is impossible for us mere mortals. We were lucky to have some consistency throughout the rest of the Rounds, barely staying ahead of the pack. Hoff bellied out twice and Dan reached for a few docks, but overall the team flew well. Despite a couple of camera busts, our efforts to thwart the competition with strategically timed festivities the night before helped land us on top of the podium. We would like to thank the ADFPA, Skydive OZ, the APF, the N.S.W.-A.C.T. Parachute Council and Jules McConnel for their hard work!

Overall, the event had a great vibe. I made lots of new friends, caught up with lots of old ones and had a bunch of really fun jumps over the beach at Skydive Oz.

The competition this year was much more advanced than in previous years. I am looking forward to the future of this discipline!"

**NATHAN BROWN (VFS gold medallist)**



Cameron Jarrett - Sports Accuracy Bronze



Chris Garcia - Gold Medallist

"The State Meet is an amazing experience for new and old skydivers within the sport.

Myself (Nathan Ravo), George Sheather, and camera Matt Scott from team Hook It competed in the discipline of CRW (canopy relative work) and managed to take out the gold medal for this event.

We also competed in other events but this was the one we have been wanting to win for a long time!

The excitement of being up under canopy and docking it onto one of your good mates is a moment that never gets old!

Coming out of this competition with our personal best scores from two Rounds of a 4 and a 5, we were absolutely stoked and can't wait to keep training to take it further!"

**NATHAN RAVENSCROFT (2-way CF gold medallist)**



Hook It



Chas Gutman



Cameron Jarrett



Matt Stevens





**2-WAY CANOPY FORMATION**

	Team	Average
1	Hook It	4.5
2	G3FHI-CF	1
3	Bin Chicken	1

**4-WAY AA FORMATION SKYDIVING**

	Team	Average
1	Four Skins	10
2	Keen & Easy	8
3	That's A Good Question	5

**4-WAY A FORMATION SKYDIVING**

	Team	Average
1	Gastronauts	10.2
2	Stretchy McStretchface	6.6
3	Quick	5.8
4	Little Creatures	4.8
5	Paper Plate Pensioners	4.2
6	Fall of Duty Defence	3.6
7	We Did Have One	2.6
8	Jigsaw	2.2
9	Defence Bravo	1
10	Defence Alpha	0.2

**8-WAY INTERMEDIATE FORMATION SKYDIVING**

	Team	Average
1	Human Waterfall	8.5
2	Stretch Marks	4.5
3	Moo Crew	2.5

**2-WAY NOVICE FORMATION SKYDIVING**

	Team	Average
1	Two Girls One Kestral	19.75
2	Pedimo's	16.25
3	Errant Defence	15.75
4	Grrr	15.5
5	Turned Up	15
6	Dock-Less Monsters	14.75
7	Defence Charlie	12.75
8	2 In the Pink	12
9	Microwave Mals	11.25
10	Unstable	11
11	Team Boris	9.5
12	TBA	8
13	Highlight Yellow	7
14	Defence Delta	5.5

**2-WAY VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING**

	Team	Average
1	Get Off De Fence	3.6
2	I Don't Even Know	3.2
3	Dockless Duo	3
4	G3FHI-VFS	1.4
5	Send It	0.6

**FREESTYLE**

	Team	Average
1	Busted Ballerina	8.6
2	Creature	5.8
3	Cause We Can	Withdrawn from competition



Hook It



Gastronauts



2-way FS Novice Medallists



2-way CF Novice Medallists



Four Skins



Get Off De Fence



Errant Defence



Keen & Easy



4-way FS AA Medallists



Phelix Huibert - Silver



Dockless Duo



Quick



Sport Accuracy Medallists



VFS Medallists



That's A Good Question



Pedimo's



Bin Chicken



4-way A Medallists



Two Girls One Kestral



Chris Garcia - Gold



I Don't Even Know



G3FHI-VFS



Paper Plate Pensioners



Stretchy McStretchface



**THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS EXCITING: TO RUN THE 2017 QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS AT RUNAWAY BAY SUPER SPORTS CENTRE ON THE GOLD COAST AS A TEST EVENT FOR THE FORTHCOMING WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN 2018. IN SPITE OF BEST EFFORTS, IT WASN'T TO BE, AND IT WAS WITH GRATITUDE THAT SQPC, AS THE HOST AFF AREA COUNCIL, ACCEPTED CHIEF INSTRUCTOR JOE STEIN'S CONTINGENCY PLAN TO HOLD THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA, BYRON BAY.**

A Queensland Championships in N.S.W? It's not the first time, and it was with great anticipation that competitors were able to use the all new upgraded facilities at the "Hend Hut", a purpose-built skydiver recreational and packing area to the side of the Byron Bay hanger. In addition to that luxury, all competition loads were out of the super-fast super caravan, no complaints from anyone there! The event ran smoothly on all fronts except the weather. Luckily, we got three rounds in for most disciplines. After just one final VFS 2-way Round was completed on Sunday, the competition was called and medals and prizes awarded.

A close contest in FS 4-way A was cut short by the weather. This new FS category proved to be very popular at this event. Congratulations Buns and Guns, for the gold medal and for leading the way in female participation; a strong thread across these championships.

Freestyle saw the return of the seasoned champions Synergy. Welcome back Nomes and Joe; up against new kids and current Aussie champions, Running Hot's Alana and Archie. New rules and energy abounds in this strongly contested discipline, as these elite teams prepare for the National Championships in Nagambie in March, and a

potential World Champs place in the Australian team. Team Impulse in FS 4-way AAA, and This Lift Is Too Short in VFS 4-way Open would have loved some competition, but put on a great show with some great results and some creative performances. Very appreciative that these teams participated, and everyone is looking forward to seeing what they can do against other teams.

The VFS 2-way competitors got the medals for best fun. An amazing mix of some of the most experienced Freestyle competitors in the country, alongside some classy newcomers. This is what competition is all about.

It was a sea of maroon in our Queensland State Champs T-Shirts, deep in blues country. See you at the Nationals!

### THE VFS DEVELOPMENT DEBATE

Given the flexibility of State Championships and the goals of promoting participation and exposure to competition, there was plenty of scope to offer competitors a variety of options. This became interesting when it came to

Intermediate Freely. Artistic or VFS? 2-way or 4-way? 2-way MFS? Old rules or new rules? There were smatterings of requests for a variety of Freely events from skydivers keen for Intermediate scratch team competition, with no clear direction.

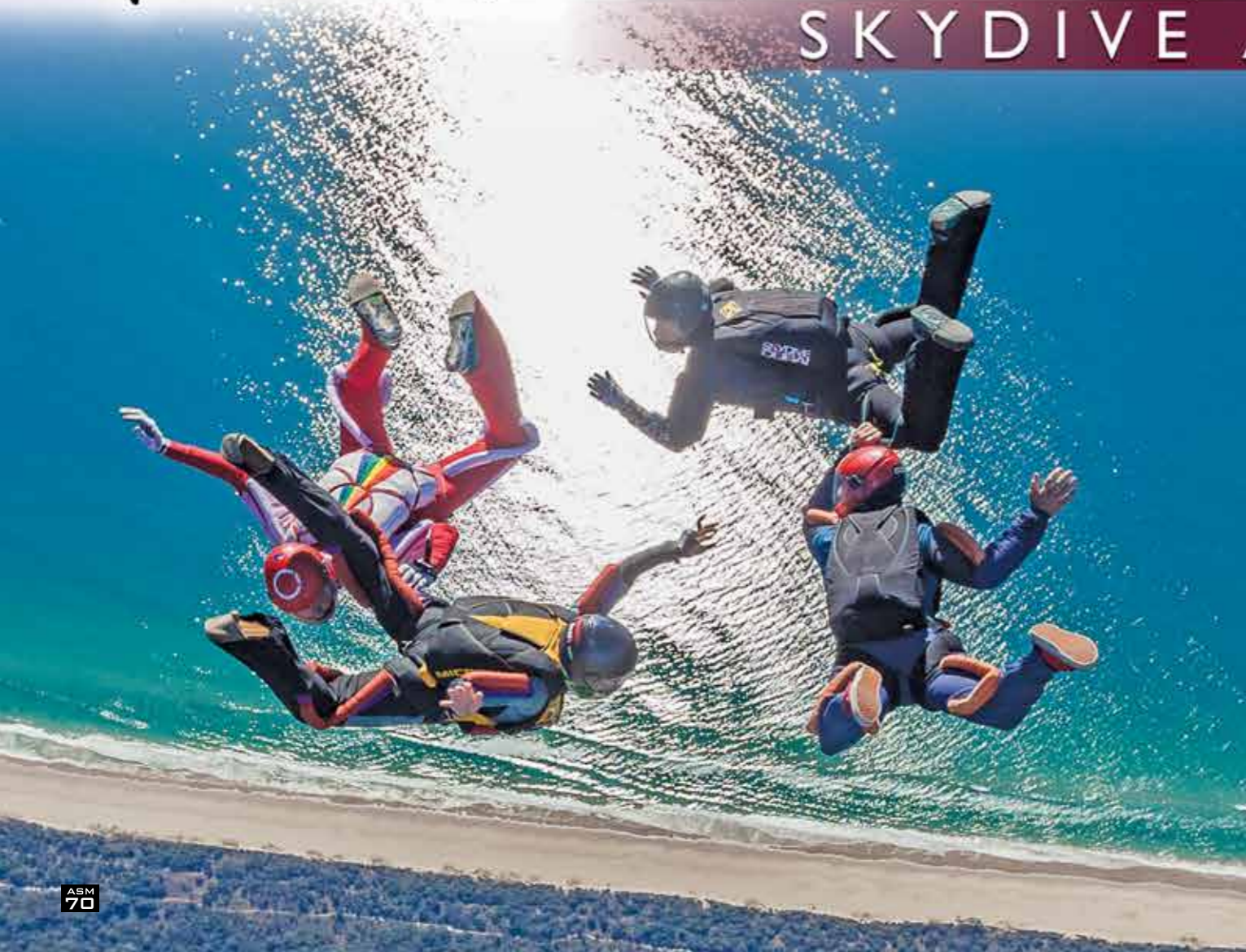
While no longer appearing in the Sporting Code, 2-way VFS was the popular choice with versions seen recently at indoor competitions and the Military Nationals. After consultation with Judges, the Director of Competitions, and leaders in the Australian Freely Artistic and VFS community, our versatile and resourceful Meet Director Alan Moss threw the three registered teams together for an impromptu and fun 2-way VFS event.

While everyone enjoyed the outcome, the possibly undeserved perception persists that the dive pool is too difficult, and opportunity too limited for Intermediate 4-way VFS and Artistic Freely. There is no clear direction, and opinion varies about what Intermediate discipline provides the best staging towards the Open categories. The topic is ripe for discussion at the next conference.

# QLD STATE SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA, BYRON BAY

By Leanne Critchley Photos by Steve Fitchett







"LOVED THE ENCOURAGING ATMOSPHERE AMONGST ALL TEAMS. I PARTICULARLY BENEFITED FROM THOSE MORE EXPERIENCED OFFERING VALUED ADVICE"

*Kristina Hicks*



"MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION ALWAYS ENJOY COMPETING AT STATE COMPETITIONS AND WE WERE REALLY LUCKY TO COMPETE THIS YEAR AND GET A MEDAL. IT WAS A FANTASTIC COMPETITION AT THE BEAUTIFUL BYRON BAY DROP ZONE"

*Holly Godwin*



## THE TEAMS

### FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY A

**Buns and Guns:** Natisha Dingle, Kristina Hicks, Splenda Levett, Laura Fitzpatrick, Angus Robertson (c)

**Fingers Crossed:** Mariska Folley, Jodie Ernst, Mike Dyer, Holly Godwin, Steve Fitchett (c)

**Vertically Challenged Defence:** Ariel White, Emily Hatfield, Zach Pearse, Ian Johnson, Ben Nordkamp (c)

### FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY AAA

**Impulse:** Alan Deadman, Alex Cattaneo, Rob Thomson, Riss Anderson, Luke Oliver (c)

### VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY OPEN

**This Lift is too Tight:** Myles Treadwell, Katie Novey, Vic Mutton, Royce Wilson, Brad Geyson (c)

### VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 2-WAY

**Nicholas Aero Apples:** Danny Helmy, Dimitri Didenko, Jared Harris (c)

**The Schleem Team:** Matt Smith, Isaac Johnson, Stewart Kemp (c)

**The Leftovers:** Joel Tafe, Stephen Hawke, Michael crush (c)

### FREESTYLE OPEN

**Running Hot:** Alana Bertram, Archie Jamieson (c)

**Synergy:** Naomi Adam, Joe Stein (c)

### FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY A

Team	1	2	3	Total	Average
1 Buns and Guns	7	6	6	19	6.33
2 Fingers Crossed	6	7	5	18	6
3 Vertically Challenged Defence	6	5	4	15	5

### FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY AAA

Team	1	2	3	Total	Average
1 Impulse	11	11	17	39	13

### VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY OPEN

Team	1	2	3	Total	Average
1 This Lift is Too Tight	4	2	3	9	3

### VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 2-WAY (CALLED ON ROUND ONE)

Team	1	2	3	Total	Average
1 Nicholas Aero Apples	4			4	4
2 Schleem Team	1	3	2	6	2
2 Leftovers	1			1	1

### ARTISTIC EVENTS FREESTYLE

Team	1	2	3	Total
1 Running Hot	4.5	3.7	4.5	12.8
2 Synergy	3.8	3.9	4.4	12.1

## CHIEF JUDGE REPORT: COLE RUTHENBERG

SQPC and NQPC successfully conducted the 2017 Queensland Skydiving Championships on 16 and 17 September at Tyagarah drop zone.

The judging team comprised Cole Ruthenberg, Chief Judge, with Sheena Simmonds and Lea Critchley. All jumps were timely judged. There were no protests from the competitors. I thank the judging team for their excellent work all round.



The SQPC's new InTime Judging system was used for this competition, and ran well despite some teething difficulties. Many thanks and congratulations to Luke Oliver, builder of the

hardware system, who through expertise and hard work kept us judging despite serving as videographer for Team Impulse.

Teams competed in 4-way Formation Skydiving (both A and AAA), VFS Open, 2-way VFS, and Artistic Freestyle.

To the collective knowledge of the judging panel, this is the first Artistic competition held under the July 2017 APF Sporting Code. The Freestyle teams expressed interest in gaining further understanding of these rules, especially the new difficulty score, in order to construct higher-scoring routines. Across all events, the standard of the teams' performances was high and bodes well for the future of sport skydiving in Queensland.

Thanks also to Meet Director Alan Moss, the Australian Parachute Federation, Joe Stein and the Skydive Australia - Byron Bay staff, and to Nuch's canteen for keeping us fed and watered.



# ON THE AIR

## COUNSELLING OFFER

On hearing the sad news of FNQ, I thought I'd forward my details, to offer my services to anyone who may need to talk.

My service to any skydiver or an associate, family or friend will be free. I could never repay the experiences I've gained from being involved with skydivers and this is a little way I can give back.

**Kathy Gardiner**  
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## INTRODUCING: TRINITY CARSON

"I've been skydiving for a couple months now and it's been my best decision so far! Having jumped in N.S.W. at Moruya, Elderslie, Goulburn and Picton I have met so many amazing people. Here is a snap from my 21st birthday, of myself and Kestral (aka Adam Phillips) jumping a Rodeo over Elderslie. Definitely the best way to spend a birthday. Photo by Nathan Wagemans



## FIONA MCEACHERN SPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND

By Kelly Brennan, Chair APF Funding Committee

The APF 'FI FUND' is now ten years old, and it has helped make some fantastic events happen in 2017. All up, there was close to \$170K in funding support for more than 70 events. Not a bad effort, hey?

We made 62 allocations, worth just over \$67K, for Level 1 funding (up to \$1,500 each). These are usually for smaller drop zone events, like CRW training, Star Crest days, Angles and Freely coaching programs.

There were five events allocated a total of \$19K in Level 2 funding (up to \$5,000 each). These included the awesome new tricks we saw from the Parabatics camp plus some other events that used APF funding support to include extra top-notch coaches.

There were six events that secured Level 3 support worth a total of \$83K. The largest allocations went to record efforts by Aussie Big-ways and Kieran James.

The Funding Committee and the APF are looking forward to supporting more great events to develop Aussie skydiving in 2018! Let's keep making our sport bigger and better.

## AUSTRALIA'S OWN – WORLD'S OLDEST TANDEM JUMPER

By Matt Teager

Irene O'Shea is an amazing woman, maintaining her own house, driving her own sports car and setting world records. At 101 she became the oldest female skydiver in the world when she joined the team at S.A. Skydiving. This wasn't her first skydive, having jumped with the team for her 100th birthday. However this time they were also going higher, to beat the previous record on all counts. Pairing with S.A. Skydiving instructor, Jed Smith, for the second time, Irene was out to raise awareness and funds for a cause close to her heart, Motor Neurone Disease. S.A. Skydiving and Channel 9 sponsored the jump to help raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA.

On the day Irene and her support crew of around 50 people arrived at S.A. Skydiving's Langhorne Creek drop zone. The jump was delayed due to wind so we fired up the BBQ and entertained the kids. After a few hours and a test jump to assess conditions, it was game on. Irene was very excited as Jed helped her into her jump pants and harness. Cameramen Bryce Sellick and John Shepherd captured the jump from almost 14,000ft before a ground crew assisted Jed and Irene complete a super smooth landing.

Irene, we congratulate you, you're an inspiration. We look forward to breaking all the records when you return next year.



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## TROPICAL FROTH 3

By Patrick Dunne

After having a successful weekend with Tropical Froth 2, especially after seeing so many jumpers get their Star Crests and B-Rel's signed off, we were really eager to get it happening again.

With the help of the NQPC and the APF, we managed to get Oliver Fong up from the Gold Coast. Mr Fong is a familiar face to many at the Innisfail drop zone and it was awesome to have him (and his hair) back up here. Local legend, Tim Kolln worked alongside Fongy to smash out heaps of jumps of all levels.

With 30+ participants and sick weather, the vibe was amazing. After day time jumping finished, it was time to be briefed for night jumps (a first for most of us). Greg Puttick went through everything we needed to know before the first load went up. We managed to get three night loads up before the weather turned. After night jumps, everyone feasted on an amazing Tropical BBQ consisting of locally caught Coral Trout and Spanish Mackerel (caught by Marklar and Rauno), followed by the day tape and a heap of cartons.

Notable events include:

- Luke E and Manuela completed Star Crest
- Luke C and Zoe P completed Head-Up Crest
- Shane completed B-Rel Stage 4
- Cat returned jumping after a year out
- Three night loads and eleven first time night jumpers
- Fongy making it back to Townsville in time for his flight

Firstly, a huge thank you to the NQPC and the APF for supporting this event. Many thanks to Jade, the Pilot, for going the extra mile; Greg Puttick for organising night jumps; Fongy and Timmy K for doing an amazing job coaching; the manifest girls Brigette and Jess; Marklar and Rauno for supplying their local catch from the Great Barrier Reef; Loretta for helping prepare dinner for everyone; and Phil Onis and CI Adam for allowing us to make it happen.

Tropical drop zone. Tropical weather. Tropical food. TROPICAL FROTH! See you at the next one!



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## WINNING BIG ON CUP WEEKEND

By Kelly Brennan

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Flemington may have stolen the limelight over Melbourne Cup weekend, but the best bet for Big-way players was to be at Barwon Heads. We had four days of action, from Star Crests to 16-ways and everything in between.

Springtime in Melbourne is famously fickle, and this weekend was no exception. We took some gambles on the weather and managed to complete 20 of the 25 jumps planned for the long weekend. Mark 'Stretch' Szulmayer was our coach extraordinaire for the Big-ways, patiently taking us through terrific 14-16-way skydives. He also shared plenty of winning tips in briefings and presentations, and he showed us video of breathtaking tunnel flying that he saw in a recent competition in Canada.

Our own group's odds improved over the event as skills were polished. One of the guys completed his Star Crest at lunchtime on Saturday. By later that afternoon, he was on

a 6-point 8-way, and then he did three days of 14-16-ways.

We had 27 participants across the four days, including players from as far away as China and Canberra, and as close as the Torquay drop zone just ten minutes up the road.

The race that stops a nation didn't stop us. We were in freefall at the exact moment the horses left the starting gates. We landed and raced back for our Melbourne Cup sweep a few minutes late, using an internet replay of the race!

Thanks to Skydive Great Ocean Road for hosting us, with additional funding support from the APF Fi Fund, Aussie Big-ways and the VTPC.





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Cessna 185	4 place
Cessna 182	5 place
Cessna 206	6 place
Islander	10 place
Islander	20 place
Piper Navajo	10 place
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Cessna Caravan	16 place, turbine
Cresco	10 place, turbine
XL	17 place, turbine
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Drop Zone Location: Tweed River Jockey Club,

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Aircraft: Cessna 182, Piper Chieftain

### RAMBLERS PARACHUTE CENTRE (RAMBL)

AFF, SFF, Tandem and Licence holders.

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Drop Zone Location: Toogoolawah

Aircraft: 2x Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA BRISBANE (RED)

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Email: info@skydive.com.au

Web: Web: skydive.com.au/brisbane

Drop Zone Location: Suttons Beach, Redcliffe

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE BRIBIE ISLAND (ASQ)

Tandem only.

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Email: info@skydivebribie.com.au

Web: skydivebribie.com.au

Drop Zone Location: Caboolture Airport (Ops Centre),

Bribie Island beaches

Aircraft: Cessna 206

### SKYDIVE HERVEY BAY (HERVEY)

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Chief Instructor: Peter Agnew

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Drop Zone Locations: Hervey Bay beaches, Bunya

Creek and Fraser Island

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE THE BEACH NOOSA (SKRAM)

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Web: skydive.com.au/noosa

Drop Zone Location: Coolum Beach and Bli Bli

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE THE BEACH RAINBOW BEACH (RAINBO)

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Web: skydiveforfun.com.au

Drop Zone Location: Rainbow Beach

Aircraft: Cessna 182 (Super)

### SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND SKYDIVERS INC (SQS)

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### SUNSHINE COAST SKYDIVERS (SSCSC)

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Web: sunshinecoastskydivers.com.au

Drop Zone Location: Caloundra Airport and local

beaches

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

### TOOGOO LAH SKYDIVERS CLUB INC. (RASP)

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40 Sword St, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102

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Drop Zone Location: Toogoolawah

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### ADRENALIN SKYDIVE (TUDD)

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Chief Instructor: Kobi Bokay

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Web: askydiver.com.au

Drop Zone Location: Goulburn Airport

Aircraft: EMB-110P1, Cessna 206

### AIRBORNE SUPPORT SERVICES (3RAR)

Non-training organisation.

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Drop Zone Location: Nowra Airfield

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