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**IT'S BEEN BIGGER THAN BIG**  
**Impressive:** The World Parachute Championships on home turf was a vision come true, and the many, many successes what dreams are made of. It's was as tall as the Surfers Paradise skyline and as impressive as the Gold Coast backdrop.  
**Trifecta:** The Bigway community ramped it up with headliner Larry Henderson, and I positively love that another three national Sequential records in a day is the way we roll here in Australia!  
**Special:** The NQ Cay jumpers sure know how to show off a sweet spot and make everyone jealous! Special Cay alright.  
**Headlining Act:** The Equinoxers, committed to the equal day and equal night theme, sure know how to light up the night sky and throw one hell of a music festival into the boogie mix.  
**Magnificence:** It doesn't get any bigger than the C-17 or more exciting than the collective vibe of 300 joyous jumpers.  
 Big events has meant a bigger mag - extra pages kept getting added and yet, I still feel like there's enough pages to do everything justice. Hopefully you disagree!



*Susie* EDITOR  
**Susie McLachlan**

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The French Freely World Champions, Greg Cozier and Karine Joly of team AIRWAX, taking Chief Instructor of Skydive Uluru, Sam McKay, for a "Sandwich", over Ayers Rock. This was a very special project for team AIRWAX, who wanted to celebrate their victory in their Aboriginally inspired jumpsuits. **Photographer:** Hayden Galvin

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Cameraflyer of Canopy Formation team "K4", Stephen "Spot" Tinson capturing his "Bow Tie" malfunction, during a training camp at Funny Farm in the lead up to the World Championships.

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**2018 WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
 GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND

# AUSTRALIA *Shines*

*The famous Gold Coast weather tried to let us down, but the 'have a go' Aussie spirit triumphed during the APF's World Parachuting Championships!*

By Kelly Brennan Aerial photos by Steve Fitchett and Spot Tonson Ground photos by Garry Gnapp, Steve Fitchett and Kelly Brennan Various aerial video grabs by the team cameraflyers

**WHEN GAIL BRADLEY PITCHED OUR WPC BID TO THE INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, SHE PROMISED IT WOULD BE THE BEST WORLD MEET EVER. IT WAS A BIG CALL, BUT WE DELIVERED.**

By any measure, the competition was a stunning success. All events weren't just completed, they were completed a day early, despite some dire weather. There were world records, national records, nail-biting finishes and even two marriage proposals. The judging was world class with no protests. The safety team reported only one minor fracture and one sprain after 5,854 jumps.

"It was all about the people," said Gail, who was exhausted and somewhat teary after investing two years of her life in the project. "There was not a weak link anywhere."

"I thought they did a stellar job," smiled a relieved Meet Director, Bryan Burke. "I really couldn't have asked for more." He'd deftly managed ten events, with 460+ competitors from 25 countries.

For the Aussie camp, the meet was massive. Our team collected one silver medal and two bronze. National records were broken in four events. All of that came on top of the recent gold medal at the Canopy Piloting WPC. What a year for Aussie high flyers!

**FOCUS**

Photo by Kim Hopwood



## Bumping in...

The last couple of weeks before our World Meet were a frenzy of activity for the organisers and the international teams who were heading our way. Some of the visitors took advantage of Aussie drop zones for final training camps. French freeflyers spotted koalas in Toogoolawah. The Qatar team borrowed training rooms at Picton, leaving behind brand new fridges and massage tables.

Volunteers at Runaway Bay also got cracking early, doing a letterbox drop to invite local residents along and to advise them what to do if a cutaway canopy or a skydiver landed near their homes.

The volunteer team was led by Jon Kent and Leanne Critchley, who survived 18-hour days and a couple of early hiccups. For example, on the one night that 'The Crew' was having a few quiet drinks for Jon's 60th, two Russian competitors turned up needing accommodation. They'd been turned away from the youth hostel for being too old. At the other end of the scale, there was a young, wide-eyed work experience kid who obligingly helped get everything set up at the stadium. He didn't mention that he was actually a catering student, and he was supposed to be washing dishes in the kitchen. (Can't blame him, really.) Plus there was a sponsor who asked venue staff to help plug

in their beer fridge, only to discover it was a non-drinking stadium.

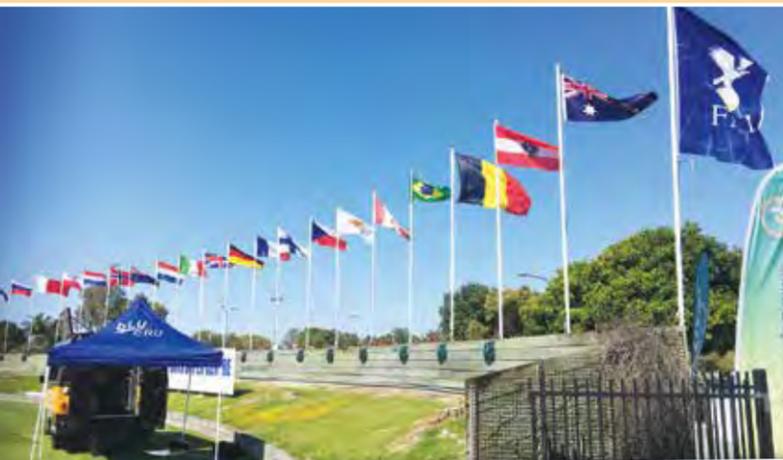
While bleak forecasts and stormy skies would become the norm through the event, Jon and Lea's team of volunteers would be the rainbow. Colourful, cheerful and optimistic, they were the rays of light that helped Australia raise the bar for World Meets.

The first big surprise for competitors was a seamless check-in process. Gail and her husband, Keith, had spent weeks in the APF office, sorting out the paperwork and stuffing hundreds of goodie bags.

The location and venue quickly won fans. "It's good we got to do practice jumps because the view from the plane was extraordinary," said Tanya Cale from Rotor Out and JYR8. "It was good to have a chance to daydream and have a look at it before we were focussed on comp."

The Qataris had a headline-grabbing canopy wrap in official Canopy Formation (CF) practice, and K4 had a 'nothing to see here' collision as well.

Everybody was ready for a wild ride ahead, and Claude Gillard - the so-called 'Grandfather' of the APF - settled himself into a corner chair in the admin office, to watch it all unfold.



"It's going to take a long time before they beat this one."

Gail Bradley,  
National Judging  
Officer / IPC  
Delegate

## Opening Ceremony...

A perfect opening ceremony parade was planned in downtown Surfers Paradise. It was a precision operation with street closures, young lifeguards, and a chance to showcase our favourite RAAF jumpship over a world-famous beach. It was also the first of many times when the Weather Gods forced us to improvise.

Rain pelted down as the competitors gathered on the main drag in Surfers, decked out in their team uniforms. They huddled under umbrellas and sent not-so-amusing pics to the Aussie Bigways skydivers who were en route for a 24-Way from the C17. The rain finally eased off as the parade reached the sand, and the competitors sat on their own Icarus towels for the official opening speeches.

Rodney Benson wrangled flag jumpers from one of the three Caravans and there were plenty of downwind landings in the heavy damp sand to entertain the crowds. The bigway jump was canned so the C17 jumpers did hop'n'pops instead from just under 6K. Thanks to the lower height and grey skies, the mighty C17 was especially impressive. Spectators could easily see the skydivers being spat out of her belly at 150 knots. The jumpers also had fantastic views of the spectacular skyline and Australia's tallest building. Not to mention people waving (and mooning) from apartments.

Thumbs up to the organisers for a brilliant opening ceremony, with generous support from the Gold Coast Mayor and the RAAF. Thanks to the APF Office and safety crew for taking on this logistical nightmare.

Logistics would also be challenging for the main event. Later, back at the stadium, the Meet Director took competitors through the challenges of the competition's many working parts. They'd need to manage their time well, he warned, with a separate main area, airfield and landing area.





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## Let's get this party started...

Day One of the long-awaited meet defied the gloomy forecasts with 78 loads rolling through in blue skies and a strongish breeze.

The vibe in the main stadium was incredible with flags of the competing nations flown proudly and a wonderful sense of anticipation. It was a Sunday and kids were everywhere. They were playing soccer in the centre of the stadium, riding bicycles, making crepe paper pom poms and painting their nails in green and gold.

There were big kids too. Like the jugglers at Canada's team tent and Jules McConnel with the Moo Crew blasting out their earworm theme tune, the 1965 trumpet classic 'Spanish Flea', on a portable speaker.

The Aussie volunteer team was like a flock of chirpy budgerigars, looking bright in their yellow and green T-shirts, and always on the move. The golf cart drivers had the coolest job, whizzing their little buggies back and forth to return teams from the landing area to the main site. If their job was the best, the refuelers probably had the worst, missing out on the main action. Mark Edwards, who was running Aviation Operations, said they did a great job. "It's always pretty tough being out there in the sun, pumping fuel and having JetA1 in your nose all day!"

Volunteer bus drivers had the earliest start, picking up competitors at resorts from 4.45am. "There were no whingers at all," said Jon Kent. "Everyone sucked it up and did their job."

The landing area was a beautiful spongy sports field outside the main stadium, and it had a special atmosphere of its own. Hundreds of local residents put out their picnic blankets and watched in awe as a steady stream of jumpers swooped down from above. Skydivers engaged beautifully with their

newfound fans, posing for photos and high-fiving the kids, as well as chatting to the curious adults.

Warnings about crocs and sharks were a good deterrent for any water landings, and our international guests were pleasantly surprised by many less threatening wildlife sightings through the event. A mob of kangaroos were like a guard of honour beside the buggy path back to the stadium. Cockatoos and magpies took plenty of interest in the flying humans and a koala even ran along the road beside a competitors' bus.

As the day drew to a close, Icarus provided a range of 'coffee' in its team support tent and Sunpath helped people unwind at an elevated bar area.

## Weather woes...

Mike Dyer was Chairman of the APF's Organising Committee for the WPC. "When we were looking at the weather forecasts, we were just thinking 'Oh no, how far through the meet will we get?'" It wasn't long before the answer arrived.

Day Two was limited to 38 loads, thanks to a fierce afternoon electrical storm. It sent teams scurrying to zip up their tents and move their gear away from leaky corners. Thunder drowned out the Meet Director's update. Lightning bolts lit the sky. The only people wandering around in the stadium were the pilots who'd taken advantage of the weather hold to check out the venue. For them, this violent storm was a moment of calm in their own crazy whirlwind of comp loads.

For the rest of us, it was a sign of the stop-start patience that we'd need to see out the week.

## Record round...

Day Three felt a little slow to start with. Grey skies settled in and pilots had to seek out windows of opportunity to keep the comp going. It felt a bit flat for spectators, as the excitement of the first few days gave way to a slow but steady rhythm of working through the events.

Then as Round six of 4-Way was underway, the excitement started to bubble up again. It was expected to be a 'super sequence' or 'burner' round, with a rare series of formations drawn (Q-M-F-C-N,) that was bound to produce high scores all round. We knew that new world records were pretty much inevitable. But how fast could the teams go? And who would reign supreme?

Peter Sutton, AKA 'Irish', livened things up with an energetic running commentary over the stadium PA system. His enthusiasm drew larger crowds to the big screen and created a wonderful sense of excitement for the spectators. A perfect addition to the event, right?

Unfortunately, not so much for the teams who couldn't hear

their manifest calls. Bec Smith's mellifluous tones were no match for Irish in full flight. So, the colourful commentary was silenced, but thankfully not for long. Irish was given an old school megaphone and picked up where he left off.

Picture the scene; A growing crowd, an excited commentator, teams waiting anxiously for their scores and a buzz that we were about to witness history.

One by one, many of the teams knocked down their previous national records. Team Rotor Out, which is ten years old now, had to beat 29 to make a new Australian record. They belted out 32 points in 35 seconds. Wow. It was a special moment for the crowd and it lifted the Aussie camp. "It's not very often there's a draw like that at a World Meet," smiled Craig Vaughan.

Other countries kept the national records tumbling and then the USA produced the world record moment the fans were waiting for. They pulled off a 60! Yes, 60 formations in 35 seconds, smashing the old record of 56. How is that even possible? Well, nobody really had a chance to ponder that question for long, as Belgium's team, the famous HayaBusa, nailed a score of 62! Irish was like a frenzied race caller by this time, unable to keep up with the points



as they ticked over on the screen. Hundreds of elated spectators were on their feet cheering.

As the excitement started to settle, the magic moments kept coming. The Australian female 4-Way team, Boomerang Betty, popped up on the judging screen. They too produced a 32! This totally smashed the previous record and it equalled Rotor Out's score for the round. So BOTH teams will share that amazing new Australian record.

There were hugs, tears and the sheer joy of delivering the goods on home turf, among many mates. Not a bad day's work, Team Australia!



**2018 WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND



**LINE BURNS**



**RUNNING HOT**



**Medal rush...**

Wednesday's forecast was even worse than the others, with a horrendous few days of storms due to set in. The race was on to get through as many loads as possible and several events were completed. As the weather held out, Aussies dug deep for medals and more records.

K4 did its final round in the 4-Way sequential CF, complete with the obligatory Spanish Flea fanfare at the landing area. Their result was a bronze medal for Australia, including a record-equalling round of 9. Despite their new bling, Jules McConnel and Crash Bennett were more interested in talking up the other Aussie teams. "We were just doing our stuff," said Crash. "How good are the Rotes?" smiled Jules.

The Rotations team was doing well but hadn't finished yet. Lower Light Line Dancers were a bit behind the rest of the teams because of a chop by Tom Begic on day 1. (We all know that athletes love their rituals. Tom's version of a comp ritual is to test his emergency procedures.)

In the 2-Way event, which our Oookoonono friends did so well for so long, there were some new Aussie teams showing promise. "The 2-Way CF teams did perfect," said Crash after Line Burns finished 11th and Hook It 14th.

"They improved all the way through the comp, both doing PB's. Excellent efforts."

The Freestyle event was also completed with Australia's FULLTILT finishing a very impressive fourth. "Those guys were my students," said APF CEO, Brad Turner, in a proud instructor moment. John Rumbo finished 7th.

The gold and silver winners in Freestyle were the two French teams. This was no surprise for the crowd, who'd been stopping whatever they were doing whenever the French teams came on the big screen. Even to the untrained eye, they were beautifully in sync and mesmerising to watch.

Focus finished the day with a likely bronze medal in VFS, and maybe even the chance of a silver, but they had to wait until the next day for the judging, as a couple of teams were late to finish.

Our Freestyle teams finished 8th (Ash and Scatty / Australian Native Animals) and 10th (Archie and Alana / Running Hot). Ash Crick's bare feet barely touched the ground after the last Freestyle round. He had one more Speed Skydiving jump to do and the crew had a special one-man buggy and bus ready to rush him straight back to a plane.



**FULL TILT**





“What a show! Best teams in the world doing battle on this great stage. The Aussie teams also pulled in an impressive haul of medals keeping them in the top echelon of skydiving competition.”

*Pete Allum, WPC veteran competitor*



K4



“I’m proud to have the Aussie jersey on because we’ve shown the world what we can do!”

*Archie Jamieson, Running Hot competitor*

## Need for Speed...

Just in time for the last round of Speed Skydiving, Aussie team member Dimitri Didenko received his special new suit, a shiny gold number which made him look a bit like a flying Logie.

But the spotlight was on a local lad, Shane Turner, who was also shining. Shane had spent the day at the top of the scoreboard and his final round was make or break. It could mean anything from a gold medal to no placing at all, as he'd used up his quota of 'out of bounds' (AKA zero score) jumps.

This was only the second WPC for Speed Skydiving, so a lot of people struggled to understand the scoring and penalties. The concept was simple enough in theory. Competitors would get out, go head down, and enter an invisible starting gate at just over 8,800 feet. They'd go as fast as they could for a vertical kilometre until around 5,500 feet, scored on their average speed in between the gates. But, in practice, there was controversy about the barometric devices used to measure the speeds.

“You know when you reach the next level of speed because the air barrier that’s around you just changes completely,” explained Shane. “The dynamics change as the air flows past your body. You really just feel it over your head and your shoulders. You’re ripping through the air and the rest of your body is in a burble. So, you’re riding that burble. It’s like the air sucking you down.”

Shane had shot to the top after breaking into the 500 Kilometre Club on record-smashing jumps. His blistering best was an average of 524.62km/h. But, due to the head-scratching uncertainty of Speed scoring, and the lack of video to keep the crowd entertained, nobody wanted to get too excited too soon. Worried about another OB score, Shane hadn't pushed to his fastest on the final round. But it was a long wait for the result.

The final event scores appeared on the website at last, long after the DZ day had finished. Shane was stoked to get second place, not too shabby at all! A shiny silver WPC medal for a top bloke with just over 600 jumps. Oh, and this was only his second competition. His first comp was the Nationals.

“What can I say?” he grinned, shaking his head and blinking his eyes after a big night of celebrating. “It’s unbelievable, it’s still sinking in!”

The future of the Speed event is also looking bright as a result of the post-event meeting. Competitors and judges have agreed on using GPS devices for more accurate measuring, and their proposal is now set for formal IPC approval early next year.



Shane Turner

## On hold...

Day Five, Thursday, dawned surprisingly clear and blue after a night of severe thunderstorms. There were only 37 loads left to finish the Meet, and excitement was building again.

The American 4-Way team had put the world record round behind them and clawed back points, going into round nine head-to-head. Once again, the crowd gathered at the big screen and Irish did his commentary. Arizona Airspeed was the first of the two to be judged, and they nailed 27 points. Then came HayaBusa, also with 27. “Unbelievable!” squealed Irish, as the crowd drew breath again and looked forward to the final round.

The Aussie camp had a new bronze medal to celebrate as judging wound up in VFS. Focus had secured third place, behind USA and Canada. “We are coming home with a bronze medal and a 17.2 average,” they posted on Facebook. “We are ecstatic with the result. It’s an amazing feeling to go head-to-head with the world’s best for a podium finish.”

There was also a very happy finish for the Lower Light Line Dancers. They finished fourth in CF 4-Way Rotations, crowned the most improved by Irish and Archie in their social media roundup. LLLD had averaged 4.6 during the Nationals in March, with a personal best of 6. Just

six months later, with two team changes, little time and minimal APF funding (\$300 each), they'd lifted their average to around 12 and produced a PB of 13. “With more jumps and coaching, there is great potential for the team to beat the national record and continue improving in the future,” said Tom Begic.

In the women’s 4-Way, a podium finish was still possible for our 4-Way team, Boomerang Betty. But they'd need to score big on the last two rounds.

Our 8-way team, JYR8, also had two rounds to go and hopes were high for a record-breaking finish. They were pretty much out of the placings, but they'd done a remarkable, record-equalling round of 20 earlier in the comp. Fingers were crossed in the Aussie camp that they could beat this in the burner draw for Round 10.

Just as the vibe reached a new peak, the clouds rolled in. We were on hold, again. Rain soon drenched the venue and the air was chilly. The Weather Gods teased us all a couple of hours later so the hold was lifted. Competitors retrieved their damp jumpsuits and geared up, trying to ignore the speed of the clouds barreling across the sky. But more storms were on their way and wisdom prevailed as the safety team pulled the pin for the rest of the day.



## Fairy Tale Finish...

As this final day began, Queensland was adding up the damage bill from so-called 'hailnado' storms. Hailstones the size of 'tennis balls' had pummelled people and property north of Brisbane, while the storm cells left a 300km path of destruction. At Runaway Bay, we could see a few patches of blue. That was enough for jumpers to gear up and try their luck, and what a lucky day it turned out to be!

Spectators were on the edge of their seats, and not just because of the water on them. There were 13 loads left to go, a jump-off for gold in 4-Way CF Rotations, a deadlock to be broken in 4-Way and records eagerly anticipated in 8-Way.

Not surprisingly, the weather quickly started getting gloomy. But there was a bright moment unfolding at the landing area. HayaBusa's Dennis Praet landed and waited for three more loads to surprise his girlfriend, Clementine Le Bohec, on the French women's team. Dennis got down on bended knee, with a sparkling ring. Clementine said 'oui'!

Now, after all this joy, could the WPC fairy tale finish possibly have any more twists? Apparently so.

First up was the CF jump-off, with Russia beating Qatar by just one point for the gold medal.

Next was the 4-Way finale. Arizona Airspeed scored 20 in the last round and Irish still had some energy left in the tank for his commentary as Belgium came up on the screen. "The waffles need 21 to win!" he declared. "Waffles and chocolate and beer! One world record already, and one big YES!" The pre-proposal nerves obviously didn't hurt HayaBusa. Amid screams and applause, their score ticked over to 22! The epic battle of the week had climaxed in a two-point victory to Belgium. Arizona members went straight across to the victors and gave them a bottle of champagne.

The two Aussie 4-Way teams watched their final scoring. Rotor Out finished 12th and Boomerang Betty was equal fourth.

There was no miracle finish to put them on the podium, but the 'Betties' had plenty to celebrate. After doing ten rounds of the exact same draw, the girls were only five points behind our Open team. They did it without a coach and with only

63 training jumps together before this comp. Melissa Harvie was incredibly proud of the result, putting it down to experience, incredible team-work and a positive mindset.

Kate Vaughan was initially sceptical about the 'home advantage' thing, but she eventually decided there must be something to it. "As I got my bearings and the comp got going, the friendly, familiar smiles and encouragement made a positive difference and also made me feel more responsible to do my very best!"

It was now time for 8-Way to shine with its own version of a super sequence for Round 10. The clouds were getting thicker and threatening to hide the teams from their camera flyers in the final crucial seconds of each jump, so the pilots gave them a fair go with some extra height. (No extra working time, of course. Just a bit of extra height above the clouds to allow unobstructed working time.)

Australia's team, JYR8, secured a new national record with 21 points! The record had been held since XLR8's home-turf performance at Corowa in 1999. Two members of that team, Rob Thomson and Michael Strickland, were on this new record-breaking team. "It's been sitting there for almost 20 years and 8-Way is going through the roof again in Australia," said Rob.

Tanya Cale and Anne-Marie Jarzebowski were among a handful of Aussie multi-taskers who'd competed in two events. They had to creper both 4-Way and 8-Way jumps, not knowing which would be called to the planes first. Plus Tanya jumped with a head cold for the last few days. Tanya and Anne-Marie each secured two new national records to show for their work.

The Golden Knights had a crack at breaking the 8-Way world record. They equalled the magic number of 33, but didn't set a new record. They also won gold over their Russian rivals, who are being coached by seven times World Champion, Craig Girard, a former Golden Knight himself. The Russians also had another high profile American, BJ Worth, as a guest of their delegation. When the next WPC is held in Siberia, in July 2020, they'll have the home advantage and a wealth of knowledge from the world's best.

## That's a wrap...

The manifesters popped a champagne cork for their 412th and final load as the pack-up began in the admin building.

Event Director, Brad Turner, rounded up the Aussies for a congratulatory speech in the team tent. He praised their friendliness and their performance. Tom Begic thanked the APF for the support, the volunteers and the venue. "It's bloody phenomenal," he said, summing up the feelings of the team.

Brad thanked former APF Development Manager, Rob Libeau, who got a little teary as he was cheered by the team. Brad and Rob were the two employees who'd worked with the WPC Organising Committee for more than a year. Alongside the volunteer Project Managers, they'd secured the airspace, rounded up partnership deals and ensured each cog in the machine would perform as needed. Brad also thanked the APF Board for its generous support, inspiring a new Aussie team chant, "Blow the budget. Blow the budget!"

Craig Girard had cheekily suggested that we'd need Midnight Oil at the closing ceremony to beat Dubai's stunning effort with Katy Perry and Usher. "Unfortunately they weren't available," laughed Mike Dyer. He said the Organising Committee decided to put our money into things that would make it better and user friendly for the competitor rather than the celebrations at night-time. "We had a limited budget. We didn't

have a prince. We didn't have a billion dollars. We did what we could!"

It was all smiles for Craig Vaughan, making a swift departure for Melbourne to wait for his baby's imminent arrival. His wife, Steph, was pregnant when she competed with Rotor Out at the Nationals. "She's done really well for us by not having a baby during the World Meet!" smiled Tanya Cale. (The Vaughan's big prize arrived three days after Dad got home, a little champ named Cooper Jack.)

Meet Director Bryan Burke was grinning broadly, amazed the comp had been completed after so much difficult weather. He was impressed with the knowledge of the local safety crew, led by DZSO Brandon Van Niekerk and Mark Edwards running the Aviation Ops. "I relied completely on Brandon and Mark about the weather decisions," said Bryan.

The DZSO was pleased with the safety record during the week. Brandon said an Italian Freeflyer was the only casualty, hurting his leg in a landing accident. He walked away, but later discovered it was broken. There was also a sprain, a couple of out landings and six chops.

Despite the stop / wait / 'go hard' nature of the week, Mark said the pilots had a great time. "We had to swap them out for a break but they didn't want to get out of their seats," he laughed. "We had to push them out!"



Brandon



Cooper



Bryan



Brandon



Rob & Stricko

**"How right we were to be excited, this event has not only met expectations but exceeded them."**

**Gillian Rayner, IPC President**



JYR8



Jyr8



Luci & Shan



Rob & Stricko



## Closing Ceremony...

The closing ceremony was one last special night to cap a super special week. A sunset display jump was abandoned because of heavy cloud, but 800 happy people crowded around the lagoon pool at Intercontinental Sanctuary Cove Resort to watch the winners receive their medals. Brad Turner spoke first, acknowledging Gail Bradley and all those behind the event. FAI controller James Hayhurst said he'd been left with nothing that needed controlling because everything worked so well.

There were coloured lights and flame throwers. Irish, the MC, bravely tackled complicated names from Russia, France and Qatar. Flags were hoisted proudly. National anthems were played for the gold medal countries, and there was even another small burst of Spanish Flea for our bronze medal CF team. Plus, while the skydiving world was feeling the love, there was one more marriage proposal during the USA's hard-won moment on the VFS dais. (She said 'yes' too!) Taking the plunge was a popular idea on this chilly, damp night, with countless winners leaping into the pool and emerging shivering under the flag poles.

International Parachuting Commission President, Gillian Rayner, had the final word, describing how the Meet had exceeded expectations. "What has made this event so special is the number of volunteers," she said. "Thank you, all of you, for being there for us." She also congratulated the competitors for performances that gave so much pleasure. Finally, Gillian looked forward to 2020 in Siberia and asked the crowd to stand for the FAI anthem. With that, the Gold Coast World Parachuting Championships were officially closed.



**“Australia did an amazing job and a big shout out to all the volunteers. That really impressed me. Super kind, helpful and so many really making it run smooth.”**

**Craig Girard, WPC veteran competitor and coach**



Dimitri



**“Gail had said their goal was to have the best meet ever and I think they’ve come close to that!”**

**Bryan Burke, Meet Director**



Matt Muth

**“I’m elated! To actually complete the meet a day early was delightful. And we also had the excitement of broken world records and very, very happy competitors!”**

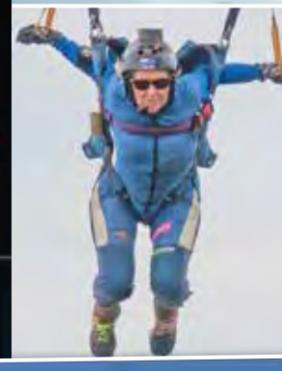
**Mike Dyer, Chairman of the APF's WPC Organising Committee**



Focus



Shane Turner



Charlee & Daria



Cookie





Charlee & Daria



## THE WPC TEAM *Volunteers, Employees and Officials*

- Mike Dyer** – Chairman, WPC Organising Committee
- Brad Turner** – Event Director
- Gail Bradley** – Rules and Officials
- Mark Edwards** – Aircraft Operations
- Graeme Windsor** – Assistant Meet Director
- Bryan Burke** – Meet Director
- James Hayhurst** – FAI Controller
- Justine Hilton** – Executive Assistant
- Brandon Van Niekerk** – DZSO
- Richard McCooley** – Project Manager, Risk Management
- Jon Kent** – Project Manager – Volunteer Coordinator
- Gemma Hodges** – Project Manager – IT
- Dion Puru** – Project Manager – Venue and facilities
- Katie Fluin** – Project Manager – Manifest
- Brett Newman** – Project Manager – Parachute Rigging
- James Moir** – Project Manager – Transport and Accommodation
- Gary Knapp** – Mobile App Manager

# AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST MAN *Shane Turner*

Shane Turner became a home town hero during the world meet, collecting a silver medal and three national records in a speed blitz.



He wasn't widely known before the WPC, but that'll change from now on. So, who is this man who broke into the 500 km/h club at the Gold Coast? And just how fast can he go?

As a kid, Shane had dreamed of flying jet fighters. That dream ended abruptly when he smashed his leg in a boat racing accident. He considered regular flying lessons, but they seemed too expensive. "So, I decided to fly 'me' rather than an aircraft and I never looked back!"

He has been skydiving for three and a half years, with just over 600 jumps and a few boogies under his belt.

Why do Speed? Well, Shane is a paramedic, who works odd hours. "I'd be the worst possible team-mate who could never commit to normal training routines," he explained. Speed was the perfect way to train and learn by himself. (And eat pies too!)

*How fast can he go?  
Shane was measured at more than  
600km/h on one jump, which was  
ruled out of bounds.*

There'll be new measuring rules for future events, so we'll just have to wait and see what he can achieve next.

**“All of the Aussies are excited that we got to do records, we got to do PB's, and there are Aussies on the podium. All of these things at our own Meet on home soil!”**

*Tanya Cale, Rotor Out / JYR8 competitor*



Full Tilt



**BOOMERANG BETTY**

# 2018 WORLD PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND

## WPC GNAPP APP

Every once in a while, something comes along in our sport that's a game changer. Apps aren't new, of course, but a dedicated App for an international skydiving championships has only been done once before.

The Aussie hosts of the 2018 World Skydiving Championships did it beautifully, starting with an iconic photo and fetching art: pretty cover, but inside, you discover an intuitive, user friendly architecture.

Need info on the bus schedule? Check! Want the latest scores? Check! Want to watch videos? Check! Click on the SkydiveTV icon and watch it all in glorious HD. Need advice on local businesses and restaurants? Check! Any exclusive local discounts for WPC attendees? Check! What about that post-meet vacation plan, got anything to help with planning? Check! What about a place to offer suggestions or just winge? Got that covered too, Millennials. That, and so much more.

Who is the genius behind all this? One of APF's own, Garry Gnapp (such an apt last name!), who taught himself the programming and poured his heart and soul into the project, and then papered the walls with a delightful collection of photos.

Having attended dozens of World Meets going all the way back to 1976, I can confidently proclaim, "Never has so much (truly useful information and content) been provided (free of charge!) to the skydiving community." Well done, Garry, well done, APF!

**James L. Hayhurst**  
FAI CONTROLLER



Garry

One of the great challenges for any skydiving competition is trying to figure out what's happening from overseas - it can be a frustrating endeavour as it usually requires following multiple social media channels of people who are at an event. Thankfully, that wasn't the case this year.

Being a literal world away on the east coast of the United States, I was able to feel connected to this event because of the mobile app created for the WPC. I was able to chat, watch videos and keep up with live scoring... all in one place from my mobile phone.

**THANK YOU!**



This should be the standard for any major skydiving competition moving forward.

Garry Gnapp built an intuitive, well-designed app that solved all my pain points when trying to enjoy a skydiving competition.

**James La Barrie**  
DROPZONE MARKETING

The WPC App was an extremely useful tool for updating weather and safety information to the competitors and staff. Also, prior to the start of the event it was an excellent way to share safety briefings and information.

**Brandon Van Niekerk**  
WPC 2018 DZSO

To say that this was the biggest and most complex event ever taken on by the Australian Parachute Federation and Australian skydiving community would be an understatement. Prior to the event, the planning, coordination, expense, marketing, plus the myriad of logistical issues were simply huge. All of this then culminated with the arrival of around 900 competitors, delegates, officials, judges, and other specialists - literally from every corner of the world.

One thing was critical to the safe, enjoyable and efficient running of the 2018 WPC - an ability for all present to receive and share information, especially when routine technology turned in an unexpected and less than ideal direction. A prime example was the manifest system was not useable one morning. Garry instantly came to the rescue and added a manifest function to the WPC App. The day was, quite literally, saved.

Among many other features built into the App; the push note message functionality kept competitors, staff, volunteers and supporters informed, and spectators from around the world were also kept informed, engaged and involved.

Post event, the WPC app now serves as an amazing archive for the WPC with over a thousand photos that are a testament to just how successful the WPC 2018 was.

After seeing this amazing mobile App technology in action, I can't imagine a future skydiving event running as efficiently without one.

**By Neil (Fergs) Fergie**  
WPC 2018 ASSISTANT CHIEF JUDGE

## THE SKY IS THE LIMIT...

**Special thanks are needed for the magnificent men and the flying machines that pulled off some incredible aerial manoeuvres for the WPC.**

Airspace is a freedom that skydivers often take for granted, but it really is the most essential ingredient for any DZ or event. Without access to airspace, we don't get to jump, and getting that access is a pretty big deal.

First, you pick the column of air you want. Not so easy when it's in the Brisbane-Sydney flight path, one of the busiest air routes in the world. You can't just ask nicely for the airliners to go around your column of air a few hundred times. You have to get it all sorted well ahead of time, so the authorities are satisfied and so the airlines can program the info into their flight computers. This takes time, teamwork, persistence and patience.

Mark Edwards (APF National Aviation Manager) and Richard McCooey (APF Executive Director) had many meetings with authorities and stakeholders over 18 months, as well as numerous emails to nut out the fine details of our Temporary Restricted Airspace. Richard says they consulted with a range of other stakeholders as well, including RAPAC,



Qantas and all other operators down to the local Gyrocopter club. "Air Services were really supportive throughout the whole process," says Richard.

In the month before the WPC, the pair made presentations at local airports. "This was done in conjunction with CASA to make sure local operators were aware of the event and how to take alternative routes in the busy airspace," explains Richard.

During the event, our team set up a mini air traffic control centre at Southport Flying Club complete with their own version of a radar system, an app monitoring the flights.



They had switched-on people, co-ordinated by Mark, and plenty of gadgetry to know what was going down (or up) at any moment.

Then there were the all-important planes themselves, and some super-enthusiastic pilots, provided by Skydive Australia and Skydive Oz. The four Cessna Caravans didn't miss a beat, flying in challenging, stop-start weather conditions. There was a Plan B, but it wasn't needed because there weren't any breakdowns or problems.

The aircraft owners had to rearrange their own DZs while their workhorses served the APF and WPC instead. The reshuffling caused some headaches, but they did it to help the WPC succeed.

So THANK YOU to the ATC, CASA, Mark and Richard! Kudos to Bowie and Poo (and their teams) as well, for making our vision a wonderful reality!



Mark & Poo





## THE WPC CREW OF VOLUNTEERS

By Lea Critchley Photos by Garry Gnapp

"Volunteers", "Crew", "Team", call it whatever you want, this diverse, hardworking and resilient community stepped forward to create the engine room of this outrageously successful event. We are now forever bonded by a thousand shared experiences over two crazy weeks, forming memories of a significant life event.

There was no task too hard or too far-fetched for this team who gave everything they had to make it happen. Just an example of memorable moments:

- An impromptu letterbox drop to 3,000 households on Day 2 ("who likes walking?")
- Building a bar in a single afternoon, ("Luke and Jeremy, how do you feel about moving refrigerators?"),
- Cosy conditions in the full capacity lodges ("tomorrow half of you move one lodge to the left")
- Creative bus rescheduling ("the Project Manager is offline and we are not sure he is alive, Sam, can you start the airport pickups, um, now?")
- State-of-the-art registration process ("Hmmm, there are 80 competitors here, let's start registration half a day early, how does 20 minutes notice sound?")

Thank you to every single one of you, you raised the bar on what it means to be a volunteer and didn't just exceed expectations, you smashed them out of the Runaway Bay Stadium.



### Reflections from the Aftermath: WPC - 2018 - Quotes

"I have to admit, it was the most fun I've had organising and hosting an event in years. New sport for me and the Parachute community are amazing, friendly and you guys were unbelievably easy and flexible to work with. I think we are all suffering a WPC hangover too ha ha....." – **Pete from Runaway Bay Sports Centre**

"Don't forget, good management is doing things right, leadership is doing the right thing... Reminded when I saw people go way outside the tramlines in order to keep things on track. Too many times to mention. Sorry for mixing metaphors" – **Kuno Osteo**

"Every time I sleep, I'm having mad dreams of frantic WPC times and then wake in confusion to realise it's all over. This happening to anyone else? How are you all traveling, in this post WPC landscape?" – **Leanne Critchley**

"What a great experience to enjoy with so many people... from Bump In to Bump Out... Opening Ceremony to Closing Ceremony... First Load to Last Load... The VIP Bar to the Runaway Bay Rugby League Club... the Icarus Team Tent to The Cutaway Bar... and everything and everyone in between.... thanks everyone!" – **Jon Kent**

"Wasn't it amazing! We've just got home and are now in a slight state of depression - we've just realised that we have to cook our OWN dinner!" – **Jimmy Grant**

"You guys were a total joy to work with. You met your goal Katie! Made Manifest the Happiest Kingdom of Them All. Well done. Thank you." – **Gail Bradley**

"I've had a total blast being here and working with such a dedicated group of people. Thank you for your smiles and friendship." – **Martin Hurley**

"What an amazing bond we have with every one of you, our WPC 2018 volunteer family. Mission accomplished. Love your work." – **Leanne Critchley**

"The last load yesterday. What an amazing effort of the big bus drivers, safely ferrying 412 loads to the airport. Probably double that amount of the small bus drivers ferrying competitors from the landing area back to the Super Centre. Well done driving team." – **Phil Thamm**

"It has been a privilege to volunteer at the FAI WPC 2018, to see extraordinary performances from these champion skydivers, make new friends, catch up with old friends, to work hard and help in a small way. An extraordinary event led by an amazing team." – **Noel Rath**

"Sometimes our volunteers make the impossible happen. Thanks for all of your hard work yesterday, I could not believe my eyes when I saw the Cutaway Bar open for business and people enjoying drinks in the afternoon sun." – **Leanne Critchley**

"It was great for me to see so many people who I have seen in many parts of the world over very many years and to hear only the highest of praise for all elements of the competition. Well done to all and I really hope that Gold Coast, Australia gets the nod for the 2022 Style and Accuracy Championship. Thank you again and congratulations and best wishes to you all." – **Chris Windsor**

"Having the opportunity to volunteer for the APF and to be a part of the 2018 FAI World Parachuting Championships on the Gold Coast was such an incredible and eye opening experience. I was predominantly aircraft refuelling but also did a bit of bus driving as well. The long days with early starts and late finishes were totally worth it and I loved every minute of it. I got to meet a lot of cool people from all around the globe, made new friends, learnt new things and strengthened my passion for the sport of skydiving. As a Tweed local myself, I want to give a special mention and big congratulations to Shane Turner, the Tweed boy and Southern Gold Coast Paramedic, and now the second fastest guy in the world with a Silver Medal in Vertical Speed Skydiving - well done mate you legend, you've made us all proud. I'd also like to thank Leanne Critchley, Jon Kent, Brad Turner and everyone else in the APF who was a part of the 2018 WPC. And thank you to the rest of the

volunteers, the vibe working with you guys was epic. A reunion is definitely in order." – **Ash Bobowski**

"Just a note to say how pleasant it was to work with you both. I thought the whole Meet was very well organised from the Volunteers point of view... due obviously to the hard work you both put in before and during. Well Done." – **Gordon Turner**

"I've been to seven World Championships and two World Cups. The amount of effort and money the APF have put into this event has delivered the best meet I have been to. The venue, the organisation, the hotel, the transport (buses every 30 mins) the volunteers (bloody brilliant)... I could keep going. The fact they chose to use Bryan Burke as Meet Director was a clear sign of intent. Yes, we as a team have done well. But the Aussies have set a new high bar for World Meets." – **British Competitor**

"As a member of the transport team I feel proud to have contributed to the ferrying around of competitors, volunteers and delegations. Thousands of kilometres in unfamiliar vehicles around unfamiliar territories - what an achievement. I must give a special call out to my closest bus buddies - Holly, Noel, Mark, Gordon, Phil - who I always seemed to be swapping keys and buses with, it was just a delight. To Jock, Sam and the amazing J9 who kept us in order - how did you do it? To Jon and Lea who listened and responded to ANYTHING - thank you. And to Kuno who relieved my back pain - so glad you were there. What an event it was! See you all at Tanay (Russia) in 2020 - we are the A TEAM!" – **Keith Francis**





"What an absolutely amazing two weeks spent with you all! Thanks to everyone who was involved, we absolutely smashed it! So many competitors have come up to me over the past few days to personally mention what a great job all the volunteers have done, some even saying this is the best World Championship they've ever been too! Hope to see you all again somewhere in the world... Loadmaster Out..."

– Phoebe Cowdell-Murray

"Thanks Brad and congratulations on your vision and drive. It was a remarkable week and a privilege to work alongside such a wonderful bunch of people." – J9

"It was a trial by fire for such a newbie to the sport but (Brad) your calm under pressure nature really helped. Thanks for being our captain of the ship and steering us toward victory!"

– Gem Hodges

"A huge thanks to my flag team Luke, Phil & Sam for their wonderful work at the closing ceremony. Great work also by Lydia and Sam with their assistance and unique crowd control. It is not often you can hold enthusiastic supporters back with a line of bunting lying on the sand." – Sheena Simmonds (Flag Bearer)

"We left too early on Sunday morning to be able to hug you all - disappointed - so let's meet again at another event, any other part in the world, as this will mean Happiness catching up with you!" – Sandrine & Stephan



### Final Quote from WPC Event Director and APF CEO

Dear All, It is with great admiration that I speak from the heart and say THANK YOU! Thank you for your tireless efforts and continued smiles throughout the duration of what can only be described as one of the greatest moments in Australian Skydiving. Each and every one of you did an exemplary job to do what was asked of you and without so much as a grimace. The comradery was wide spread not just within this group but throughout all who attended and your infectious smiles and attitudes will be remembered. As I walked through the Sports Centre today, I did so with much joy for what we all achieved, but also with a heavy heart that it has come to an end. Whilst it may be said that some were standouts, I believe you were all standouts and that each and every one of you contributed to what has arguably been hailed as one of the best WPC's ever. That is what I set out to do and that is what WE all did. After 10 years as APF CEO, I can't think of a better way or high to go out on than to have seen my vision come to fruition because of all your efforts and desires to be involved in this remarkable event. Some of you I have known for a long time and some of you I have just met, but one thing for sure is that I will hold a fond memory of you all forever. We should all be proud of what we have achieved, and from my heart I say again, THANK YOU!"

– Brad Turner (CEO – APF)

## WPC VOLUNTEER TEAMS AND CREW

**Note: The division across team allocations blurred greatly across the event as everyone pitched in to do anything that needed to be done**

### Manifest and Registration

Katie Fluin  
Bec Smith  
Erica Zanei  
Vik Girvin  
Shelby Mcleary  
Ashley Davis  
Leonie Ellis  
Lydia Muller  
Sharan Fergie

### Information Technology

Gemma Hodges  
Eddy Gaiao  
Chiang Liu  
Shiyang Liu  
Ryan Murphy  
Farrell McKay

### Rules and Officials

Gail Bradley  
Neil Fergie  
Sheena Simmonds  
Sandy Nieuwenhoven

### Photographers

Garry Gnapp  
Jeremy Lennon  
Steve Fitchett  
Sue Rodwell

### Sports Centre

Dion Paul Puru  
Luke Everett  
Sam Cordell  
Cheri Bullen  
Genevieve Watt  
David Hoefler  
Jas Shannon  
Rob Libeau  
Alex O'Grady

### Meet and Greet and School Liaison

Chris Windsor  
Glenda Webb

### Catering Services

Sandrine De Rienzo  
Stephane De Rienzo  
Marie Tardy  
Anna Ye  
Mark "Stretch" Szulmayer

### Transport Team

Jim Moir  
Janine Hayes  
Ken Hills  
Sam McKay  
Mark Graham  
Phil Thamm  
Noel Rath  
Ken Enright  
Martin Hurley  
Jamie Lupton

Holly Payze  
Jamie Robertson  
Gordon Turner  
Keith Francis  
Sam Muir  
Janet Schneider

### Buggy Drivers

Andy Mulholland  
Graeme Hill  
Mike Dyer  
Trevor Collins

### Rigging

Brett Newman  
Ben Clarke  
Kuno Van Der Post

### Aircraft

Mark Edwards  
Ashton Bobowski  
Phoebe Cowdell-Murray  
Michael Young  
Laura Koerbin  
Julian Bylhouwer

### Pilots

Paul Smith  
Pete Wake  
James Walsh  
Mark Whaley  
Riley McElroy  
Ryan Roach

### Volunteer Management

Jon Kent  
Lea Critchley

### Risk Management and DZSO Team

Richard McCoeyer  
Brandon Van Niekerk  
Mike Tibbitts  
Charl Rootman  
Louise Andrews

### APF and WPC Officials

**Meet Director:** Bryan Burke  
**Event Director:** Brad Turner  
**WPC Committee:** Mike Dyer  
**WPC Committee:** Graeme Windsor  
**WPC Committee:** Gail Bradley  
**WPC Event Administration:** Justine Hilton  
**WPC Accounts:** Craig Perrin  
**Manifest Cloud Manager:** Russell Brown  
**App Developer:** Garry Gnapp  
**WIAS Co-ordinator:** Sammie Jane Harper  
**In a category all his own MC extraordinaire:** Peter "Irish" Sutton



## THE RUNAWAY BAY SPORTS SUPER CENTRE

To build a Drop Zone for a World Championship Skydiving event at a public sport facility in the middle of an urban area was a wildly ambitious and uniquely audacious idea, but acknowledgement and thanks must be made to the Runaway Bay Sport Supercentre and its wonderful staff who embraced the demands and challenges with smiles and energy, and an unshakable belief in our plan.

Accolades continue to pour in for every aspect of the Sports Centre, its facilities, its staff, its catering and its accommodation. This was a wonderful partnership of mainstream sport and skydiving infrastructure, and the entire skydiving community would like to acknowledge the support provided by the Centre and its staff. The WPC and its location at the RBSSC exposed skydiving to the public and has skyrocketed its credibility as a mainstream sport. To every one of the RBSSC staff, we thank you and loved working with you.

- Brendan Flynn
- Ranfurly Hockey
- Antony Drinkwater-Newman
- Lisa Adamson
- Peter Ulbrich
- Kathleen Fahrni
- Cliffe Richie (Kitchen)
- Curt Pearce
- Craig Dempsey
- Casi Simmons
- Chandra Taylor
- Perry Voyce
- Kat Santic (Kitchen)

## Tom Begic, CF Team Manager/Competitor/Coach



I wanted to be involved with the 2018 World Parachuting Championships on the Gold Coast. So I volunteered to Coach the CF 4-Way Rotations Team, Lower Light Line Dancers (LLLD). I then offered to fill the still vacant role of Australian Canopy Formation (CF) Team Manager. It was a skydiving first for me (carton paid). Shortly afterwards, LLLD asked me to become a team member. I had my third role as a competitor.

Being involved with the 2018 APT was a great opportunity to catch up with former Aussie Team mates and to meet the current generation of Skydiving Superstars. This included my fellow Team Managers: Bella Smart, Stewart Strop Kemp, Kyle Binning, and the boss, Ronnie Perry.

The Team Manager role involved coordinating, organising, administration, and communicating. Team uniforms, registrations, accommodation, transport, rule interpretation, judging enquiries and challenges, publicity and promotion, media, cheering the team on, making sure that the teams turn up on the right dates and times for their jumps, competitor meetings, and celebrating.

I thoroughly recommend the role. You will be helping the Australian Parachute team and get to hang out with the world's best competitors at great events.

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance. Particularly my fellow Team Managers for helping when I was jumping, and CF competitors for using their experience and initiative to help themselves when required. A huge thank you to LLLD for trusting me as their coach and team member. Congratulations to K4 on your Bronze Medal, LLLD for being the most improved team at the World Meet, and to Line Burns and Hook It for their great performances. Finally, thank you to the APF for daring to bid for and host this event. Having competed in Europe, Asia, and America in the past, I can honestly echo the comments of most competitors and participants when I say that the 2018 WPC on the Gold Coast was MAGNIFICENT. Well done to everyone involved.



## Kyle Binning – FS Team Manager

Wow. The World Parachuting Championships in AUSTRALIA! How amazing is that?!? How do you even begin to sum up such an awesome event? The jumps? The people? The venue? The parties? It was all brilliant fun and for the Aussie Parachute Team (APT), the most successful World Championships ever with new national records and some shiny medals.

The highlight for the three Australian Formation Skydiving teams was setting new national records - Rotor Out and Boomerang Betty both scoring 32 points on Round 6, and 8-Way legends, JYR8, getting a 21 on Round 10 and beating the 19-year-old XLR8 record set at Corowa in 1999, talk about saving the best 'til last!

Congratulations to all the FS competitors, especially Tanya Cale and Ann-Marie Jarzebowski, who competed in both 8-Way and 4-Way, go the girls! Congratulations also to Brad Turner and the members of the APF organising committee. Without the long-term vision that Brad has for Australian skydiving, this event would never have happened. A phenomenal job was done by so many other people at the APF office, the unpaid volunteers working 16-hour days, the pilots, ground crew, manifest princesses (Bec and Katie), the list goes on...

On a personal note, I'd like to thank the FS teams for voting to have me as Team Manager and a special thank you to Lea Critchley and J9, I couldn't have done my job without your help, you're both legends! Thanks and hugs also for Ronnie Perry and the other Team Managers, I'm lucky you were there to support me during the many, many managers meetings.

I'd encourage everyone to consider competing at an international level, it's an experience that can't be beaten.

Only 616 days until Tanay 2020!

## Ronnie Perry, APF National Coach

What a strange but pleasant experience it was to go to a WPC without taking a passport or sitting on a plane for 100hrs! I write this as a very proud National Coach after the WPC where Athletes travelled from 25 different countries to compete at the best World Meet ever, only to be upstaged by the warmth and helpfulness of the volunteers. The wonderful feedback from many of the International competitors and officials has proved that the vision, foresight and effort from the organising team, which includes all of the APF office staff, that this was the most organised World Meet for all who attended.

Having spent the last six months working with APT Athletes it was very satisfying to see the end results of the training plans and the level of commitment from the teams. This experience has certainly given me more of an insight into how teams train and what is needed for success. Congratulations goes to all the APT medal winners, K4, Focus and Shane Turner, and congratulations to the APT record breakers, Rotor Out, Boomerang Betties, XLR8, Focus and Shane Turner.

Who's keen for Russia in 2020 and what's your plan?



# RESULTS

## ARTISTIC EVENTS - FREELY - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	JO	TOTAL
1	FRA	709 - France Freely 1	8.8	8.8	9.0	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.1	-	62.6
2	FRA	711 - France Freely 2	8.8	8.9	8.8	8.6	8.9	9.0	9.2	-	62.2
3	NOR	708 - Norway Freely	8.6	8.9	8.6	8.9	8.3	8.6	8.7	-	60.6
4	AUS	707 - Australia Freely 1	8.0	8.5	8.0	8.2	7.6	8.2	8.2	-	56.7
5	USA	710 - USA Freely 1	7.6	8.4	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.3	-	56.2
6	RUS	706 - Russia Freely	7.8	8.0	7.6	7.7	7.1	7.6	7.7	-	53.5
7	AUS	704 - Australia Freely 2	6.6	4.4	6.9	6.9	5.6	7.0	7.3	-	44.7
8	GER	701 - Germany Freely	6.0	4.2	6.4	6.2	3.4	6.6	6.5	-	39.3
9	CZE	702 - Czech Republic Freely	4.9	5.5	6.6	6.3	2.2	6.4	6.5	-	38.4
10	USA	703 - USA Freely 2	4.6	5.5	5.3	5.6	4.8	5.3	5.8	-	36.9
11	ITA	705 - Italy Freely	5.5	4.1	0	0	0	0	0	-	9.6



## ARTISTIC EVENTS - FREESTYLE - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	JO	TOTAL
1	FRA	612 - France Freestyle	8.6	8.1	9.0	9.0	8.3	9.0	9.0	-	61.0
2	GBR	611 - United Kingdom Freestyle 1	8.2	7.7	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.4	8.4	-	57.3
3	USA	603 - USA Freestyle 2	7.2	8.6	7.6	7.8	8.6	7.9	7.7	-	55.4
4	SUI	610 - Switzerland Freestyle	7.9	6.9	8.1	7.9	7.2	8.2	8.3	-	54.5
5	RUS	606 - Russia Freestyle 2	7.9	6.3	7.8	7.7	7.2	7.9	7.9	-	52.7
6	RUS	609 - Russia Freestyle 1	7.2	5.6	7.6	7.3	7.1	7.6	7.8	-	50.2
7	USA	608 - USA Freestyle 1	7.3	7.3	7.5	6.9	5.3	7.2	7.9	-	49.4
8	AUS	604 - Australia Freestyle 1	7.0	6.2	6.4	6.8	6.4	6.9	7.3	-	47.0
9	UAE	607 - United Arab Emirates Freestyle	5.5	6.1	6.0	6.4	5.9	6.6	6.5	-	43.0
10	AUS	601 - Australia Freestyle 2	6.3	5.8	6.3	5.6	6.0	6.6	6.2	-	42.8
11	GBR	602 - United Kingdom Freestyle 2	6.0	5.8	6.4	6.7	5.8	6.4	5.6	-	42.7
12	NZL	605 - New Zealand Freestyle	4.5	2.8	4.7	4.3	3.5	4.3	3.5	-	27.6



## CANOPY FORMATION 2-WAY SEQUENTIAL - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	JO	TOTAL
1	FRA	208 - France CF2 1	22	29	27	30	33	20	25	29	-	215
2	QAT	209 - Qatar CF2	22	30	26	25	33	19	24	23	-	202
3	FRA	210 - France CF2 2	21	24	23	25	28	15	20	24	-	180
4	RUS	201 - Russia CF2 1	15	23	19	23	20	12	18	22	-	152
5	USA	202 - USA CF2 1	20	17	16	17	20	14	18	20	-	142
6	FIN	204 - Finland CF2	17	18	17	19	19	12	15	16	-	133
7	CAN	203 - Canada CF2	11	11	13	11	16	12	13	13	-	100
8	RUS	207 - Russia CF2 2	11	13	12	14	15	9	10	13	-	97
9	USA	214 - USA CF2 2	14	14	8	11	12	11	8	16	-	94
10	GER	213 - Germany CF2	15	0	13	12	12	11	12	-	-	87
11	AUS	205 - Australia CF2 1	6	8	9	7	9	8	10	10	-	67
12	ITA	212 - Italy CF2	7	5	9	6	5	7	7	10	-	56
13	GBR	216 - United Kingdom CF2	6	6	6	7	7	6	6	6	-	50
14	AUS	206 - Australia CF2 2	3	6	7	6	6	5	5	9	-	47
15	CZE	215 - Czech Republic CF2	4	6	3	2	3	5	6	4	-	33
16	POL	211 - Poland CF2	4	5	3	5	0	5	4	4	-	30

## CANOPY FORMATION 4-WAY ROTATIONS - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	JO	TOTAL
1	RUS	501 - Russia CF Rot	19	21	21	21	17	21	21	21	21	183
2	QAT	505 - Qatar CF Rot	19	21	20	20	21	20	21	21	20	182
3	USA	502 - USA CF Rot	13	19	19	19	19	13	20	18	-	140
4	AUS	504 - Australia CF Rot	12	12	11	13	12	12	12	10	-	94
5	GBR	503 - United Kingdom CF Rot	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	2	-	30

## CANOPY FORMATION 4-WAY SEQUENTIAL - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	JO	TOTAL
1	QAT	303 - Qatar CF4	12	13	13	14	14	11	15	15	-	107
2	RUS	302 - Russia CF4	8	8	9	10	11	9	11	11	-	77
3	AUS	301 - Australia CF4	7	6	6	6	9	6	8	6	-	54
4	USA	304 - USA CF4	4	5	3	9	8	6	5	5	-	45



## VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	JO	TOTAL
1	USA	108 - USA VFS	26	26	20	27	17	19	19	23	21	19	-	217
2	CAN	107 - Canada VFS	22	17	15	23	15	15	13	20	19	17	-	176
3	AUS	105 - Australia VFS	22	20	13	20	12	16	14	17	18	20	-	172
4	RUS	106 - Russia VFS	18	14	9	20	13	7	8	16	18	18	-	141
5	NOR	104 - Norway VFS	17	13	13	15	10	11	13	15	16	13	-	136
6	GBR	103 - United Kingdom VFS	18	10	11	15	10	11	9	11	14	11	-	120
7	SWE	101 - Sweden VFS	12	11	7	14	8	10	5	6	11	11	-	95
8	FIN	102 - Finland VFS	7	5	4	5	2	2	4	5	8	7	-	49

## FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	JO	TOTAL
1	BEL	419 - Belgium	32	21	27	24	22	62	22	20	27	22	-	279
2	USA	418 - USA	26	21	27	24	24	60	26	22	27	20	-	277
3	FRA	417 - France	29	19	24	23	24	52	20	17	24	19	-	251
4	QAT	415 - Qatar	24	14	24	21	22	53	21	18	20	17	-	234
5	SWE	403 - Sweden	25	16	21	17	20	48	14	18	21	15	-	215
6	ITA	402 - Italy	24	14	20	18	18	48	18	14	21	15	-	210
7	SUI	410 - Switzerland	22	14	19	17	18	44	16	16	18	17	-	201
8	GBR	413 - United Kingdom	21	14	21	19	19	37	19	17	18	16	-	201
9	CAN	414 - Canada	21	13	22	18	15	43	15	15	19	15	-	196
10	GER	412 - Germany	21	14	17	17	16	45	15	14	18	15	-	192
11	RUS	416 - Russia	22	14	18	17	16	35	17	14	18	14	-	185
12	AUS	404 - Australia	21	13	18	14	16	32	13	13	18	14	-	172
13	BRA	401 - Brazil	19	10	17	15	13	31	14	14	18	13	-	164
14	ESP	405 - Spain	17	13	18	13	13	28	14	14	13	12	-	155
15	NED	406 - Netherlands	16	11	13	14	15	28	15	15	14	12	-	153
16	RSA	411 - South Africa	14	11	14	14	13	28	12	12	14	12	-	144
17	NZL	407 - New Zealand	10	9	12	11	10	21	7	11	10	11	-	112
18	PAR	409 - Paraguay	10	8	10	7	9	17	7	8	10	8	-	94
19	CYP	408 - Cyprus	13	8	9	8	7	19	7	8	9	5	-	93

## FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY - FEMALE

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	JO	TOTAL
1	FRA	456 - France Female	29	20	24	22	25	56	23	18	22	18	-	257
2	GBR	455 - United Kingdom Female	20	15	22	19	18	38	18	17	19	16	-	202
3	SWE	451 - Sweden Female	17	10	18	16	14	36	15	13	18	12	-	169
4	USA	457 - USA Female	17	12	17	14	15	37	16	12	14	13	-	167
5	AUS	453 - Australia Female	19	11	18	14	15	32	15	13	17	13	-	167
6	CAN	454 - Canada Female	17	9	18	14	15	34	14	13	14	13	-	161
7	GER	452 - Germany Female	19	12	16	14	14	27	13	12	15	12	-	154

## FORMATION SKYDIVING 8-WAY - OPEN

POS	NAT	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	JO	TOTAL
1	USA	807 - USA 8	24	21	18	24	19	29	21	18	17	33	-	224
2	RUS	806 - Russia 8	21	21	17	22	20	28	16	18	18	28	-	209
3	QAT	805 - Qatar 8	19	16	15	18	14	21	16	14	14	23	-	170
4	GBR	804 - United Kingdom 8	17	15	12	14	15	21	15	12	13	18	-	152
5	AUS	802 - Australia 8	14	14	13	17	11	20	14	14	12	21	-	150
6	GER	803 - Germany 8	13	15	9	15	11	16	12	12	10	16	-	129
7	BRA	801 - Brazil 8	11	10	9	12	9	12	9	10	9	16	-	107

## SPEED SKYDIVING - OPEN

POS	NAT	COMPETITOR	1	P1	2	P2	3	P3	4	P4	5	P5	6	P6	7	P7	8	P8	JO	PJO	TOTAL	AVE
1	GER	928 Thomas Moritz Friess	499.84		0.00	OB	0.00	OB	486.57		0.00	OB	517.33	7.19	498.03	2.09	493.63				2495.40	499.08
2	AUS	923 Shane Turner	0.00	OB	457.06	17.78	510.93		0.00	OB	514.80		524.62		0.00	OB	467.58	0.32			2474.99	495.00
3	GBR																					



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# SKYDIVE RAMBLERS TOO GOOLAWAH



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Another two years have flown by and so has another Equinox. It was a beauty. Apart from the near perfect weather, Kylie's great music, Brendan's fantastic catering, Elad and Ryan's fabulous Day Tapes, Ali's delicious cocktails by the pool and the fun times that were had, the Skydiving was beaut. It was safe, fun, structured and successful. Everybody was happy with the number of jumps, the level of skill developed and the progress they made. The biggest positive was the coaching on hand. The coaches were terrific. I would like to publicly thank them all for the top job they did. Please come back next Equinox.

I had a great team for the event. Along with the coaches I would like to thank my Ramblers Staff; DZSOs, manifest and office girls, ground staff and cleaners, Viv Oakes and other volunteers, and the pilots and refuelers. Thanks everybody. Finally I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the jumpers who registered, brought jump tickets and happy faces, and made the Nox what it is; a great week of Skydiving for Fun. Thanks for coming along.

*Dave McEvoy*



## How blessed are we at Equinox?!

To have a whole lot of babysitters happy to keep an eye on our excitable little skydiver-to-be was just so fantastic. It meant I could turn off "mummy" and turn on "Susie" for a while, to get my knees in the breeze, blow off a few cobwebs and casually yet thoroughly enjoy 25 totally fun, fun jumps with like-minded, silly and beautiful people. How good is that?!

How yummy are those Banana Crests? How infectious is Germain's energy for hoop and tube jumps? How great are Paul's discounted Star Crests? How many Frenchies are there? How fun-loving are the Mackay characters? How magic are those moonrise/sunset jumps? How brilliant are the Meteor Men night jumps? How insane are the Wingsuiters going off? How much lead is on the XRW pilot? How cool, calm and collected is Mason? How fantastic is Freeflying with your father?! How good are the pack jobs? How beautiful are the jumpships? How hilarious are Byrnsey's skits? How entertaining are Elad & Ryan's day tapes? How surprising are Ben's acting skills? How delicious is Brendan's food? How well re-stocked is the Club's bar? How atmospheric is live music day and night? How awesome is a music and skydiving festival combined? How good are week long boogies? How good does it feel to be current?! How long til next Nox?

*Susie McLachlan*



# EQUINOX



## The Festival of Equinox 2018

It was a feeling that almost can't be described, like the blue of the sky. We see it's blue but look a little deeper... What skydiving does to the inner part of ourselves – that's the look to try and capture... a moment, a colour, a sound... the breeze, the laughter, the knowledge... the joy of strolling through those intense eight days and nights... the shared joy of making memories. Equinox 2018 reminded me of the lyrics from that old song "Dreams" by Grace Slick... O I believe in magic and I believe in dreams... Thanks for the memories Skydivers.

*Karen McEvoy*



This year, the crew at Skydive Ramblers joined forces with the Good Weather Gods to put on a super fun Equinox 2018. The support for Wingsuiting was massive too, with an almost unheard of four Wingsuit coaches joining the line up. Heaps of people showed up keen to fly. Eight First Flight courses were completed and five Wingsuit Crests signed off. The stoke level was high with Wingsuit Rodeos, mixed Wingsuit Freefly Angles, Flocking and XRW cranking. The progression was ace to see and we had an epic week hanging out with old friends and heaps of new faces too. Thanks heaps!

*Scotty & Woody's School of Wingsuit*

Equinox is one of the must go to boogies on the Aussie calendar and 2018 certainly didn't fail to please. So good to catch up with old friends, make new ones but most of all to see everyone living their own skydiving story. My favourite is always watching the progression of the newer jumpers through AFF, B-Rel's and Star Crests. Congratulations to you all and a huge thanks to all the experienced jumpers on our Star Crest jumps for giving back to the sport. Massive thanks to Macca for inviting me and the rest of the boogie crew for a fantastic time. See you in 2020.

*Marco DeBoni*



Another great year at Nox. This year we saw a lot more Wingsuiters attending than previously. Made me a bit jealous being a new convert, but with plenty of Freeflyers around we had some great jumps, and in the end, with the heat and good crew, the jealousy definitely disappeared. There was plenty of socks being rocked off at Nox this year as well, with one of my greatest memories of the event being the mosh pit we had going one night at the main stage to a metal band. We just didn't want them to stop playing, was awesome. I think we tired the band out in the end after all the encores we made them play. Plenty of excellent entertainment and giveaways as always. Looking forward to the next one.

*Mason Corby*



Raffle Winner - HALEI LOPEZ. AFF Student from NT.



**EQUINOX**

**DAY TAPES**

The legendary Day Tapes can be found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/user58815556> or search for channel name: "Skydive Ramblers Toogoolawah"

**ACHIEVEMENTS @ PRE-NOX LCC**

- Matteo Chiodi - Certificate B
- Harold Davies - Certificate C

**ACHIEVEMENTS @ EQUINOX**

- Shaun West - Certificate A
- Sung Won Kim - Certificate A
- Simon Yorkston - Certificate A, B & C
- Jason Munster - Certificate B & C
- Jamie Davenport - Certificate C
- Marie Tardy - Certificate C
- Fabio Guardala - Certificate C
- Elise Smith-Bessen - Certificate C
- Ryan Murphy - Certificate C & Star Crest
- Charmaine Nielsen - Certificate C & Star Crest
- Oliver Morris - Star Crest
- Jay Cook - Star Crest
- Jason Munster - Star Crest
- Nigel Hawtin - Star Crest
- John Hamilton - Star Crest

- David Hodson - Certificate D
- Ian Brooks - Head-Up Freely Crest
- Marley Nolan-Duncan - Head-Up and Head-Down Freely Crests

**MILESTONES**

- Sam Messemer - 100 Jumps
- Fartosc Bonsic - 200th Jump
- Robin Spedding - 300th Jump
- Shelby Jane du Moulin - 400th Jump
- Kevin Boudeau - 500th Jump
- Olli Dixon - 800th Jump
- Cameron White - 1,000th Jump
- Tanguy Barsacq - 2,000th jump

**WINGSUIT CRESTS**

- Luke Morley
- Danny Andersen
- Blake Dickson
- Ben Lucock
- Jason Schloss

**FIRST WINGSUIT FLIGHTS**

- Meike Kendall
- Basti Bastozaur
- Bart Borkowski
- Christine & Trevor Collins - (revals)

**FIRST NIGHT JUMP COURSES**

- William Todd
- Marc Rochecouste
- Bianca Wilson
- Fabrice Bernardi
- Ashley Robinson
- Ryan Murphy
- Oliver Morris
- Joseph Larkin
- Kevin Vassilev
- Guilherme Magalhaes
- Andrew Fraser-Scott
- Fabio Guardala
- Nigel Hawtin

Dave and I were on a road trip through northern NSW following the APF Conference this year when Dave asked if Marco and I would do the Star Crest loads for Equinox again. Marco as video and I as coach worked well as a team last time. Generous grants were gained from NQPC and SQPC to subsidise the jumps of experienced SCR holders by \$15 per jump, to encourage their participation to put together a stable base for the Cresters to target. This plan worked so well that Rob Kendall and I were kept really busy during the rush of participants, Cresters and experienced SCR holders, so much so that Ben's bigways were somewhat reduced for the first couple of days.

The experience level of the cresters varied and it was evident that although having more than 100 jumps many came to the boogie with only minor flat flying experience since gaining their B-Rel qualification. This slowed the progress of those who were flying well and if I were to do this again I'd apply smaller skills development jumps prior to stepping up to a SCR jump. This would allow for better matching of skill levels and not only increase the safety for others on the jumps but give increased competence and confidence to complete the SCR jumps with less pressure to perform and so enhance the learning experience.

Having said that, it was a great week with lots of experience gained by a lot of jumpers. There was a full gambit of fun, elation, frustration, achievement, carton buying and a couple of scary moments. All in the spirit of a great boogie! Dave and his staff couldn't have been more helpful in making this an exceptional boogie. Thanks everyone.

*Paul Osborne*



**SKYSOUNDS MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Skydiving and music combined perfectly!**

Being one of the artists who performs as well as a lover of tandem jumping, and my fifth time as the music co-ordinator of a boogie at Ramblers, I thought I knew what was coming. But this Equinox was surprisingly very different, and I was delighted at the results.

The mega sound system supplied and run by Will (Toddy) set the sweet scene. Having a professional staging in the main area was a big step up in production from previous events and it ROCKED! Production is very important not only for the listeners but for musicians too. This years' version of "Advance Australia Fair" during the Australian Flag jump with myself and Keith Gall was a perfect example... it was an absolute beaut live music and skydiving moment that I will cherish, and a fitting way to open the event.

We had so many great Musicians visit and perform for us, however it was the talent within the skydiving ranks that shined so brightly. DJ Teags kept the cool beats happening on the main stage and in the bar throughout the boogie. His choice of music and groovy socks were rad. Skye Marsh launched her original song and video, "She Jumps to Get High", and revealed not only what a gorgeous voice she has, but also her multi-skills on guitar and drums.

Melbourne Duo, "The On Fires", literally came out of retirement for us, and it was so brilliant and life changing for them that they have since officially decided to make a serious comeback, their tandem jumps invigorating them back to life! Their performance rocked us again eight years later, and won them a stack of new fans.

Another returning artist was Bud from the band "Kill Pill". Bud is an amazing shredder of a guitarist and he put on the most energetic and athletic performance we've ever seen at 'Nox! Together with Eva and Jacquie they created a Monday night punk rock riot Toogoolawah won't forget in a hurry!

Poolside was an afternoon phenomenon that got busier and busier, with some choice acoustic artists and yummy cocktails. Myself and Skye, Troy Troutman, (who was so good we invited him back for a spot on the Main Stage the following night) and on Friday the missing member of The Amanda Emblem Experiment, Brother Brutus arrived too and he did some poolside tunes with drummer Taco. The quirky Pepper Jane arrived Tuesday and stayed on

for the Jam Night in the Bar, which was the start of something very special. After a little encouragement, local instructor Ollie Dixon joined in with myself and Taco, and by the end of the night it was exclusively Skydivers on stage with a mighty jam happening - French guy joined on bass, other dude on drums and finally joined by Mason on didge. It was Mason's first ever performance in front of an audience, he then went on to win the Talent Competition on Thursday night, scoring himself two free tickets to The 2019 Mitchell Creek Rock'n'Blues Fest as well as free jumps, not that he needs more free jumps, so he donated them on to other Talent Questers.

The Bertie Page Clinic returned with her "after hours" Rock Burlesque Show, delighting everyone with her provocative glowing outfits and antics. Thursday night it was Doof night. DJ Teags and Robin pushed some mad beats out with some skydivers lending a hand on the decks. Talent night was the biggest surprise, it was really something special thanks to Robbie McMillan, Ryan Murphy and Claude Gillard to name just a few. A video of the highlights are on the Skysounds Facebook page.

By Saturday night we were ready to let our hair down. The finale "Nox Rox" started with our own "Bear" on Sunset. She had been hard at work in manifest all throughout the festival and it was her turn to shine. What a great talent. Comedian Gary Bradbury joined her as well on saxophone to finish a great set of experimental guitar looping and percussive atmospheric music providing the perfect atmosphere for what was the last jumps of Nox for many. The night was non-stop live music and lots of fun. "The Amanda Emblem Experiment" performed a stack of original songs that had featured on the Day Tapes throughout the week, and were joined by the "Sax Duo" for a great party dance set. After the final Day Tape the almighty "Riff Raiders" from Melbourne rocked the main stage. They were on a massive high after doing their first ever tandem jumps that afternoon and it showed in the intensity of their rocking performance. They are still raving about it now! When the main stage finally shut down the party continued all night with DJ Teags and his mates playing beats until the wee hours.

This unique festival had so many highlights and was easily the best we've ever had. Never before have Skydivers been so involved in performances, or embraced the live performance with such enthusiasm. I know that even though Nox is over again for two years the music hasn't stopped at Ramblers. The seeds of creativity were well and truly replanted and I'm sure that the talent that exists amongst our crew will continue to blossom.

Thanks everyone for making it so enjoyable.

*By Kylie Cowling*

(AKA Amanda Emblem and The Secret Sista)



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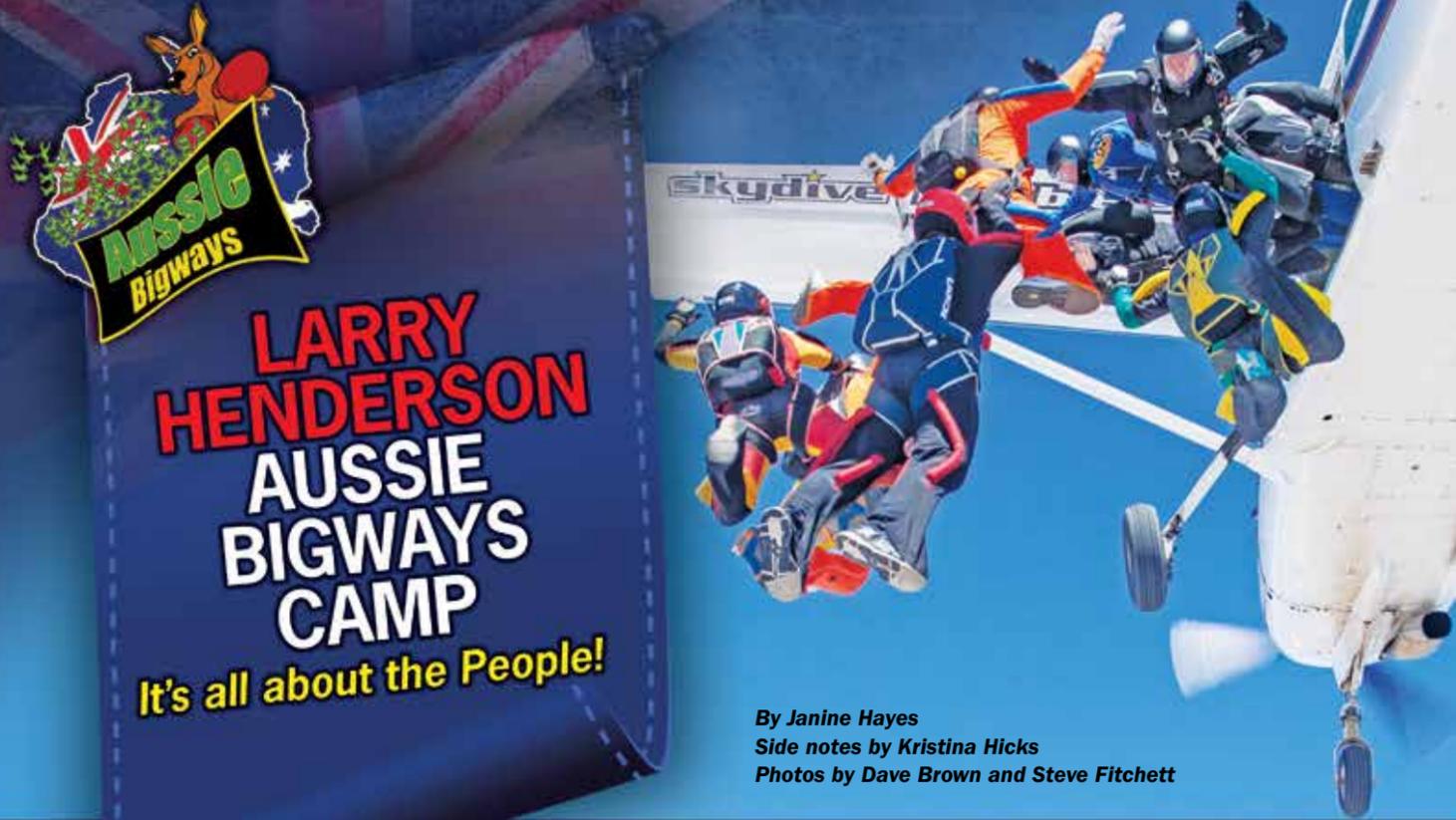
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**LARRY HENDERSON**  
**AUSSIE BIGWAYS**  
**CAMP**  
It's all about the People!

By Janine Hayes  
Side notes by Kristina Hicks  
Photos by Dave Brown and Steve Fitchett

## WHO IS LARRY?

LARRY HENDERSON IS PART OF THE P3 TEAM AT PERRIS, AN EXCEPTIONAL HUMAN BEING, HE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT SKYDIVING AND ALL THINGS KANGAROOS. LARRY'S COACHING STYLE IS AMENABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND HIS CONTRIBUTION AND ATTENDANCE AT THE CAMP WAS EVERYTHING THAT WE COULD HAVE HOPED FOR AND MORE. LARRY'S BIO CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, IT WAS A DELIGHT TO HAVE HIM BACK IN AUSTRALIA AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SKYDIVING WITH HIM IN PERRIS NEXT YEAR.





### CAMERA FLYERS

Thank you to Steve Fitch, Paul Barker, Steve Dines and David Brown for capturing the awesome moments during our event.

### PILOTS

John McEvoy  
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### SPONSORS & PRIZES

This event was proudly sponsored by the Australian Parachute Federation (APF), NSW Parachute Council, South QLD Parachute Council, WA Parachute Council, Nth QLD Parachute Council, VIC/TAS Parachute Council, Toogoolawah Skydivers Club In, Skydive Ramblers, Sunpath, Cypres, Cookie Helmets, iFLY Downunder, NZ Aerosports, P3 Skydiving, Intrudair, Mee Loft, Manufactury, Supercharge and Terminal Sports.

Thanks to the unwavering support of our sponsors we had some very happy campers winning fabulous prizes. Guy Taylor 'Bob' gets the award for ticket seller of the year. Rummy, Shorty & G Train for supporting Captain Greg. There were many hilarious moments throughout the prize giving and 'Mo Mo,' is officially banned from further raffles along with several other winners.



### COACHES

**Coach Mega Cool & Lead Coach** – Larry Henderson  
**Coach Coordinator** – Tracey Basman  
**Coach Captain** – Greg Jack  
**Coach One Liners** – David Loncasty  
**Coach Tall Order** – 'Stretch' Mark Szulmayer  
**Coach Newcomer** – 'LG' Laurence Garceau  
**Coach Fluffy Hair** – 'Mossy' Alan Moss  
**Coach All Things Oxygen** – Ben Nordkamp  
**Coaches representing Australia at the time** – Melissa Harvey & 'AB' Andrew Barker



### PARTICIPANTS

**Total number** – 96  
**Age Range** – 16 years to 71 years  
**Total number of jumps at time of registration** – 303,625  
**Total years in the sport** – thousands  
**Females** – 22



### STATE MENTOR 'SHADOW' COACHES

**Christian Peric** – Victorian Mentor  
**'Rummy' Joe Clarke** – WA Mentor  
**Martin Klapper** – Qld Mentor  
**Kelly Brennan** – Victorian Mentor  
**'J9' Janine Hayes** – Victorian Mentor

### STATE MENTORS - ASSISTANTS

**SA** – Sandy Nieuwenhoven Gray & Cullen Habel  
**NSW** – Mark Higgins & Robbo Roberston  
**QLD** – Kristina Hicks  
**NT** – Maurice Mathey  
**WA** – Shirley Cowcher  
**NSW** – Shana Harris

### CATERING

Brendan Saunders and his team Sharon, Andrew, Mason & Keiran. The food was great, no one went hungry with bacon and egg on toast to fuel the day. Great effort thanks.

### FAST FACTS

**Host DZ** – Toogoolawah – Thanks to Macca and his staff, and to new QLD mentor, Kristina Hicks, for registration assistance.





## LEARN & BURN TOPICS

We had some fantastic presentations over the course of the week, taking advantage of a wet weather day on the Sunday. There are some great resources on the Aussie Bigways website so check it out [www.aussiebigways.com](http://www.aussiebigways.com)

**Tracey Basman** – Stack up

**LG** – Tracking

**J9** – Visualisation

**Ben Nordkamp** – Landing patterns & approach



## THE CAMP ITSELF

A record speaks volumes about the success of an 'Aussie Bigway camp' and we ended up following our long-held tradition by successfully completing three 45-way sequential records on the Wednesday of the camp after three days of active jumping. This included rotating 80 people through the jumps. Unfortunately, the record was not made on the fourth attempt, but the attitude and desire never faltered and a completed first point 45-Way was achieved by those on that fourth jump.

The measure of the success of any camp is the organisation that goes on behind the scenes and the enormous effort and coordination from a bunch of dedicated people. While we laud their praises and thank them on the day, we salute Tracey Basman for her passionate contribution in the role of National Coordinator. Without Tracey these events would not exist. In support of Tracey and the bigger Aussie Bigway Team was the desire and effort brought to the table by the skydivers themselves, ready to continually improve their skills and put themselves up for the challenge not only on the day but before we arrived. This has included investment in National teams, individual flying skills both in the tunnel and in the air, canopy courses, Star crest events and every event in between from the 'Bowen Bigway Boogie' to a myriad of other events across Australia.

The camp has been but one of several in our journey as we aim for Perris in May 2019, a year that can now be described as 'next year' rather than this illusive point in time. So, as we draw closer to our aim of reaching the 150 Aussie Bigway record attempt what has this camp taught us and what do we need to continue improving?

## DAY 1 – SATURDAY – CHALLENGE ONE

The first of the challenges commenced with 15-Way formation skydives with 7 and 8 people exiting each aircraft. A great way to shake off any remaining cobwebs and challenge flying and tracking skills, this was a not too shabby effort by anyone's standards with many completed formations all round.

Tracking is an integral part of a successful Bigways jump and these skills required honing throughout the camp. There were several times that we were told that we were coming off a new base and that the skill level was higher than previous camps, however not to rest on our laurels we still had lessons to learn.

Thanks to Kristina Hicks we have some great insights into the wrap up at the end of the day, so Kristina's notes are interspersed with my commentary.

### 29th September 2018 - Larry Henderson: Focused Achievement

- Every year Larry does 60-80 jumps in different countries, rarely has he seen on Day One this level of skydiving.
- Being achievement focused is flying no contact, flying still in your slot and matching fall rate. People were focused on doing just that (one person stayed behind Larry's back and sat waiting no contact.)
- You guys are really learning how to fall straight down and doing an excellent job flying no contact – this is sequential skydiving. Straight down means, you can do the 45-Way, in which he has no doubt we will achieve.

## DAY 2 – SUNDAY – WEATHER DAY

Weather held us on the ground so Learn and Burn was the order of the day.

### 30th September – Learn and Burns due to weather – Tracey Basman – Stack Up

- Don't put your hands down!
- Keep straight backs to allow for more space behind you.
- Lead with your left foot.
- First row divers slots 6-7, knees between legs of floaters and potentially out of the door ready to fall, try to jump, but not always easy.
- Slot 8 right up on 6-7. Hands beneath rigs to guide them out, should be right at the door.
- Slot 9 used to be door food however, this has been corrected and as the chunk leaves, slot 9 needs to be aggressive on their move out.
- Slot 10 have hand on back of 9 to not push in front and allow the chunk to go before divers do.
- Then remaining divers follow.

### LG – Tracking: good technique is essential (not just for Bigways)

- When it's a Bigway situation, any skydive you do, apply those principles. Do your best ever track and keep working on it.
- What not to do Spaceland Scenario: Close call between outside videography and 4-Way flyer.
  - Problem one: didn't stick to break off height
  - Problem two: videographer is still there
  - Problem three: short tracks
- Absolute requirement of all skydives that tracking is important for every jump. Happy days when tracking procedures are followed by all.
- Tips for good technique
  - Break off at planned height/s, from radial center, efficiently for separation
  - If you are a leader you need to be responsible for the correct heading, and only at the last second will you turn on the correct radial.
  - Tracking leader will take a little bit of a drop and wings slight pop so they can follow the leader by looking down and not up.
  - Translate your centre point away from the formation backing away continuing to slide and then turn.
  - Start in a delta track then build up to a flat track.
  - Building a group track off is still relative work, be close to touch.
  - If you are on the outer wave, track as far and as fast as you can to create space for the waves behind you.
- Flat track: whole body experience taken from Doug Forth
  - First thing you do is an aggressive de-arch (pop turn), suck your belly in and have some gusto when you de-arch.
  - Legs are tight and pointed together with a small distance apart.
  - Arms tight to your side palms down.
  - Shoulders rolled under.
  - Head down and acting like a CC TV.

- Group exercise training - At home floor exercise:
  - Lie on your belly.
  - Engage your quads and point toes.
  - Roll shoulders down.
  - If you aren't getting puffed you aren't doing it well enough!
- Visualise in the air for every jump, complete tracking jumps with others, you can do tracking practice in the tunnel.

### Janine Hayes (J9) – Visualisation

- Impossible for the brain to tell the difference from what is imagined and what is real.
- So by visualising something you are seeing what can happen and you can make that happen, and that is the power of visualisation.
- You need to practice it as it is a learnt skill.
- Some of the best in the world use this tool, Dan BC does this 30 minutes a day (when with Arizona Airspeed), it's free and useful. We do not get the time to go out and practice our jumps a lot, sure we have the tunnel but we do not have the full luxury to practice, but visualisation is free.
- Quality: the most powerful part is visualising a positive outcome, talk yourself and others up on doing the jump well, NOT what not to do.
- The 4, 7, 8 breathing exercise - inhale through nose for four seconds, hold for seven seconds and breath out through the mouth gently for eight seconds. This slows down your heart rate.

### Ben Nordkamp – Landing patterns and approach

- It's all about having everyone thinking about it and being in the same mindset.
- This happened with 225 people in Eloy for the World Record. Everyone showed up in gear and in the right slot – it's a good feeling when people are in the same mindset.
- People ask about canopy colours but you should ask more about canopy size and wing loading to give you a plan for landing.
- No big need to race towards the ground, we should not have 30 people landing at the same time.
- No 45° turns. Be predictable on approach. Look before you turn, no more than 90° turns





## DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY – RECORD DAY

A busy day for the coaches and in the interests of the most participants, the skydive was designed to allow the rotation of slots through the middle and some of the outside lines. It is important to highlight that the decision to slot the teams is not without angst. A great deal of time, consideration, deliberation and assessment is made to ensure that the formation has the best chance of success combined with providing the most participants the chance to hang that record on their wall.

My hat goes off to the coaches for their dedication and commitment in this regard. While it hurts to not be included, it is within your control to ensure you make every effort to be the best skydiver you can be on the day. It does not always work out for everyone, however there are other opportunities and as 2019 barrels towards us I encourage everyone to maintain their skills and confidence in their abilities for future events and the record in 2019.

### 3rd October 2018: Larry Henderson

- Take a look at the lines, this will be for the next year.
- Maintain focus on the base and not on the cross grips – this is what causes movement and docking momentum.
- Bad thing about the funnel on the last attempt was that it happened just before break off, that is scary.
- People were looking for clean air and opening on the low side, which is not a bad thing and congratulations on the good tracking teams.
- This has been a great day - 80 people completed a 45-Way today. The journey continues.
- This is a marker (baby step) on the way to a destination. We are not satisfied.

### Principle of Closer

- We don't encourage jumpers to get there quicker. That will set you up for disaster. It is not always the right thing to do.
- Best way to be quick is to be close. We saw people setting up closer and anticipating the key.
- Tomorrow we want to work on that as well. We are going to be closer.
- Break off will be closer. In the air do things right and be close. When we see on video we aren't always as close as we think.
- When you set up and think you are close, you can be 50% closer.

## DAY 6 – THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER – ALL THE 2'S

A day of 22-Ways exiting from two aircraft with participants put in various slots that were challenging or unfamiliar. I took on a base slot on the last dive and was hurting all the way through alongside fellow lightweight Smeds. It was an inspiring way to finish off the camp and consider the possibilities for 2019.

We finished the evening with the 'Onesie' party – countless fun was had by all with the signing of the sheet as people made pledges to attend in 2019. Tracey had organised money boxes as an incentive to get people to save so there was piggy's all round.

Resources are abound to assist you to get to Perris next year – everything can be found on the Aussie Bigways website, we encourage you to use these or get in touch with the Mentor/s in your state.

## 4th October 2018 – Larry Henderson: Comfort zone

- An echo to J9's comments. We discussed comfort zone in the debrief of our last skydive. Several people were in slots outside their comfort zone. We all stepped outside on the first jump ever skydiving and now have become part of this community and have now found our sweet spot.
- At this camp we now have the opportunity to step outside our comfort zone.
- Larry challenges us to sign up for May 2019. If you are hesitant, step outside your comfort zone.
- He also encourages us to step out in all areas of life:
  - On a skydive
  - On a trip
  - On the way we treat each other
- Tell people how much you love and appreciate them.

## DAY 7 – FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER - FINAL DAY

The weather did not play ball, however we got organised with all things packing up and briefing for the demo jumps. We were also looking forward to Dave Gough's 1,000th jump, alas this was not to be, so we left him hanging on 999.

### 5th October 2018 - Larry Henderson: Final close out - Amen

- Many things running through his head but mostly he hopes that you know how much he appreciates you coming here and showing your enthusiasm.
- Here we are at the end and how blessed we are. God blesses us immensely in our lives and families.
- He prays a blessing that we will bring such joy when we meet again from all the good that we have in our loves.
- God bless you and amen.

## INSIGHTS FROM A SHADOW COACH

I had the privilege of being a shadow coach for the event. It was an interesting process and highlighted the work ethic, effort, commitment and dedication that the coaches bring to their role to assist in the development of each skydiving participant. They spend an enormous amount of time assessing the day's jumps and in consideration of an individual's skill set and performance to understand where they can be slotted. This is not only for the best measure of success for the team, but to provide a development opportunity for that skydiver. Many hours are put into this including coaches working into the early hours of the morning to ensure the best preparation for the dives over the entire week. An emotional and exhaustive process, thank you for the opportunity, it was a pleasure to be involved and to contribute to such a successful week.

## BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE!

The World Parachuting Championship 2018 was hosted at the Gold Coast and the Aussie Bigways team was integral to kicking off the proceedings with a demonstration jump into the opening ceremony.

Brad Turner, organiser of the jump, first approached Aussie Bigways to do this demo back in 2016. He worked tirelessly on this against all odds, by wrangling different parties to agree and support the opportunity despite the enormity of the issues if it were unsuccessful. These included the Gold Coast Council, Lifesavers, Water Police, the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) among many others including

the owners and pilots of the Caravans. This was considered as one of 'THE MOST' important and prestigious displays ever conducted in Australia. Aussie Bigways participants delivered! What can I say? This was an awesome achievement?

The Event committee members - Ben Nordkamp, Martin Klapper and Tracey Basman worked with Brad for over a year to nut out the logistics. A big shout out to the following people for the extra contributions to bring the display to life.

- Ben Nordkamp assisted with logistics for the jump on the day.
- Mossy was the official LDO for the C17 jumps and Rodney Benson the LDO for the Flag jumps.
- Kris Sieczkowski was the co-ordinator between Ben Nordkamp and the pilots at the RAAF.

The demo jumpers were briefed during the week and while many wanted to go, some declined once they understood the enormity of the jump and the skill set required. All power to those people for their decisions. It is much harder to say no than just go and I respect and congratulate you.

A further briefing was held on the beach on the Saturday morning and once sorted the 27 jumpers who were going to jump the flags of each country into the opening ceremony caught a bus back to Coolangatta. They then did a practice jump into the WPC 2018 site at Runaway Bay from the Caravans.

The remaining 24 demo jumpers did a practice jump into Toogoolawah from Amberley Airforce base from 13,500ft. It was touch and go whether we on the C17 were going to get to jump, however the weather was favourable into Toogoolawah but not so when we headed back to the Gold Coast for the finale. I have no complaints, I got to bail out of the biggest aircraft I have ever been in, doing a hop'n'pop from cloud base at 6,000 feet.

It was a magical experience with 24 skydivers plus three cameramen rattling around in an aircraft that takes over 100 people. The thrust on take-off was exhilarating and I was so chuffed to land my parafoil on Surfer's Paradise beach and know that I had been part of history thanks to Aussie Bigways and the work by the APF. Congratulations goes to the competitors for handling the wet weather with smiling faces and Icarus towels.

C-17 skydivers had 113,908 jumps in total and 509 years in the sport

The Flag skydivers had 69,060 jumps and over 500 years in the sport.

There were five ladies on each load.





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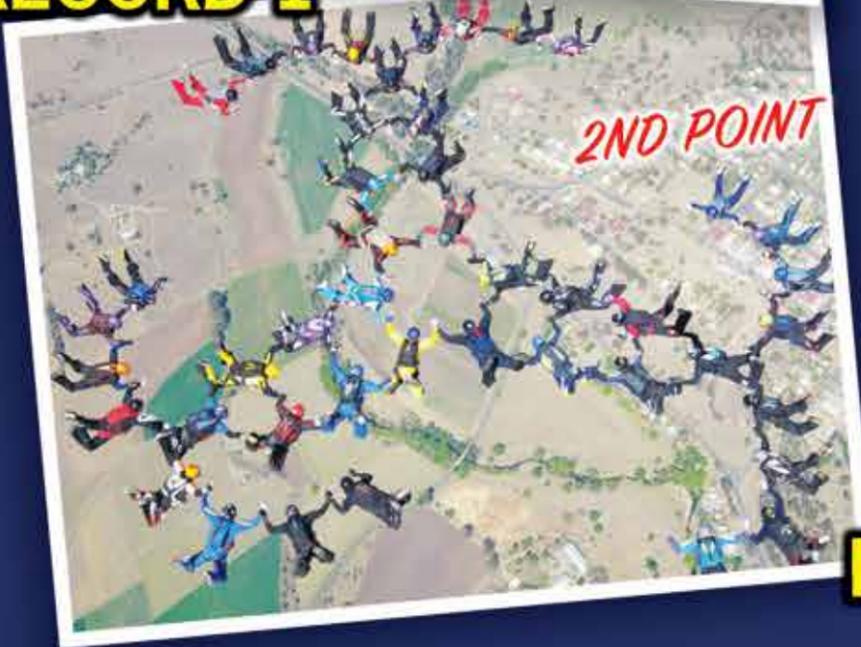


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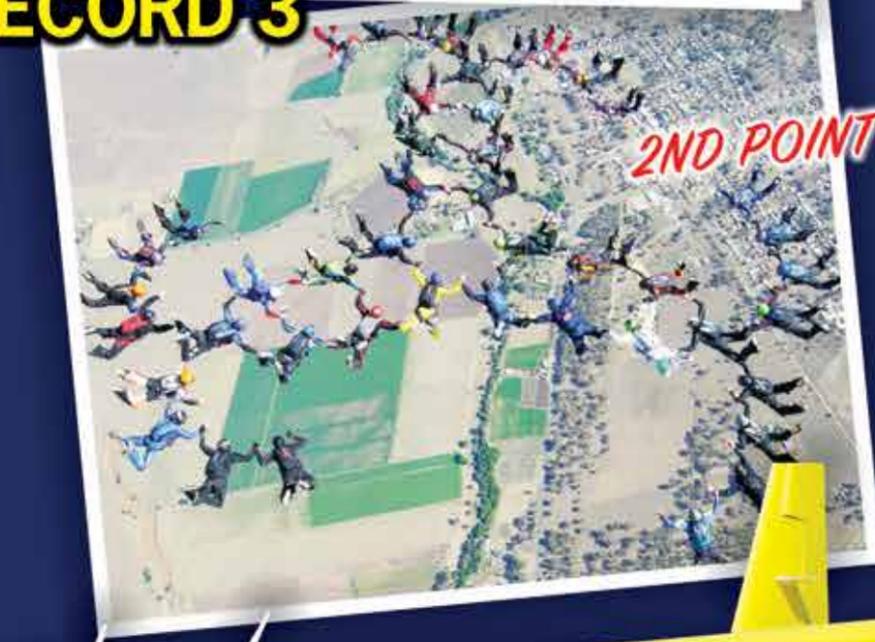


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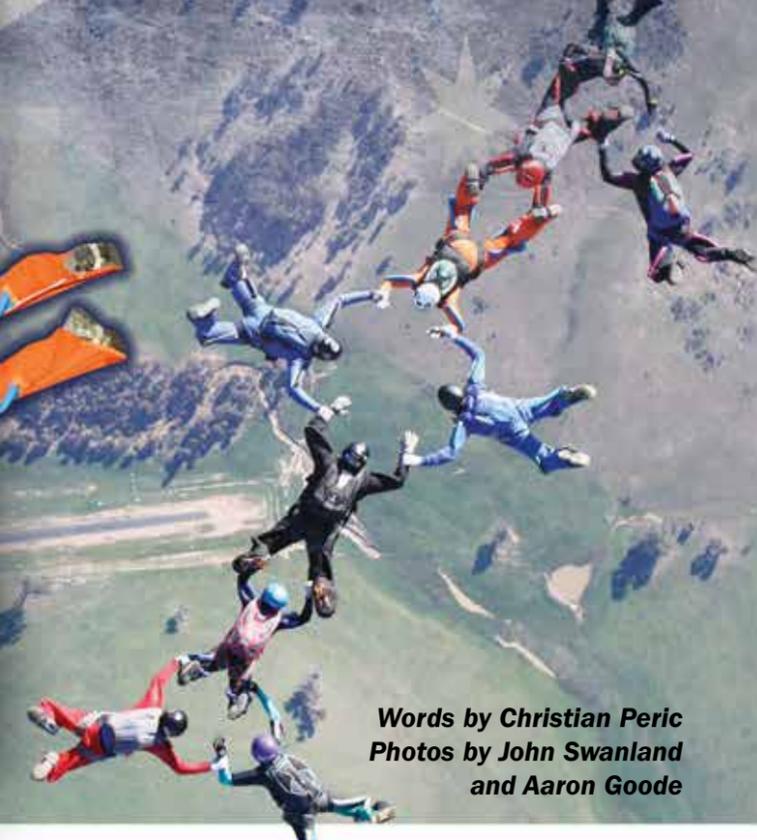
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## SKYDIVE NAGAMBIE & AUSSIE BIGWAYS... The Journey Continues Intermediate Bigway Skills Development Camp



Words by Christian Peric  
Photos by John Swanland and Aaron Goode

**WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN, FOR A PLANNED WEEKEND OF COACHED BIGWAY SKYDIVING, THE WEATHER TOTALLY CRAPS OUT ALONG THE WHOLE EASTERN SEABOARD OF AUSTRALIA, JUST ABOUT LAYING TO WASTE FIVE MONTHS WORTH OF EVENT PLANNING?**

You get all hands on deck, using phone, email, social media and whatever means necessary, to get the word out and move it all by one week, hoping the weather plays ball and that people turn up!

That's exactly what we did and thanks to many helpers, we managed to move the whole thing, and somehow, it turned out like it was always meant to be the weekend of August 25th and 26th! And, we had the best winter weather imaginable: crispy cold mornings, with sunny blue skies, mild 17 degrees during the day and hardly a breath of wind, which made for fast landings and some of the best winter jump conditions we have seen in Victoria for a very long time.

Oh, and most people did turn up! We had two groups on both days, a 12-Way and a 10-Way group on Saturday, and two 10-Way groups on Sunday.

Once again, David Loncasty and Tracey Basman made the journey down from NSW to be our coaches, and given this was their third year in a row for a camp like this at Nagambie, it felt a bit like a "bigway family" reunion.

The welcome speech and introduction by David focused on the weekend of the basic bigways skills and reminding us of the 'rules', not only providing an opportunity for everyone to blow off the winter rust, but to hone their skills for bigway formations, especially those folks heading to Toogoolawah for the Larry Henderson camp later in September and ultimately to Perris-Valley California for the 150-Way record in 2019.





The plan was for up to six jumps per day. Focus was on fundamental bigway skills as the overall goal, building formations cleanly. As in previous camps, the process was broken down into distinct, detailed steps by the coaches. Firstly, we learnt a new way of stacking-up in the Cessna Caravan door for exit, which took a bit of getting used to. The aim was to get a chunk out very quickly and close together. It worked well by the end of the first day.

Then we talked about the approach to the base to build the first point, stopping, flying your slot without taking grips, and “never ever(!)” reaching down for the grip. Going low was “OK”, as opposed to floating, which, we were told, is the new “No No”.

Tracey’s 10-Way was up first, and the loads kept ticking away quickly, as we efficiently breezed through the days jumping. It was apparent that a couple of jumpers in each group struggled with fall rate and broke some of the fundamental rules, like hanging off grips, not stopping in their slot and not looking through the centre.

Helped by detailed video debriefs and opportunity to ask questions and get feedback from the coaches, things started to smooth out and got everyone ticking along the same mindset.

We ended up doing six jumps per group and were finished by 4pm. With a few ‘firsts’ achieved, round jump numbers and beer line infringements, the evening was assured to be filled with plenty of refreshing beverages.

After a tasty Thai dinner at the DZ, the group convened to the debrief area for a seminar given by Tracey, on Aussie Bigways achievements and the journey to Perris 2019. It was awe inspiring and well worth sharing the previous experiences amongst the group, to build the enthusiasm and momentum.

Sunday 8am sharp saw us meet again on the creeper pad. A few changes in the groups were made as some folks had left us the previous evening and others joined on the Sunday, plus coaches were switched, to make it two 10-Ways.

The day progressed noticeably smoother than the previous, with everyone really flying well, and achieving completed 10-Ways, with some turning points. As the day wore on and folks ran out of tickets, it was decided to build a combined 16-Way from the two groups, as the fifth load, with Tracey and Dave ground coaching. Unfortunately it did not complete. But there was time for one more jump. Tracey and Dave re-joined to make it the sixth jump and last load of the day ending up as a 14-Way. It built great, with a 2-point 14-Way “Binary Star” building very nicely in the late afternoon sun. It really topped off a memorable weekend of bigway flying.

Everyone walked away exhausted but beaming with big smiles and grins from a glorious weekend of bigways. I personally described it as “epic”, still on a buzz two days later.

...Who says you can't have a great weekend skydiving in Victoria's winter?

Let me finish with a few thank yous to all those who helped make it happen:

Thank you to Don and Lou from Skydive Nagambie for hosting us.

Thank you to our coaches David and Tracey, ... we love your work, ... and still looking for that Snoopy cloud in the sky...

Thank you Tom and Tracey for helping out with last minute event re-organising.

Thank you to our camera flyers Aaron and Swanee, really nice work once again.

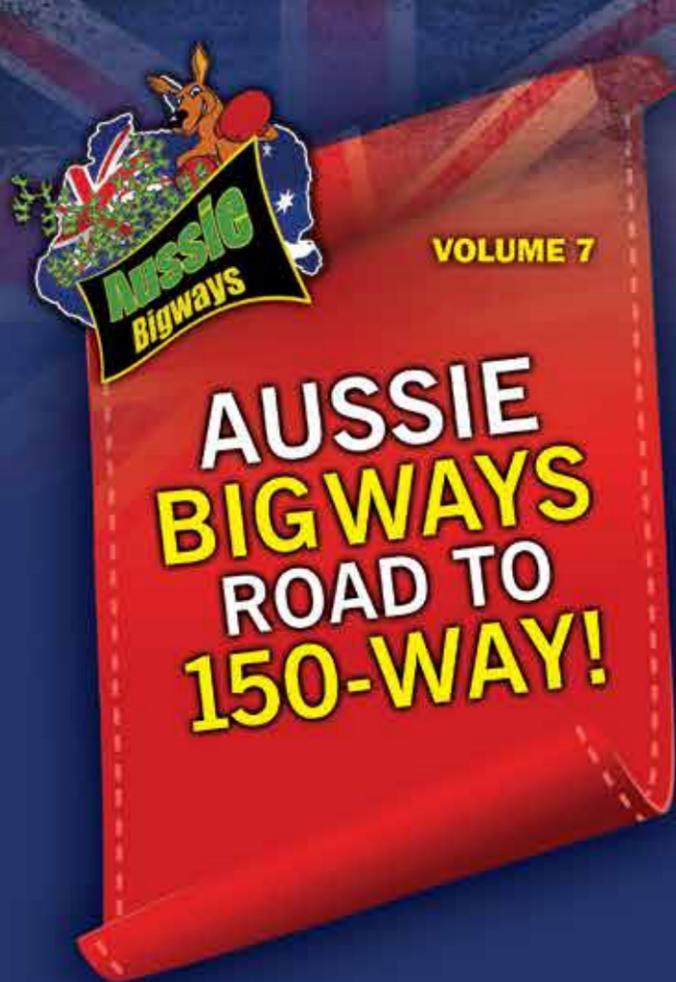
Thank you to our pilot.

Thank you to those that bought beer.

... and lastly, a big thank you to our sponsors, without whom this event could not have taken place:

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## Captains Call



Our National Record event in Perris Valley is closer again, just six months from now we will be there - with the years of preparation behind us and the actual event right in front of us!

Registration for Perris opened on the P3 Website at the beginning of September and by October already there are

**45 Aussies registered** along with several "Friends of Aussies" who are keen to jump with us over the Event - May 23 to Jun 03, 2019.

Some people have asked about registration payments, the easiest way is by credit card, once accepted the response back is:

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Also remember as encouragement to get people to register early there will be regular draws from the names of people whom we registered with prizes of Wind Tunnel time up for grabs. No cost involved, if you're registered for Perris then your name is in the draw, and the winners will be notified ASAP and broadcast here by this means.

Since last I wrote we have held our very, very successful Premier Event for 2018 at Toogoolawah with the awesome Larry Henderson making the trip over to represent the P3 Team and lead the event. As most will be aware we set a new National Sequential Record of a 2-Point 45-Way and just like Nagambie in 2016 and Moruya in 2017 we were able to put up multiple successful attempts of this record on the same day, which resulted in three successful attempts, giving an amazing 80 participants a Record! A fantastic result and congratulations to everyone who attended.

In the meantime, jump safe everyone and keep working on your big way skills and preparing for next year at Perris.

Blue Ones,

*Greg Jack*

*Team Captain, Aussie Big Ways*

## National Perspective



### Remember – CURRENCY IS KING!

One reason for the great success at this year's Premier Event at Skydive Ramblers, Toogoolawah was **currency**. Many also invested in their Personal Flying Skills and it showed.

We now have THE MAIN EVENT coming up in six months, to build the largest Australian Bigway Formation, aiming for a 150-Way. This will be no small feat! Remember - Currency is King! Keep jumping!

Mentors and Coaches around Australia are working hard behind the scenes for you. Let them know if you need assistance to help you stay at the top of your game for Perris next year. Whether you are going to Perris or not, come and

join in at our Bigway Camps. Check out our Calendar of Events.

Many in our Bigway community can vouch for the value of jumping and competing in a 4-Way team. We have the Australian National Championships hosted by Skydive Oz, Moruya in March 2019. Now is a good time to find team mates. There are four levels in 4-Way to choose from. Australia has coaching talent aplenty to help you in your 4-Way journey. Summer is now here, warmer weather perfect for jumping and having good times.

Most of all - enjoy the journey.

*Tracey Basman,*

*National Events Coordinator and Mentor*

## Skill Development



### The joy of teamwork awaits us in Perris

Following the very successful 2010 & 2015 National Record events resulting in the current 119-Way record, the Aussie Bigways team is headed back to Skydive Perris in May 2019 to make history again!

### The lead-up

Our Perris adventure has three stages. In sequence there are two 3-Day camps and a 4-Day record event.

In the first camp, the P3 coaching team will give us all a chance to explore our potential, try different slots and make mistakes as we learn.

In the second camp, we will be encouraged to hone our skills and demonstrate the consistency required for the type of slot we might be asked to perform on the record jump.

### What does it take?

In both camps, groups will be bigger than a 16-Way exiting from multiple aircraft and so safety will be a key consideration. In addition to being a team player, foundational skills like radial, level and momentum control, flat tracking and following landing patterns will all be required to participate.

**If needed, working in parallel to the main groups, a P3 coach will support individuals in developing these skills to help as many people as possible be part of the record.**

### Going for the Record

The record jump itself will be slotted for success. By this stage in the game all focus is on getting a record. No matter how many jumps we have or how well we have performed in the past, inclusion will be based on the skills, knowledge and attitude we demonstrate in the lead-up camps.

Prior skills training, being current, well rested and prepared for how the process will work is the recipe for being at our best and having fun.

**The Aussie Bigways team took an inclusive approach to our early events. In 2018 we introduced Advanced camps, offering qualified people the chance to use their skills in more challenging situations. To build a 150-Way, we need more anchors, people to fly in slots with grips on their arms and legs. Our event structure has encouraged these flyers to strengthen the skills the team needs.**

In Perris we will be one team. The camp groups will include all skill levels and as individuals our focus should be being the best we can be, helping as many team members as possible to achieve our one shared goal. We can be amazing and have fun by doing our job, applying lessons learnt and being there, on the ground and in the air.

Perris is the culmination of all our hard work, sharing this experience is the joy awaiting us all.

*Melissa Harvie*

*Aussie Big-ways Consulting Coach, Personal Flying Skills Specialist*

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MORE THAN 270 CIVILIAN SKYDIVERS WERE GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUMP FROM ONE OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE'S FLEET OF C-17A GLOBEMASTERS, ON A FINE, FINE DAY AT TOOGOOLAWAH. IT'S SIMPLY ASTOUNDING THAT THIS KIND OF TOP SHELF JUMPSHIP IS TREATED TO US LOWLY AUSSIE SKYDIVERS, OBVIOUSLY IT'S NOT WHAT WE KNOW...



# C-17 LEGACY DAY



AND SO THEY TRAVELLED FROM NEAR AND FAR, ROAD TRIPS FROM UP NORTH, CAR POOLING FROM DOWN SOUTH, FERRYING CESSNAS FROM INTERSTATE, MANY A DOMESTIC FLIGHT FLOWN, AND FROM FAR AWAY LANDS LIKE SWEDEN, NOT KIDDING, JUST FOR THE EXPERIENCE. THE STROKE WAS AS HIGH AS THE APPRECIATION, WHICH WAS NEARLY AS HIGH PITCHED AS SOME OF THE SQUEALS, BUT CERTAINLY NOT AS LOW AS THE FLY-BYS.



# C-17 LEGACY DAY



THREE LOADS, 100 PEOPLE PER LOAD, FOUR PASSES PER LOAD, AND ONE (SOMETIMES TWO) FLY-BYS PER LOAD. IT WAS SPINE TINGLING IN AN OH SO GREAT WAY. HATS OFF AND BOWS TO THE POWERS AT BE WHO MADE THIS EVENT HAPPEN, AND RUN SO SMOOTHLY. PRETTY PLEASE, CAN WE DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR?



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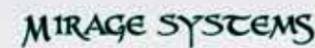
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# STORM



safety matters

*"Knowing the risks of skydiving does not eliminate them but it makes your jumps much safer. Stay informed, study and keep learning, know your equipment, ask the experts and invest your time in educating yourself." Ana Paula Santos Figliagi*

**Incident Focus**  
 The following are a sample of incidents from those submitted to the APF September-November 2018 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.  
**Use these incidents to think about what actions you might take to reduce your chances of having a similar incident and/or how you might handle the situation. Discuss your options with the Chief Instructor / DZSO / qualified personnel at your drop zone.**

**AIRCRAFT/EXIT**  
**Certificate E. Jump 1451.** Front float back fly exit from Pac 750 XL. Too far forward in door. jumper hit head on the trailing edge of wing. Nil injuries nor damage to aircraft. **Action:** Be more aware of position in door and possibility of hitting plane.

**Certificate E, jump 1015. Mirage G3.** 4th load of the day, tandem outside camera jump. During exit to position herself on the rear floater slot, the pin of the main container was accidentally dislodged, consequently initiating the opening sequence. The bag had enough force to pull the pilot chute out of the pouch hence avoiding a horse shoe malfunction. The deployment of the main canopy was clear of rear of the airframe and no aircraft damage was sustained. The jumper landed safely at the DZ. Footage of the exit was observed and nothing strange or suspicious was identified. Once back to the office the equipment was inspected and nothing out of the ordinary was found, closing loop, main pin and container are in serviceable and good order. Also, the canopy is acceptable for the type of bag and container. I'm convinced a sudden movement inside the aircraft and the pin not sufficiently inserted inside the closing loop was the main factor contributing on the accidental bag deployment. **Action:** Mandatory pins check for all fun jumpers and cameraman before opening the exit door.

**DEPLOYMENTS / MALFUNCTIONS**  
**Certificate D, jump 270. Vortex Container, Hurricane 170 Main, Decelerator 150 Reserve.**



On an angle jump, after deploying the pilot chute and realizing the main wasn't opening I turned to check over my shoulder and saw my pilot chute in tow (with the main still in the container). I cut away and pulled reserve. After opening I saw the main, which

had dislodged from the container after the reserve deployed, was still in the bag trailing behind me and attached to the RSL. I tried to pull the main in and hold it between my legs. After landing I saw that the Velcro on the lanyard was holding it in place. On reflection, best and safest option would have been to disconnect the RSL to release the main.

**Certificate D, jump 670. Micron Container, Katana 120 Main, Optimum 126 Reserve.** Jumper arrived at DZ without a main and borrowed a canopy from one of the local instructors. Left main on the risers and d-bag and connected straight to his own rig without doing a full check or unpacking and repacking main and closed into his own rig. After an uneventful free fall jumper deployed at approx. 3600ft and noticed twists/step thru on one set of risers. Did a controllability check and elected EP's and under reserve at approx. 2200 ft. Landed safely back on DZ. **Action:** Jumper advised that he should always do a full check when hooking any canopy back up and to get a packer or instructor to double check gear before jumping.

**CANOPY CONTROL / LANDINGS**  
**Certificate E, 1162 jumps. Sensei 101 Main.** State Meet event. Near Canopy collision. The two skydivers experienced an uneventful freefall and setup into landing pattern. The landing pattern was set as normal with right hand turns with standard southerly conditions. Two swoopers. Higher Jumper (Cert E / Sensei main), initiated 270 degree turn as another substantially lower jumper (having right of way) initiated a 90-degree turn. The higher jumper had no visual and continued to perform 270 left (against pattern), not getting visual with lower canopy until 240 degrees of rotation. He then aborted with deep brakes, narrowly missing lower canopy at approximately 100 feet. Both jumpers continued to then land with no further incident.

**Action:** DZSO/CI called meeting of all jumpers to revisit landing patterns, basic traffic awareness (look before you turn), Lower canopy has right of way, and self-preservation, know where all canopies are, know who's landing where, and keep a strong visual lookout when entering pattern.

Due to increased traffic and jumpers not used to said increased traffic (Cessna 208) DZSO/CI introduced 'nothing more than a 90-degree turn' (no swooping).

**Certificate E, jump 950. JFX 99 Main.** Jumper 1 (Cert E) had visual contact of 2nd jumper in landing pattern, being approximately 50-100ft higher and following (right hand pattern set), J1 flew a RH circuit before initiating LH 270 HP Landing at approx. 670ft. from above J2. J1 making the assumption that J2 would do same 270 LH turn and did not join the dots between what was thought to be happening and what was actually taking place, e.g. standard right-hand pattern. J2 performed RH 90 HP as planned into landing area with no visual of J1. At approximately 300ft J1 had completed 270 narrowly missing J2 and passing in front at high speed. Last minute hazard avoidance by both jumpers may or may not have assisted with no contact being made. Both jumpers proceeded to land without further incident.



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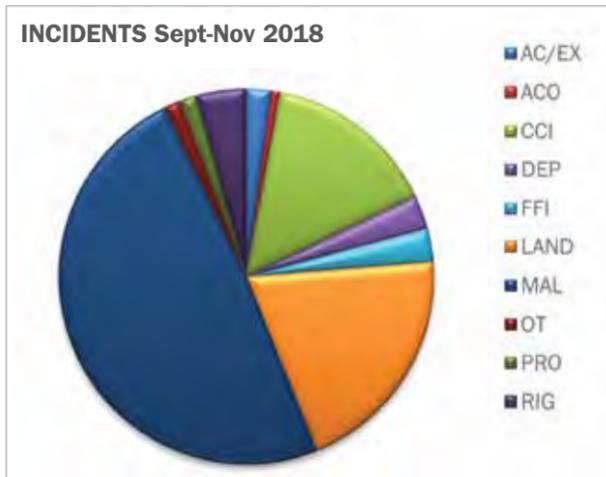
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**Action:** Debriefed on landing pattern and swooping in traffic. Create more separation at height and if the picture isn't right, not to go through with HP landing, Having cut-off/pull out point/points associated with audible altimeter. Make sure all jumpers are aware of HP landing intentions into small landing area. During large events with added traffic (Cessna 208) Swooping will be banned from main landing area after multiple incidents.

**Certificate C, jump 454. Crossfire 139 Main, Techno 155 Reserve.** At approx. 1500ft the jumper did a controllability check on his canopy which included a deep stall. The canopy stalled, and the pilot lifted his hands quickly resulting in a line twist that he could not get out of quickly. The jumper attempted to kick out twist unsuccessfully but then cut away and opened his reserve at about 800ft. The jumper's slider was on a keeper on the rig which delayed the main leaving and caught the jumper's helmet, breaking it at the chin strap and falling to the ground. The jumper landed without further incident. **Action:** The DZSO, experienced canopy coach and jumper went through the incident at length, and also the need to do the controllability checks well above his hard deck.



<b>AC/EX</b>	Aircraft/Exit	<b>ACO</b>	Aircraft Only
<b>CCI</b>	Canopy Control	<b>DEP</b>	Deployment Problem
<b>FFI</b>	Freefall	<b>LAND</b>	Landing
<b>MAL</b>	Malfunction	<b>RIG</b>	Rigging Report
<b>OT</b>	Other	<b>PRO</b>	Procedural

### Safety is a relative term – how's your relationship?

It is often said in the popular press that you have to work at relationships and your relationship to "safety" is no exception.

Safety is a very emotive word, it seems to crop up regularly in parachuting publications and conversations but what do we mean when people talk about making our sport "safe"?

Do we really mean "safer" - which is a relative term because if so are we acknowledging that while we accept certain risks, we intend to work towards understanding and if possible, overcoming those risks?

It also follows that the APF is not really a safety organisation in the way many people imagine, but a risk management organisation. We (the members) choose to accept certain risks, and then work out ways to manage that risk as a group to an acceptable standard. After all, for many members the FUN part of skydiving is doing something that could be difficult and dangerous at a personally acceptable safety standard.

There are various aspects of our standards and it should be noted that it is not just personal decisions that will keep a skydiver alive and well, but also there needs a belief by each of us that the rest of the "system" (everyone else) is going to maintain our proposed or established standards.

For this reason, we have developed many rules and regulations that will allow jumpers from different DZs to operate together to achieve a satisfactory outcome.

A contradiction not often noticed is how conservative skydivers are about the things that really matter (like opening a parachute). Sure colours, haircuts and fashion may change quickly but procedures and equipment have changed little in the last couple of decades, and a jumper who hasn't been around for a few years has little trouble getting back into the air with new friends.

All the important handles are still in the same place, if anything we break-off a little higher on average, special events and disciplines may require special skills/equipment, but most DZ jumping is about small ways with friends.

This natural conservatism is not surprising, novice skydivers are constantly reminded to "plan your dive, then dive the plan" and it is human nature to keep doing something that feels good AND that works.

**With personal survival in mind here are 10 suggestions to help manage your skydiving risk.**

**1) It starts with attitude.** At any time in your skydiving career you still need to be learning. Accept this and as well as looking around for what it is you need to learn (from other jumpers, instructors, publications, web sites, etc), set the level of your skydives so that your learning comes in small, manageable pieces. Keep an awareness of your (and other's) limitations and progress at a pace you will enjoy.

**2) Your choice of gear** can make your jumps more fun, or less safe, or both. You get to directly set your level of risk here, often depending on your own expectations and budget. Take your time choosing and take plenty of advice, you may have to live with the result for a long time.

**3) Are you fit to fall?** This is not just a reference to the party last night but also to your general health and fitness. Skydiving/parachuting is a sport and the energy doesn't all come from gravity. Poor responses leading to incidents, can be down to tiredness. Pace yourself, the sky will still be there.

**4) Whether to jump or not?** You could be the best skydiver with the best gear, but the weather conditions will have the last word. If you keep looking for your limits remember that severe turbulence will collapse even small, fast canopies, some clouds will contain hail and one day you will be going backwards under your reserve.

**5) Back-ups have their place** in skydiving, both software and hardware. Try and think of the "what ifs..." and what you could do about it and make your own decisions about audible warnings, RSLs, reserve size and AADs. Consider, it's all fun and games until someone's AAD goes off.

**6) Height awareness** must always be a primary goal. Any time you realise you lost height awareness, if only for a few seconds, give yourself a good slap! This is absolutely fundamental.

**7) Situational awareness.** As well as height you need to maintain awareness of everything around you that could affect you. Whenever there is a collision, at least one - and often both - participants lost situational awareness. Keep looking, there is usually something you've missed.

**8) Currency** is often raised as a contributing factor in skydiving accidents. Instructors are warned never to forget that their students will forget – this is the reason for so much repetition and overlearning – and this applies to everyone. We may feel as though we are still the same after a six month lay-off but we really aren't. Take the time to reinforce those basic skills and muscle memory in low pressure situations before jumping in with both feet.

**9) Repetitive occurrences.** Once you've been reading incident reports for some time you can see that most situations just keep coming around – off DZ landings, pilot-chute hesitations, the low turn because there is another jumper or obstacle in the way, mals packed in a rush or due to unstable deployments, line twists, tension knots, etc. As well as training for these things when they happen to you, consider how you will avoid them. It's much simpler to avoid a mal, than deal with it. Cheaper, too.

**10) Take responsibility** for your own actions and outcomes. Learn to spot, even through the side window. Learn to pack and maintain your own gear. Keep on loads of a size you will enjoy. Land for comfort, not fashion. Enjoy the company of other jumpers but do not let them take the responsibility for your safety. Look and learn and never stop thinking about managing your own risk. The day you think you have it all sussed is the day to start being concerned.

### GEAR CHECK

#### Vigil Product Service Bulletin #02/2018 Mandatory by December 31, 2019



Advanced Aerospace Designs has released Product Service Bulletin PSB-02-2018 which requires all Vigil 2 automatic activation devices with serial numbers from 16,000 to 21,999 to be inspected by the manufacturer. After an AAD malfunctioned, the problem was traced to an unreliable electrical connection within the AAD.

The company has inspected 200 units without finding a similar problem but has decided to check all of the affected units as a precaution. The PSB describes the process required for each affected unit. The inspection is mandatory, and it can be completed at the next reserve repack, or by no later than December 31, 2019. The company will also update the software and replace the battery, since the affected units are within two years of a required battery change, anyway. More information is available in the PSB. [www.vigil.aero/](http://www.vigil.aero/)

#### Wings Service Bulletin #081018

##### Mandatory on or before next reserve repack



Sunrise Manufacturing International, Inc., maker of the Wings harness and container system, has issued a mandatory service bulletin for rigs equipped with an RSL with Reserve Boost MARD (Main-Assisted Reserve Deployment). Due to a recent incident with a Reserve Boost deployment hesitation there is a MANDATORY change in the routing of the Reserve Boost lanyard. This change is required on or before the next repack cycle. More information is available in the SB.

<http://skydivewings.com/rigging-and-bulletins/service-bulletins/>

### Closing-Loop Length



A parachute rigger received this harness and container for some work, and when he closed the rig following the repairs, he discovered that the main closing loop was more than two inches too long. The main closing pin had no tension on it at all in this configuration. He shortened the loop to the correct length and helped the owner of the rig understand why it is essential for everyone in the airplane and on the skydive to have the proper tension on the closing pin to prevent an inadvertent container opening.

### 3-Rings (1)

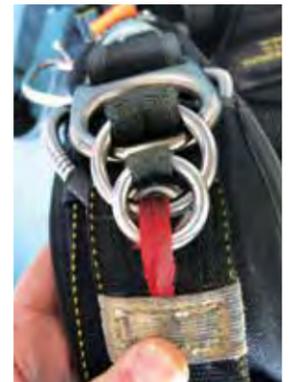
Javelin DoM 1994. The webbing for the small ring on the main risers appears to be approximately 5mm to long. Causing the 3 rings to not all be horizontal when under load. Therefore, the incorrect force on the small ring causing extra wear and a possible hard cutaway. **Action:** Risers removed from service.



Note: Rig had not been in use for over a decade and had new ownership. It was unknown whether the same risers were part of the rig previously.

### 3-Rings (2)

Tandem. 3-rings incorrectly hooked up. Loop found through 2 rings. Canopy had been returned to service after a reline and then break lengthening. Hooked up by a Senior Instructor, it was then jumped over 10 times by 3 different Instructors and packed by one packer. All Instructors do gear checks as well as buddy checks prior to boarding and all had missed it. All Instructors and packer were sat down and explained the importance of looking and seeing, rather than just going through the motions of looking.



# WINTER FROTH BOOGIE

By Tim Kolln Photos & grabs from participants & coaches  
Ground photos by Padraig Dunne & Michael Smart

THE INNISFAIL SKIES HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH OF IT! THE 8-DAY BOOGIE, BACK FOR THE SECOND TIME, BACKED UP THE BOWEN BIGWAYS, SHOWCASING WHY FAR NORTH QLD IS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO JUMP BOTH ON THE DZ AND FOR DISPLAYS.



A stellar coach line-up provided for the 65+ froth drooling participants who were chomping at the bit to get in the air! Luckily, industry sport jumper supporters, NQPC, 1300 Skydive (Tandem Cairns), APF Fi Fund, iFly and All Beef Productions, were able to provide a place for everyone to spill their froth!

Valerie Schmeid (team Whitefish) led the way all week long for the flatties, organising B-Rel's through to larger formation loads. Local Frothers, Mark Dunne, Mick Hardy and Karen Fuller, helped her out jumping on many Star Crest and B-Rel loads. The team at Tandem Cairns, most notably Marklar, Chris (bogan mullet), Rauno and Ben smashed out over sixteen B-Rel student jumps throughout the whole week. Big shout out to the NQPC who provided over \$1,800 of B-Rel subsidies to participants to progress their froth juices!

# WINTER FROTH BOOGIE

Frothing Freeflyers were led by The Hayden Galvin, Hemly dream, Cheeko, Fong and myself. We worked together to provide coaching in all aspects of Freefly with an uncountable number of 1-on-1 and 2-on-1 coached jumps. Angles and Vertical were aplenty; the Picton rats reigned here with Ware, Jacob, Jacob, Sam, Chris, Ale, Anthony, Tara and James all leaving their froth over the Innisfail sky.

"Yay Wingsuiting" was led by one of the best in the business, WOODY! He ran two rigs all week long, catering for multiple First Flight Courses and the up-and-coming Wingsuit Sky Gods, Cameron and Jonah! Special mention has to go to Cherie Bailey who took her First Flight Course, completed her Wingsuit Crest and went home with a second hand wingsuit ready to keep cruising the skies!

**Over the whole event the coaches worked together achieving numerous sign offs:**

**B-Rel's:** Stephen Hicks, Kye Probert, Alec Carlross, Chris Langrell

**Star Crests:** Andre Gomes, Laura Scott, Jacob Mulder, Cain Vella, Geoff Aickin, Talia King

**Head Up Crests:** Cassie Valastro, Karen Fuller, Mick Hardy, Luiz Christofanelli

**Head Down Crests:** Mariska Folley, Luiz Christofanelli

**Wingsuit First Flight Courses:** Cherie Bailey, Manuela Haschke, Jacob Mulder, Diego Farais

**Wingsuit Crest:** Cherie Bailey, Marc Rouchecouste

**With all this Froth going on the highlights of the boogie had to be the end of day displays! Four different displays, three different locations, a few parks around Innisfail, culminating with a sunset jump onto Kurrimine Beach. Two loads exited over the reef system in front of Kurrimine Beach, freefalling over the ocean, then flying back to land on the beach out the front of a pub to down a frothy Great Northern!**

Big shout out to Fry who kept all the Frothers full throughout the week with his signature Froth food. Fry also managed to do his first skydive back after over a year out from a hangman's neck fracture on a BASE accident.

**Many thanks have to go to all the event supporters who provided to make this event happen:** North Queensland Parachute Council, 1300 Skydive (Tandem Cairns), Australian Parachute Federation; Fi Fund, iFly and All Beef Productions.

**The Prize sponsors:** iFly, Deem Flywear, Vertical Suits, Dekunu, NZ Aerosports, UPT Vector, Phoenix- Fly, Cookie, Cypres, Larsen & Brusgaard, LVN.

**The staff who worked extra hard to make the Frothers happy:** Marklar, Rauno, Chris, Ben, Tim, Marcel, Damo, Arndt.

**Manifestors:** Eddie, Hin, Mari, Jess.

**Pilots:** Jade, Lee, Matt.





**HOW SPECIAL IS THIS CAY?  
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Only this year we had world champions AIRWAX; Greg Crozier and Karine Joly, SDC Core's Jake Jensen, his girl Ashleigh Hartman and The Hayden Galvin! The Far North Freefall (FNFF) crew spent months planning this and it sure turned out to be nothing short of spectacular!

Jumping kicked off at Tully DZ on Thursday with a good crew turning up early to capitalise on the start of the good weather. Benny the Ditch and Potter gave sterling DZ briefs and gear checks to get everyone in the air. The mock cay was out in the main landing area and everyone began to dial in their accuracies.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday provided excellent jumping weather and with this the coaches led the charge in the sky above Tully. Greg and Karine provided stellar knowledge and skills to make everyone look like champions. They were constantly being hassled for jumps by many, the keenest coach pest had to go to James Garner though, even a chop couldn't stop him, repacked and back at them early the next morning.



**VERY SPECIAL**

# CAY Boogie

**2018**

*By Tim Kolln  
Photos & grabs by participants*



# CAY Boogie

The SEQLD crew of Flossy, Fly fast Shane, Blake, Rangry, Kestrel, Maddog and Jimmy soaked up the FNFF vibes with constant smiles! Maddog even braved some colourful clothes by wearing the Boogie Jersey on more than one day! They all went hard, though next time I might specifically get a flat coach so Jimmy can work on his arch.

The local girls of Alicia, Manu, Anna and Karo kept Ashleigh busy doing some vertical work. They all looked to have a great time jumping in the Tully valley proving girls of the north know how to have fun! This continued on through to party night, when their dancing shoes came out!

Jake Jensen represented true FNFF style wearing thongs whilst jumping the whole event. He must have gotten some pointers from JJJ as he wore them with style and didn't lose one, unlike Travis who couldn't keep his for one jump! This didn't slow him down though teaming up with Si and Chantel to rip some sick vert and dessert jumps!

All while these epic jumps were going on 'The Hayden Galvin' was just getting massages...



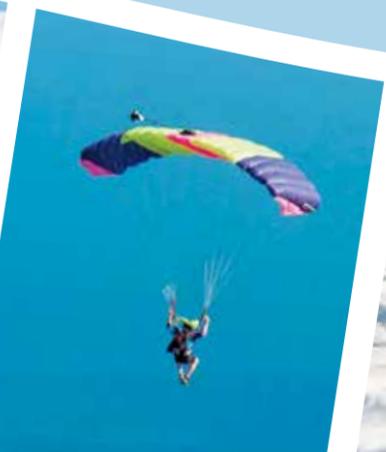
*"The visuals for both Dunk Island and Taylor Cay were spectacular!  
The water was so clear you could see fish from the air."*

Saturday ended with an epic jump onto Mission Beach. Pristine water, little wind and a special carton list for those who didn't land within 50m of the cross... too many to name! Luckily we still had belief in all the jumpers because next morning we were off early to Dunk Island.

After a crazy night of organising, Cay Day was on! And how was the weather - zero wind on both Dunk Island and Taylor Cay! There's about days a year like this and we jagged one of them. Mother Nature knew we were coming and presented the Very Special Cay! Four loads of 53 jumpers were last seen full frothing boarding planes to the Great Barrier Reef, the biggest FNFF has ever accommodated!

The visuals for both Dunk Island and Taylor Cay were spectacular! The water was so clear you could see fish from the air, so still you could see your reflection luckily as some needed to clean the sand off their faces from full scorpion face planting on landing... Si and Ashleigh. Everyone landed safely and the epic day continued. Some went snorkelling, some wake boarding, some just drank beer in the shallows. Once we were back at the DZ, FNFF saw one of the best parties it has seen in a while! Plenty of fresh cartons with plenty of smiling old and new faces enjoying the best club in Australia!

All in all, it was the most epic Cay Boogie, where everything came together to make it a very special 10 year anniversary.



*Huge thanks go out to:*

APF Fi Fund and the North Queensland Parachute Council for their financial support to lock in the best coaches ever! FNFF's best: Issy Dore, Kaaja Ashton, Mick Hardy. Pilots: Mark, Mike, George! The best skydiver chef ever: Fry. Paddy at All Beef Productions, Ben and Potter for their help! Coaches: Airwax Greg and Karine, Jake and Ashleigh, Hayden, and Kian on camera. Boaties: Brett, Wade, Terry, Damo, Mission Beach Dive and the Reef Goddess. Prize sponsors: NZ Aerosports, IFLY Downunder, UPT Vector, Dekunu, Cookie, Deem Flywear.

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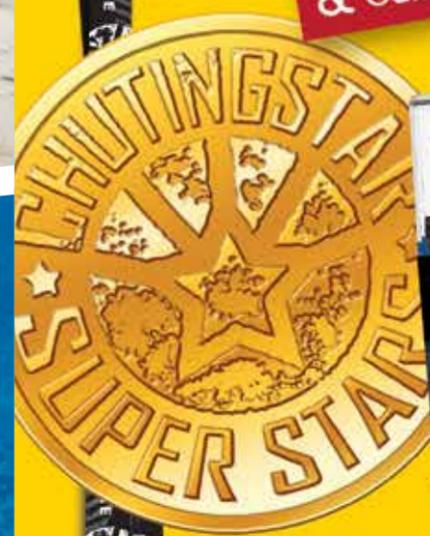
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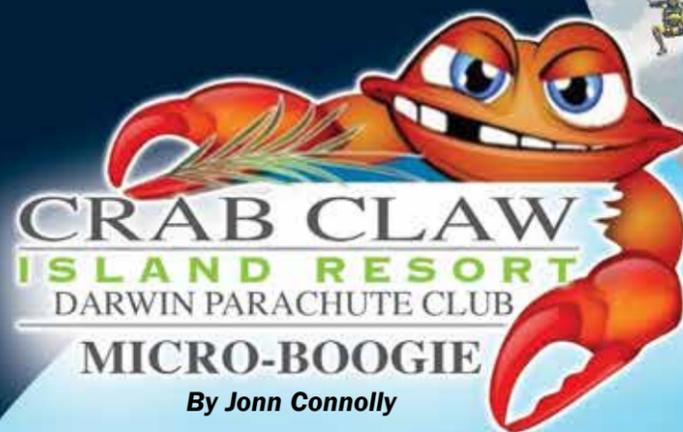
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## MICRO-BOOGIE

By Jonn Connolly



THE LEAD UP TO THE EVENT WAS VERY BUSY INDEED; LDO TREVOR COLLINS WAS FLAT OUT SUBMITTING THE DISPLAY AUTHORISATIONS TO THE APF AND SEEKING CLEARANCE FOR THE RAAF CONTROLLED AIRSPACE. MANY OF THE FUN JUMPERS WERE HURRIEDLY FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS FOR DISPLAY ENDORSEMENTS, WITH THE LOCALS COMING OFF A COUPLE OF MONTHS OF JUMPING EVERY WEEKEND DUE TO MULTIPLE CANOPY COURSE AND TRAINING EVENTS. JIM VELLA HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO BUILD A COUPLE OF BENCH SEATS ON HIS UTE TO TAXI JUMPERS BETWEEN THE RESORT AND AIRSTRIP; THE 400M JOURNEY COULD NOW BE MADE IN LUXURY. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO PUTTING THEIR FEET UP IN PARADISE.

Our mighty Cessna 206, VH-SIR, was flown across from Batchelor to bravely take on the short, tree-lined, dirt strip of Crab Claw Island Resort. As per the previous year the lift capacity was de-rated to four PAX to ensure we would make it off the ground. A huge thanks to our two pilots, Andrew Kreutner and Alex Priest, for manning up to the occasion and getting the noble steed above the tree line! To make things better there's even a bit of talk from these two about joining the dark side and doing their AFF (do it!).

So then the thought on everyone's mind was; "What do we do with four people and 12,000 feet?" ... pretty simple really; HEAD UP FOR DAYZZZZ! Definitely the flavour of the occasion, though add in some Dynamic flying, some Hybrids, a couple of Horny G's, Sit trains and a few Angles and it quickly became a multi-discipline altitude feast; the Club's experienced jumpers leading the way for an outrageously fun time in the sky.

DPC's favourite interstate party uncle, Red Ferguson, made the journey up to share his fishing tips and boogie with the crew. We were joined by a few other visitors this year including Canadian ninja Bri-Mo (who displayed impeccable timing with his visit to the NT), a couple of weapons Mad Skillz & Graney, and our long-lost brother Matty Steen was fresh back from a season of tandems in the USA... but the question remained "WHERE'S MOGO?!"

Monique and Rob lead the ground crew, with Ash and Chloe lending a hand, keeping up with the important task of making sure the eskies were stocked and iced before last load. It was a tough job, and as any good esky-minder knows; the only way to be sure that you're doing a good job is to do some temperature sampling over the day...



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# WA STATE SKYDIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PHOTOS AND GRABS BY BRUNO CHAGAS & ASH SAUNDERS

**THE FIRST DAY STARTED WITH ALL COMPETITORS ON THE MAT AT 7.30AM FOR A COMPETITION BRIEF FROM THE C.I., STAFF, COACHES AND JUDGES. THIS YEAR PROVED THAT WA COMPETITIVE SKYDIVING IS A GROWING FORCE, ONE WHICH DISPLAYED GREAT EXCITEMENT AMONGST A VERY HEALTHY NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS COMPARED TO THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING AN ARRAY OF EXPERIENCED WA COACHES IN MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES INVOLVED THIS YEAR, ALSO SPECIAL GUEST COACHES ALAN MOSS AND SONNICA VAN ZIJL, WHO BOTH FLEW OVER FROM EASTERN STATES, ALONG WITH NATIONAL JUDGING OFFICER, GAIL BRADLEY, FOR THE LONG WEEKEND EVENT HELD IN YORK.**

First up was the Formation 4-Way AA, Freestyle Open with 4-Way and 2-Way VFS later in the afternoon. The AA had five teams compete for the gold, and after six tight rounds TSE came out on top with FIFO a close second and Rumbolayo in third. The heat was on from the first round, finishing up with plenty of 9-point scores amongst the top three teams. TSE boys and Shirley celebrated on their victory, and charged pretty hard at the dungeon I believe.

What an amazing turn out for the VFS and artistic disciplines, record teams entered and new skill levels were at an all-time high. Team "Skyrunners" ran away with gold in the 4-Way VFS leaving "John Rumbo & the Good Hearts" and "4 Times the Charm" to eat a cloud of dirt as they smoked through, winning all four rounds of comp. Well done Skyrunners for finishing up on 38 points. The 2-Way VFS got started on Saturday and finished up Sunday morning to complete four rounds. Again, great efforts and results as the majority of teams had never flown as a team before. Team Tetris, having a leading advantage in this discipline, took gold with second and third place going to "Canpotamus" and "Little T". The Artistic event was a ripper! Super close rounds along with tied scores can only prove the benefits the iFly tunnel has had on our sport, especially in our state. "Team Super Awesome Ft. DC" and "Mel & Red's Excellent Adventure" tied on a whopping 17.1 with "Casio Kings" in for the bronze.

The 4-Way Blast brought some young, enthusiastic flyers eager to be involved and keen to get their groove on. The hype amongst the teams was tremendous and the preparation that the coaches put in on the ground really helped the team ethic and personal growth. As the final rounds were known, it was clear to see it was a close to call between "G4" and "Bals". There were some really great rounds for Blast, well done everyone.



Wingsuiting rounds were judged in Distance, Speed and Time. I am unsure who the participants names were or the final score. Sorry.

The atmosphere at York was electric all weekend, with skydivers from all DZs hanging out and having heaps of fun. OHHH the food was so GOOD, thanks to the awesome kitchen staff for providing so many meals and who also let us ring the BELL, so many times. The Dungeon got it's cobwebs blown as competitors celebrated in true WA style. Thanks for the memories!

With pleasure the WA State Parachute Council would like to thank the APF, Skydive York (especially the staff), Judges, Competitors, Coaches, Sponsors and all the people that made this the best State Meet in history, hosting the most competing teams ever held in a Western Australia State Meet Competition! WAPC would like to welcome our new Formation Judge, Karl Herber, well done mate. A huge thanks to our Area Judge, Peta Holmes, for all her hard work, mentoring and dedication to the sport.



**Some words from Sonnica Van Zijl:**

I had never been to York before (I know, I know, beer!) but I was hoping that it would live up to its impeccable reputation... turns out it did a little bit more than that, with a special WA twist.

I was absolutely blown away by the sheer number of participants across all disciplines. It was clear that WA was not only hungry for competition but also more than willing to bring the best skill level the West Coast had to offer to the championship table.

Freestyle seems to be more popular than ever these days and with five teams competing, it was exciting but not surprising when two of them took out first place!

Getting one 4-Way VFS team together is an achievement in itself... getting three, now that is something to celebrate! There should be a gold medal just for effort and I do hope to see this trend continue at future Australian National Championships. Both 2-Way VFS draws consisted of Mixed Formation Skydiving (MFS) Blocks and Randoms. For those who have never heard of MFS, it's Vertical Formation Skydiving (VFS) with a bit of back and belly thrown into the mix just to keep you from getting too bored with the high speeds. It introduces a whole new range everything from skill to enjoyment level and opens up endless possibilities for engineering each dive. What I like most about MFS is that it really bridges the old school 90s gap between traditional 'Freeflying' and 'Flatflying'... looks like we need each other after all.

Given the flexibility of the State Championships and the goals of promoting participation and exposure to competition, we were able to offer competitors a variety of options.

Surprisingly, 2-Way VFS Intermediate competitors opted to keep the MFS draw while 2-Way VFS Open competitors opted to strictly follow a VFS draw. At this point I have to thank the judges for being so flexible and fun, as well as the competitors for being so open-minded, challenging yourselves and taking on the road less travelled.

Congratulations to "Team Tetris" who took out the 2-Way VFS Intermediate with 22 points (doing an MFS draw). I hear all the competitors in this team were originally from a small drop zone in South Africa called Witbank, must be a special kind of breed.

Team "Good Sportz" took out Gold in the 2-Way VFS Open with 14 points.

I would like to thank the judges, competitors, the WA Parachute Council and most importantly manifest! Looking forward to what WA will bring to the National Skydiving Championships, brace yourself for a West cCast invasion!



**ARTISTIC EVENTS - FREESTYLE - OPEN**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Team Super Awesome Featuring DC	4.4	4.6	4.1	4.0	17.1
Mel & Reds Excellent Adventure	3.9	4.9	4.0	4.3	17.1
Casio Kings	3.9	4.8	3.5	3.5	15.7
State Meat	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.0	12.0
Airflow	3.0	1.4	2.8	3.0	10.2

**FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY - (BLAST) ROOKIE**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
G4	8	7	6	8	29
Bals	7	6	5	5	23
NGATM	4	2	3	1	10
Tomorrow's problems	3	2	2	0	7
Hashbrowns	3	2	2	0	7
Belly Bombers	0	0	0	0	0

**FORMATION SKYDIVING 4-WAY - AA**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
TSE	8	9	5	8	9	6	45
FIFO	7	9	5	9	9	3	42
Rumbolayo	3	9	6	6	8	6	38
It's All Relative	3	3	3	7	4	3	23
Kaos	6	1	2	2	6	3	20

**FORMATION SKYDIVING 8-WAY - INTER**

	1st	Total
In 1st Place	2	2
8 Skin	1	1

**VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING - INTERMEDIATE**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Skyrunners	14	4	12	8	38
John Rumbo & The Good Hearts	5	0	1	2	8
4 Times the Charm	2	1	0	1	4

**VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 2-WAY - INTER**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tetris	5	6	7	4	22
Canpotamus	1	2	3	1	7
Little "T"	0	2	0	0	2
Sky Potatoes	0	0	0	1	1

**VERTICAL FORMATION SKYDIVING 2-WAY - OPEN**

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Good Sportz	5	4	5	14
Airflow	3	1	1	5



# ON THE AIR

HAPPY SNAPS



## AIRLIE BEACH, NQ

A staff jump over Conway Beach to celebrate **DAVE GARRITY'S** 10,000th and to say see ya later to **JAMIE WEBSTER** who is moving on. Participants are Alan Moss, Dave Garrity, Jamie Webster, Michael Stevenson, Jackson Huntley, Sam Firth and Andrew Grego.  
Photos by Marco DeBoni



## HERVEY BAY, QLD

Jump pilot, **ARCHIE SINGH**, shot this picturesque in-flight photo over Pelican Banks.



## FUNNY FARM, QLD

**TOMMY SIERAKOWSKI** flying the Icarus Freestyle Wing, the "Anna", at one of the Funny Farm Freestyle Jams.



## JURIEN BAY, WA

Photos by Marco DeBoni



## LANGHORNE CREEK, SA

**BRYCE SELICK** swooping **VINCE JARVIS** in the water, at Miffland Swoop Pond, SA.  
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## FALLING HOOK, LINE & SINKER

**TM TIM HANSELL** from Tandem Cairns was lucky enough to do a display jump for the fishing TV program "Hook Line & Sinker", taking one of the hosts, **NICK DUIGAN**, in tandem onto a small sand cay about 40km off the coast from Cairns.



## JUMP PILOT AWARDED BRAVERY MEDAL

It is a very rare type of bravery to leave your pilots seat, take your hands off of the controls and hang your body half way out of the aircraft door to cut free a trapped skydiver who had become caught on the plane's wheel strut. Twenty five years ago **KEVIN HUGHES** was in that situation, hanging outside the aircraft as he tried desperately to free skydiver, **SUE COBB**, who was hanging by her booster, over Toogoolawah drop zone.



"I can remember the whole incident like it was yesterday. On this final flight of the day, a 4-Way was practising for the nationals and we were at 12,000ft, everything seemed normal so I gave the thumbs up, letting the parachutists know I was on the final run in. About 30 seconds later they exited the aircraft. I tilted the wing to make sure all chutes were clear and applied opposite rudder to take the slipstream off my starboard wing to allow the door to fall closed. I tried a further three times to apply opposite rudder to release the door and all of a sudden a skydiver came flying out from under the aircraft and started banging back up under the bottom of the plane.

I stopped for a few seconds and began planning how to carry out a mid-air rescue.

Firstly, I had to make sure she was conscious, otherwise if I did manage to free her and she couldn't deploy her chute then we have another major problem. I began thinking about making a May Day or Pan Call to Brisbane flight service and heading down to the Brisbane River, stalling the plane on the river with the water police divers ready to cut her free.

Once I maintained she was conscious and able to operate her parachute, I then worked out a plan to free her. I wasn't wearing a parachute myself and I was hoping that Sue's parachute did not deploy otherwise it would wrap around the tail plane and it would be curtains for both of us. So I removed my safety harness, climbed out of my seat and positioned myself on my knees beside my seat. I dropped the left hand wing slightly with a very small amount of nose down attitude then re-trimmed the aircraft. It took a few goes to place the aircraft in to a steady spiral decent. I then grabbed a knife out of a compartment in the aircraft and with one hand on a handle near the door I leant out on my belly, reached ¾ of the way down the wheel strut so I could start cutting the leg of her jumpsuit free.

I was in and out of the aircraft, trying to cut Sue free then back in and re-trimming the aircraft to maintain my steady descent. A couple of times I thought we were gone however "we were looked after that day". It took me about 15-20 mins to free her, during which time the aircraft had gone from 12,000ft to 5,000ft.

I finally cut her free and she descended right over the drop zone with her chute deployed.

I immediately returned to my seat, gained control of the aircraft and returned for a landing.

When I taxied in I was greeted by a very grateful parachutist who came limping over and gave me a cuddle and wouldn't let me go."

## FALLING FREE AND FLYING FREE

Did you ever wonder what became of **Cathy Williamson** after her skydiving adventures in "Falling Free"?

By Kelly Brennan

The book captured the young teacher's first three years of skydiving among the Aussie pioneers, culminating in her journey to the 1964 WPC in Germany and her reflections after the event in a share flat in London. The following year, she became Cathy Burrow with her marriage to Keith, a union that's lasted for more than 50 years.

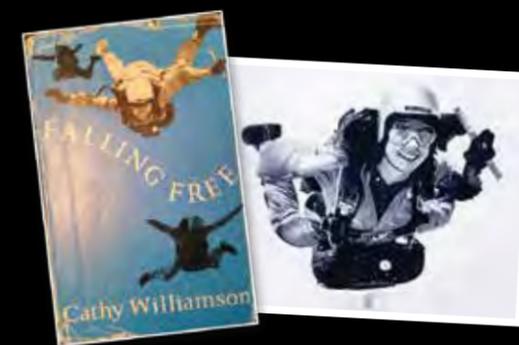
That first Aussie team finished 'near the bottom of the score sheet' but Cathy enjoyed some moments on the podium during the next 13 years of skydiving adventures around the world. She won the PNG overall championships in 1971 and the British Womens Championships in 1973.

She was also a parachuting instructor in the late 60s, while living in Papua New Guinea. "I was an instructor in POM (Port Moresby) at the time Graham Windsor and Bruce Towers and other long-term jumpers began their skydiving careers," she said.

Cathy and Keith took up flying and pursued their aviation dreams across several countries. At one point, Cathy cleaned floors and answered phones in return for flying time. She went on to do a range of flying work including surveillance flights, night cargo jobs and long-distance ferries, as well as three years of passenger flights in the Central Pacific. "These were our halcyon years, flying between far flung atolls over a vast ocean with nothing to hit but the water," she said.

Cathy wasn't keen to look in the rear vision mirror, but she said skydiving had enriched her life and forged enduring friendships. Nowadays, Cathy Burrow is a grandmother of two who lives a quieter life between her home in Cairns and family in Perth. At 77, she's never pursued knitting or cooking to fill her time. "I have continued studying and reading in French, and started Spanish more recently, in addition to yoga and the usual 10,000 daily steps recommended by exercise gurus," she says. "Much to Keith's disgust and horror I also like dabbling in the sharemarket. Not always successfully."

They still travel, albeit in more comfort nowadays. "In spite of our advancing years and shrinking horizons we are lucky enough to say we have no regrets. And much to be grateful for."



*"And still there remained a hope in life - for where there is an aircraft, a parachute and a place to land, there is always the joy of FALLING FREE."*

Cathy Williamson, in *Falling Free*, 1965.





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\*Some members have commented that a few of these Club records are not accurate. We can only print what we're told. Please contact Kim Hardwick at the APF if you find any inaccuracies.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

### DARWIN PARACHUTE CLUB INC.

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GPO Box 3114, Darwin, NT 0801  
Club Ph: 0412 442 745. DZ Ph: 08 8976 0036  
Email: skydive@skydiveterritory.com.au  
Web: skydiveterritory.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Bachelor Airfield**  
Aircraft: Cessna 206

### SKYDIVE ULURU

Tandem only. Chief Instructor: Sam McKay  
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Club/DZ Ph: 0450 337 951  
Email: skydiveayersrock@gmail.com  
Web: skydiveuluru.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Ayers Rock Resort**  
Aircraft: GA8 Airvan, Cessna 206

### TOP END TANDEMS

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Club/DZ Ph: 0417 888 645  
Email: topendtandems@gmail.com  
Web: topendtandems.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Lee Point Beach, Darwin**  
Aircraft: Cessna 182

## QUEENSLAND - NORTH

### ALTITUDE SKYDIVE

Non-training organisation  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2520  
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Email: info@skydive.com.au

**Web: skydive.com.au/**

### Drop Zone Location: Mission Beach

### FAR NORTH FREEFALL INC

Non-training organisation. Licence holders (Cert B+)  
PO Box 1058, Tully, Qld 4854  
Club Ph: 0428 420 500  
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**Drop Zone Location: Tully Aerodrome**

### SKYDIVE AIRLIE BEACH

Tandem only  
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Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/airlie-beach

**Drop Zone Location: Whitsunday Airport, Shute Harbour**

Aircraft: GA8 Airvan, Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE CAIRNS

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Max Motzo  
PO Box 105, Cairns North, Qld 4870  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/cairns

**Drop Zone Location: Edmonton and Cairns**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, GA8 Airvan

### SKYDIVE CAPRICORN

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Lloyd Cofield  
29 Agnes St, The Range, Qld 4700  
Club Ph: 0429 044 224  
Email: skydivecapricorn@icloud.com  
Web: skydivecapricorn.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Hedlow Airfield, between Yeppoon and Rockhampton**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna 185

### SKYDIVE MISSION BEACH

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Steve Lewis  
PO Box 105, Cairns North, Qld 4870  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/mission-beach

**Drop Zone Location: Tully Aerodrome and Mission Beach**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, GA8 Airvan

### SKYDIVE THE WHITSUNDAYS

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Jonny Goss  
PO Box 226, Milperra, NSW 2214

Club Ph: 0414 566 697  
Email: support@airliebeachskydivers.com.au  
Web: airliebeachskydivers.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Bowen Aerodrome an Queens Beach**  
Aircraft: Cessna 182

### SKYDIVE TOWNSVILLE

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Alan Moss  
PO Box 1786, Townsville, Qld 4810  
Club Ph: 07 4721 4721. DZ Ph: 0412 889 154  
Email: info@skydivetownsville.com.au  
Web: skydivetownsville.com

**Drop Zone Location: The Strand, Townsville and Ayr Airport**

Aircraft: Cessna 182

### TANDEM CAIRNS

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Adam Davies  
PO Box 753, Bungalow, Qld 4870  
Club Ph: 07 4015 2466. Fax: 07 4041 7724  
Email: support@tandemcairns.com.au  
Web: tandemcairns.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Innisfail Airport**

Aircraft: Cresco XL, de Havilland Beaver, Cessna Caravan 208, Cessna 182, Cessna 185

## QUEENSLAND - SOUTH

### AUSTRALIAN PARARESCUE TEAM

Non-training organisation  
PO Box 86, Southport, Qld 4215  
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Email: paulweir56@yahoo.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Robina**

### FUNNY FARM (FUNFAR)

Non-training organisation  
9479 Meandarra Talwood Road, Bungunya, Qld 4494  
Ph: 0429 630 897  
Email: mulckey@gmail.com  
Web: www.funnyfarmaustralia.com

**Drop Zone Location: Bungunya**

### GOLD COAST SKYDIVE PTY LTD

Tandem only.  
Chief Instructor: Archie Jamieson  
PO Box 332, Coolangatta, Qld 4225  
Club/DZ Ph: 07 5599 1920. Fax: 07 5599 1921.  
Email: info@goldcoastskydive.com.au  
Web: goldcoastskydive.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Kirra Beach and Len Peak Oval**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, PA-31-350 Navajo Chieftain

### LEARN TO SKYDIVE

AFF/Tunnel, Tandem.  
Chief Instructor: Roger Mulckey  
Club/DZ Ph: 07 5536 6077.  
Email: info@learntoskydive.net  
Web: learntoskydive.net

**Drop Zone Location: Tweed River Jockey Club, Murwillumbah**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, PA-31-350 Navajo Chieftain

### RAMBLERS PARACHUTE CENTRE

AFF, SFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
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Club Ph: 07 5423 1159  
Email: skydive@ramblers.com.au  
Web: www.ramblers.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Toogoolawah**

Aircraft: 2x Cessna Caravan 208, Cessna 182

### SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA BRISBANE

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: John Cook  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2500  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: Web: skydive.com.au/brisbane

**Drop Zone Location: Suttons Beach, Redcliffe**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE BRIBIE ISLAND

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Luke Oliver  
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Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydivebribie.com.au  
Web: skydivebribie.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Caboolture Airport (Ops Centre), Bribie Island beaches**

Aircraft: Cessna 206

### SKYDIVE FRASER ISLAND

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Wayne McLachlan  
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Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydiveforfun.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Rainbow Beach**

Aircraft: Cessna 182 (Super)

### SKYDIVE HERVEY BAY

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Pete Agnew  
PO Box 7441, Hervey Bay, QLD 4655  
Ph: 0458 064 703  
Email: bookings@skydiveherveybay.com.au  
Web: www.skydiveherveybay.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Hervey Bay beaches, Bunya Creek and Fraser Island**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE NOOSA

AFF, SFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Wayne McLachlan  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2520  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/noosa

**Drop Zone Location: Coolum Beach and Bli Bli**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna Caravan 208

### SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND SKYDIVERS INC

Non-training organisation. Licence holders  
23 Highclare Court, Little Mountain, Qld 4551  
Club Ph: 0421 159 987  
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### SUNSHINE COAST SKYDIVERS

AFF, Tandem and Licence holder  
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PO Box 1079, Caloundra, Qld 4551  
Club Ph: 07 5437 0211  
Email: bookings@sunshinecoastskydivers.com.au  
Web: sunshinecoastskydivers.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Caloundra Airport and local beaches**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

### TOOGOO LAH SKYDIVERS CLUB INC.

Non-training organisation. Licence holders  
40 Sword St, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102  
Club Ph: 0418 154 119  
Email: bennord@ozemail.com.au  
Web: tsc.skytix.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Toogoolawah**

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### ADRENALIN SKYDIVE

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Matt Chambers  
PO Box 844, Goulburn, NSW 2580  
Club Ph: 02 9042 2000  
Email: bookings@askydiver.com.au

**Web: askydiver.com.au**

**Drop Zone Location: Goulburn Airport**

Aircraft: Bandeirante EMB-110P1, Cessna 182F

### AIRBORNE SUPPORT SERVICES

Non-training organisation (Military)  
11 Yanderra Road, Tapitallee, NSW 2540  
Ph: 0487 505 800. Fax 02 4421 5107.  
Email: shep@airbornesupportservices.com

**Drop Zone Location: Nowra Airport**

### COFFS CITY SKYDIVERS

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Lawrence Hill  
PO Box 4208, Coffs Harbour, NSW 2450  
Club Ph: 02 6651 1167. Fax: 02 6651 1094  
Email: jump@coffsskydivers.com.au  
Web: coffsskydivers.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Coffs Harbour Airport**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna 206

### IFLY DOWNUNDER – PENRITH

Non-training organisation. (Wind tunnel only)  
123 Mulgoa Rd, Penrith, NSW 2750  
Club Ph: 1300 366 364  
Email: info@ifly.com.au  
Tunnel Location: Penrith

### NEWCASTLE SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Mark Brody  
PO Box 158, Branxton, NSW 2335  
DZ Ph: 02 4938 1040. Email: enquiry@nspc.net.au  
Web: skydivenewcastle.com

**Drop Zone Location: Moores Lane, Elderslie**

Aircraft: PAC 750 XL, Cessna 208, DHC-2/A1 Beaver

### SKYDIVE AUSTRALIA NEWCASTLE

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Bill Tuddenham  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2500  
Ph: 1300 663 634  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/newcastle

**Drop Zone Location: Lake Macquarie Airport**

Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE BYRON BAY

Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Joe Stein  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2500  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/byron-bay

**Drop Zone Location: Tyagerah Airfield**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208

### SKYDIVE CENTRAL COAST

Non-training organisation  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2520  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/central-coast

**Drop Zone Location: Warnervale Airport**

### SKYDIVE HUNTER VALLEY

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Byron (Paul) Smith  
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Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/hunter-valley

**Drop Zone Location: Whittingham Airfield**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, Cessna 206, Cessna 182

### SKYDIVE OZ

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Paul (Poo) Smith  
PO Box 925, Moruya, NSW 2537  
Club Ph 1300 185 180  
Email: fun@skydiveoz.com.au  
Web: skydiveoz.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Moruya Airfield, Moruya Beach and Trangie NSW**

Aircraft: GA8-TC Airvan 320, Cessna 185

### SKYDIVE SYDNEY-WOLLONGONG

Tandem only  
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PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2500  
Ph: 1300 663 634  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/sydney-wollongong

**Drop Zone Location: Stuart Park, North Wollongong**

Aircraft: Cessna Caravan 208, Cessna 182

### SKYDIVING NSW DROP ZONE

Tandem only. Chief Instructor: Mark Brody  
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Club Ph: 0418 730 741.  
Email: skydivingsw@bigpond.com

**Drop Zone Location: Taree Airport**

Aircraft: Cessna 182

### SYDNEY SKYDIVERS

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Chief Instructor: Cindi Hemmila  
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Club Ph: 02 9791 9155. DZ Ph: 02 4630 9265  
Email: support@sydneysskydivers.com.au  
Web: sydneysskydivers.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Picton**

Aircraft: PAC 750 XL, Cessna 208, DHC-2/A1 Beaver

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### ADELAIDE TANDEM SKYDIVING

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
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Club Ph: 08 8261 4161. DZ Ph: 08 8520 2660  
Email: info@adelaideskydiving.com.au  
Web: adelaideskydiving.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Lower Light, Rowland Flat and Clare Valley Aerodrome**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, Cessna 206

### COASTAL SKYDIVE SA

Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Mark Gazley  
PO Box 333, Glenelg, SA 5045  
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Email: jump@coastalskydive.com.au

Web: coastalskydive.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Goolwa Airfield, Aldinga Airfield and Semaphore Beach**

Aircraft: Cessna 182, PAC Fletcher FU-24-950

### SA SKYDIVING OPS

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Greg Smith  
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Club/DZ Ph: 08 8272 7888  
Email: admin@saskydiving.com.au  
Web: saskydiving.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Langhorne Creek Airfield**

Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna 182

### SKYDIVE THE SOUTHERN VINES

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Mark Pincombe  
51 Anderson Rd, Bridgewater, SA 5155  
Club/DZ Ph: 0455 266 880  
Email: jump@skydivethesouthernvines.com.au  
Web: skydivethesouthernvines.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Leconfield Wines (McLaren Vale)**

Aircraft: Cessna 206G

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB INC

Non-training organisation. Licence holders  
PO Box 884, North Adelaide, SA 5006  
Email: saspc.committee@gmail.com  
Web: https://www.saspc.asn.au/  
**Drop Zone Location: No fixed DZ**

## VICTORIA / TASMANIA

### AUSTRALIAN SKYDIVE

Non-training. Licence holders only  
PO Box 839, Torquay, Vic 3228  
Ph: 1800 557 101  
Email: info@australianskydive.com.au  
Web: australianskydive.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Tiger Moth World Torquay**

Aircraft: Cessnas 182, 206 and Caravan 208

### AUSTRALIAN SKYDIVE - TORQUAY

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Chief Instructor: Ralph Hamilton-Presgrave  
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Club Ph: 1800 557 101. DZ Ph: 0402 467 253  
Email: info@australianskydive.com.au  
Web: australianskydive.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Tiger Moth World Torquay**

Aircraft: Cessnas 182, 206 and Caravan 208

### COMMANDO SKYDIVERS INCORPORATED

AFF, SFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
Chief Instructor: Craig Trimble  
Club Ph: 1300 555 956  
Email: info@commandoskydivers.com.au  
Web: commandoskydivers.com.au

**Drop Zone Location: Latrobe Regional Airport and Phillip Island Airport**

Aircraft: GA8 TC 320 Airvan

### RELWORKERS UNLIMITED INCORPORATED

Non-training organisation. Licence holders  
7 Akers Court, Darley, Vic 3340  
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Email: relworkers@relworkers.org  
Web: jump.relworkers.org

**Drop Zone Location: No fixed DZ**

### SKYDIVE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

AFF, Tandem and Licence holders  
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Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/great-ocean-road

**Drop Zone Location: Barwon Heads Airfield**

Aircraft: Cessna 206, Cessna 182, PAC750 XL

### SKYDIVE MELBOURNE (STBM)

Tandem only  
Chief Instructor: Cody Bekkerus  
PO Box 5361, Wollongong, NSW 2500  
Ph: 1300 663 634. Fax: 1300 338 803  
Email: info@skydive.com.au  
Web: skydive.com.au/melbourne

**Drop Zone Location: Moran Reserve at St Kilda**

Aircraft: Cessna 206, PAC750 XL

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