



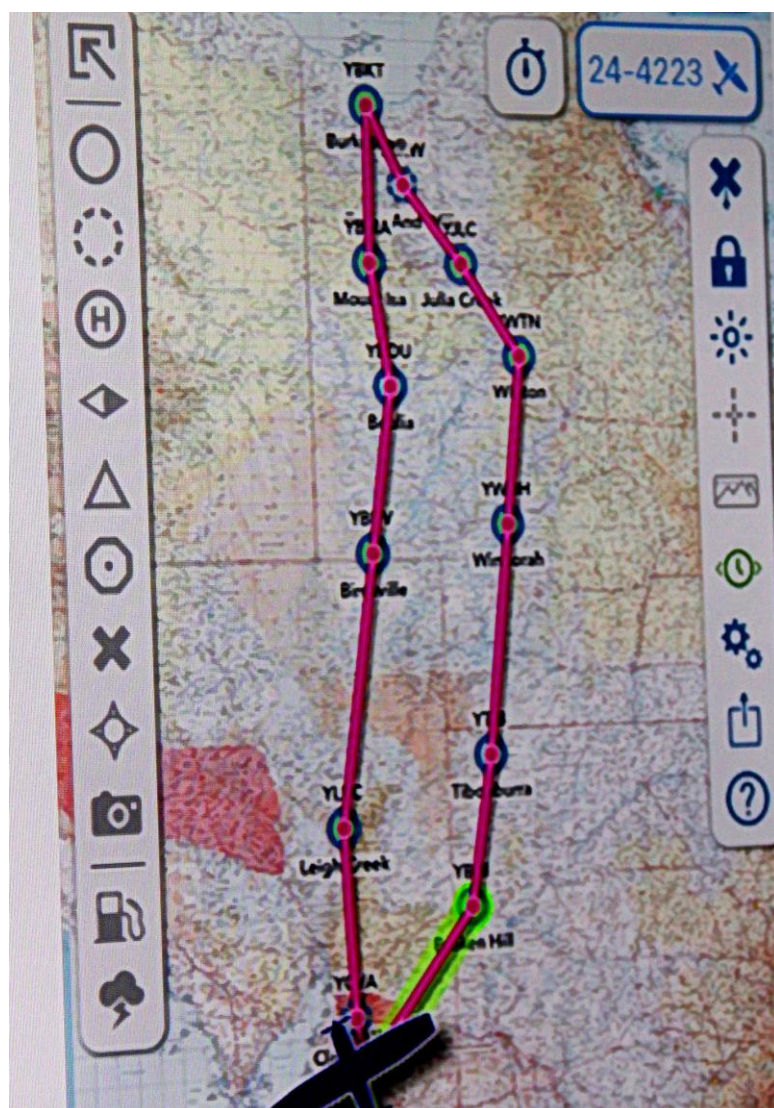
# ASC e-News

*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club*      **1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2023.**

As promised – here are some of the details of the Peter Brooks trip to Burketown on the Gulf of Carpentaria for which he won the Darrel Ingham Trophy. One of the reasons for the flight was to have a look at the famous cloud formation – THE MORNING GLORY. The trick is to be there to be at the right time. Peter didn't quite make it but the photos give us a very good idea. Also – The Wedding of the year. Louise and Matthew.

Karl Faeth

## DARREL INGHAM TROPHY



This prize is for the **Most Meritorious Flight** in a recreational aircraft. The Awards Sub-committee gathers information for a recommendation and the President makes a final decision.

The award is usually presented by Sue Ingham.

This year the prize was awarded to Peter Brooks who flew his Allegro 24-4223 from Gawler to Burketown on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

This is a huge flight with numerous very famous destinations like Leigh Creek, Birdsville and Mount Isa.

On the way back it was Julia Creek, Winton, Windorah, Tibooburra, Broken Hill and back to Gawler.

Australia is truly a huge country with a very large unpopulated area and to be able to fly over it is a very unique experience.

It was two days flying – each way and not to forget BURKE & WILLS along the way.



## THE MORNING GLORY OF THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA

The Morning Glory of the Gulf of Carpentaria is a spectacular visible manifestation of atmospheric solitary waves propagating in a deep maritime inversion layer. Roll clouds of this type result when moist air from near the surface is lifted above the condensation level along the leading edge of the advancing wave. The cloud formation does not propagate with the wave even though it appears to do so. Cloud elements are continuously created along the leading edge of the wave and dissolve along the trailing edge as air parcels descend below the condensation level. Thus, Morning Glory cloud formations appear to roll backwards. Despite their awesome appearance, Morning Glory cloud formations seldom produce rain.

The area in the neighbourhood of Burketown is unique in that it is the only known location where phenomena of this type can be seen with any reliability. The disturbance occurs most frequently near dawn during the period from late August to mid-November. Waves are often observed to occur over several days in succession. Morning Glories are usually accompanied by one or more strong wind squalls associated with each individual solitary wave in the disturbance. Northeasterly Morning Glory roll cloud formations usually disintegrate rapidly under the influence of convection as the disturbance moves inland from the Gulf. The disturbance then continues to propagate over northwestern Queensland, often for distances of more than 200 kilometres, as a clear-air wind squall.

The story of the Morning Glory



Out-landing options are NOT great. Mud flats and crocodiles!!!!





Early morning starts are a must. Bit hard to see the take-off speed though.



Here is what the Morning Glory looks like.

## WEDDING OF THE YEAR

This event is really extraordinary. It is the wedding of two of our club members, Louise Millington and Matthew Johns. You may well say, Yes, nice, but so what. Well read on.

Louise and Matthew first met at Primary School when they were both about 5 years of age. Then of course they went their own different ways until about 4 years ago when they met up again and sparks flew. And so, about 53 years after they first met at school they decided to become husband and wife.

Now a bit of background. Louise has a special affinity with South Africa and Tanzania. Over the years she has visited on a number of occasions and thought that Matthew may well find the area of great interest, as well. They had their own guide and enjoyed an amazing safari. Louise took about 7,000 photos and her descriptions of the sights and the animals are just incredible. One can just imagine sleeping in a tent with elephants strolling by and lions roaring in close proximity. WOW.

With that background, they made the decision to be married, not in an office, but in a Masai village. This obviously took some arranging with officials needing to be present to ensure the nuptials were legal. The other feature of the occasion was that such an event had never before been arranged in a Masai village.

The ceremony occurred on the 29<sup>th</sup> August in Nimali Camp in Tanzania in a remote part of the Tarangir National Park. The only guests were two Tanzanian officials for the legal side of the event and of course the whole Masai tribe were very eager to be present and dressed in their Masai finest. The Masai were so excited to be involved in the event because this was the first occasion ever that a white couple had married in a Masai village. Louise obviously had a very special place in their hearts as she was able to speak in the local Swahili language. This was of course greatly welcomed in the local school when visiting with the children.

Louise has many photographs of the various events and amazing close contacts with the animals. It is just fascinating and spell binding to hear her speak about this event. She has offered some photos of the ceremony and the eager participation of the whole Masai tribe.







The official signing. Matthew had the option of having 5 wives but decided to put a line through the additional 4 options to Louise's relief.



An official greeting line. Note the spectacular head and neck dresses.





Louise says the temperature was about 35 degrees daily. Here is the happy couple walking through a Guard of Honour—of Masai warriors holding their spears. Note the red roses. No one could explain how they appeared at such a remote and dry part of Tanzania.

#### GAWLER INFO



If you are at the 13 end – keep a good lookout. A herd of kangaroos are resident there.

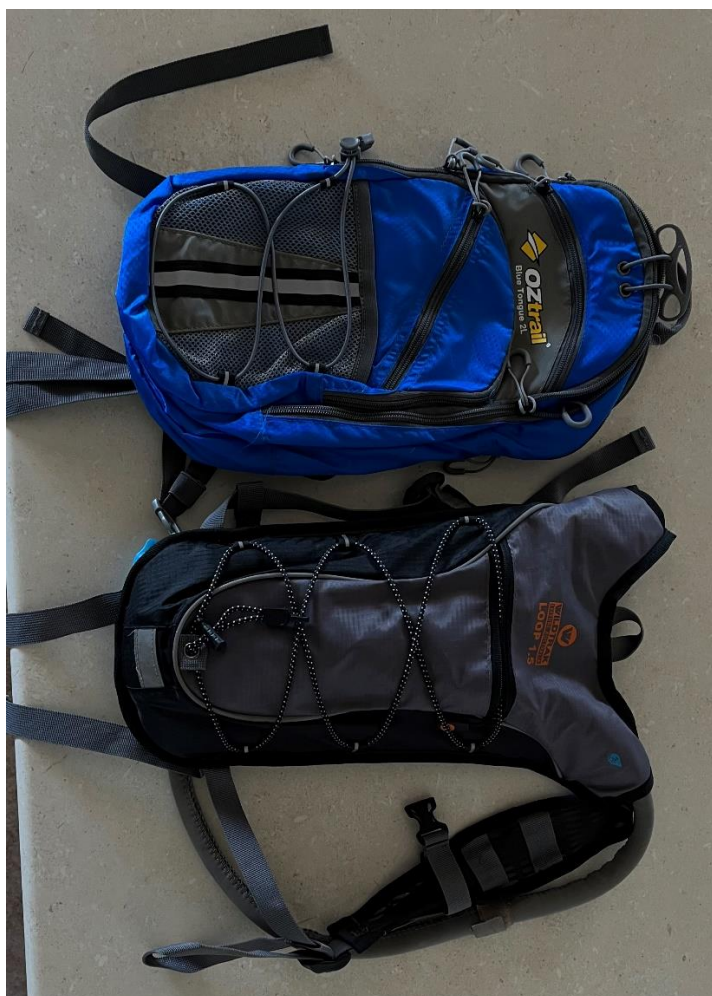


## ROADWORKS



Members will be very pleased to see the official upgrading of our roads at our Gawler airfield. Very well done, Thank you Tom Leech.

## LOST AND FOUND



As advised previously, a number of items are located around the airfield and some in aircraft, that we cannot put a name too.

Eventually the items find their way to the office, waiting for the owner/s to claim them.

The latest additions, and they are obviously owned by ASC members, are hydration packs – very necessary as the summer is approaching.

Please collect them.

## FRIDAY MORNING TEA



I received a summons the other day to be at Gawler for Morning Tea. I was very lucky to have been awarded a President's Citation for doing a bit of work around the club. As I was unable to be present at the AGM due to a family commitment, our President, Megan, very kindly arranged a morning tea to present me with the award. I am very grateful to be the recipient.

As it happened, someone found out that Friday was my birthday as well, so Megan organised a birthday cake and it was Happy Birthday. Beautifully done.



The same morning was obviously an ideal occasion for Geoff Wood to Present the GALAH Award to Richard Young. All members present thought the recipient was a very fitting choice and he was obviously very happy to receive it..





Attendees at the Morning Tea and a glimpse of the lovely food provided by Megan.

## TWO GOLF BUGGIES – AIRSIDE ONLY



We've recently purchased a second golf buggy to help with the gliding operation. It's currently in the workshop waiting for the addition of a tow bar. Unlike our current buggy, this one was registered. After transferring the registration, I thought maybe we should register our other buggy. After searching every area on the buggy that I could get to, I couldn't find any VIN or engine number anywhere. This left me with fears of having to take the buggy to Regency Park for identification purposes which was enough for me to put it in the too hard basket.

The dilemma: Our entrance road, car park and caravan parking areas are deemed public access areas, so in theory any vehicle that is driven in these areas must be registered. Makes sense. Once a vehicle is registered



and is driven in these areas then the driver must have a class C license. Also makes sense. This would mean that we can't let some of our unlicensed youth drive the golf buggies in those areas. Doh! Bummer.

Now that we have 1 registered buggy and 1 that is not, the Training Panel and Committee have agreed that the golf buggies are not to be driven in the public access areas. They are to be used airside only. Airside is not a public access area. This will eliminate any potential confusion with knowing which buggy is registered or having to have a driver's licence etc.

We will be putting a sign up in the buggies to remind our members of this.

So please remember that no one is to drive either of the golf buggies on our entrance road, car park or caravan park areas. They are for use in the operational areas only.

FYI our tractor and our ride on mower are registered.

Thanks everyone.

Cheers,

Tom Leech

## SPIN TRAINING



LSA Pilots have been strongly advised to do a bit of glider flying in order to experience the excitement of entering and more importantly – how to recover – from a spin. Ideally this flight should be done with an experienced glider instructor who can give a detailed explanation of the procedure.

As it happens, RAAus are placing much more emphasis on unusual flight attitude recovery in the training syllabus for students. This is no doubt due to the training programs for LSA students to be a bit more closely related to that of G.A. pilots.

Here is LSA Senior Instructor Ian McDonald taking a “**Spin Flight**” with Robin Richter. Our Vice President, Steve Miranda, was on hand to ensure all the pre flight procedures were carried out correctly, harnesses fitted and a safe launch carried out.

By all accounts, it was a safe and successful flight.



## THE NEW COMMITTEE



As everyone knows, the AGM has been held, prizes have been awarded and the new Committee elected. At the next Committee meeting following the AGM, office holders were appointed.

These are the official office holders and your Committee.

President Tony LEWIS (on the left)

Vice President Steve Miranda (above)

Secretary Ali SWART

Treasurer Steve PEGLER

CFI GLIDING Paul MARSHALL

CFI LSA Sue INGHAM

Airfield Manager Tom LEECH

COMMITTEE; Megan GABELL, Josh BROWN, Brian RAU, Bridgette McALLISTER and new on the Committee is Bradley LEKSAS

There was a very **Special Thank You** to Megan Gabell for all the hard work and extraneous tasks she initiated during her term as President and is intending to continue as a member of the Committee.

There was also a *special welcome* to new members to the ASC.

Jarryd THIEL, John BISBAL, Arshnoor SINGH, Jason SKELLY, Preeti SAROA.

## COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

### ASC WEBSITE

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**ASC MEMBERS**

[members@adelaidesoaring.org.au](mailto:members@adelaidesoaring.org.au)

For members to post items relating to club matters. Members can opt out.

**FACEBOOK**

The ASC has a Facebook page and a club Facebook group.

**ASC E-NEWS**

Information about club and member activities. Usually monthly.

**COMMITTEE**

Meets monthly. Minutes are posted on Notice Boards.