



MBGC Update
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Weather Forecast – 22/23/24 October

Situation - A high pressure system in the Tasman Sea will move slowly eastwards. A trough of low pressure will develop over the Bight, reaching western Victoria on Friday and crossing the rest of the State on Saturday. A high pressure system will then develop over the Bight later Saturday and move to near Adelaide on Sunday.

Friday - Becoming cloudy. Isolated showers developing during the afternoon and evening. Winds northeasterly averaging 15 to 25 km/h tending north to northwesterly up to 35 km/h around midday.

Saturday - Cloudy. Isolated showers until late afternoon. The chance of thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening. Winds westerly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times, tending south to southwesterly up to 25 km/h by early evening.

Sunday - Becoming cloudy. Isolated showers in the afternoon and evening. Light winds.

Operations

Fri 22 October – Duty Instructor – Mark Bland

Sat 23 October – Duty Instructor – Ian Cohn

Sun 24 October – Duty Instructors – Mark Bland and Steve Bradbury

Instructors November – Instructors **Mark Bland** and **Ian Cohn** will be unavailable from Monday 1st November to Wednesday 17th November. For flying during this period contact **Mike Pobjoy** on 02 6059 1417. If Mike is not available as duty instructor, only pilots with a current Independent Operations endorsement in their logbook will be able to fly. Independent Operations endorsements expire after one year.

Bathurst GC Instructor **Ray Humphrey** has volunteered to be available as a duty instructor for the 6th and 7th of November. He will be at Mt Beauty on 23/24 October to “learn the ropes”. Please give him all possible assistance while he is here.

Latest VNC – An extract from the latest Melbourne VNC has been posted on the MBGC website. Check it out and make sure that you do not violate controlled airspace while flying around Mt Beauty.

Check the Winch Fuel Status – Winch drivers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that there is enough fuel for the launch. Launch failure due to fuel exhaustion is dangerous and is not acceptable.

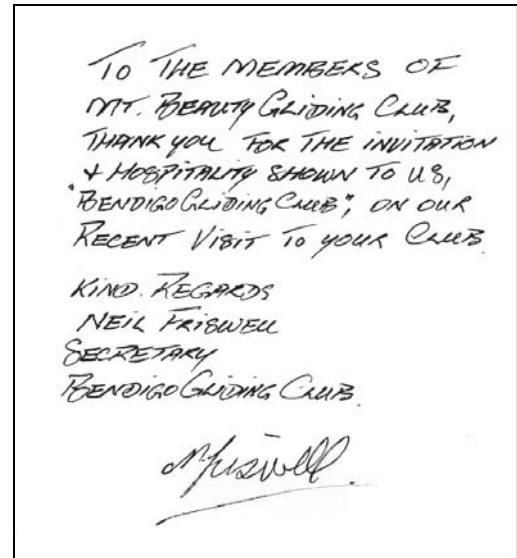
Aeronautical Radio Qualifications – To use an aviation transceiver, pilots are required to be qualified and have a log-book endorsement. A good first step is to download the “Airways and Radio Procedures for Pilots”, issue 5, June 2010, from <http://2009.gfa.org.au/Docs/ops/airradio.pdf>. Work your way through that, and then any instructor can issue the endorsement after a short examination.

Summer Time - Time to switch the brain into summer mode, water, sun screen, maps, hats, energy food. This means drinking water even if you are just doing ground work. You need to hydrate prior to flying. If you are drinking because you are thirsty you maybe a little late in your re-hydration process. (From VMFGs “Glide Angle”).

Member News

Migratory glider pilot **Andy Smith** is due to turn up around 25th of October having wintered in the UK.

Bendigo Club Visit – Bendigo members visited from Friday 8th October to Sunday 10th October. A letter of appreciation has been received as follows.



Barossa Valley Gliding Club Visit

Jim Mullan of the Barossa Valley Gliding Club has advised that “We will be arriving on Friday the 22nd and be keen to start flying on Saturday. At this stage there will be 5 members of the Barossa Valley Gliding Club and we will be bringing a Boomerang. We plan to stay till the following Friday”.

Please make our visitors welcome. We understand that they are all senior glider pilots. However, they will need a familiarisation with the area and assistance with learning the ins and outs of Mt Beauty operations.

On The Internet

Outlandings - Graham Garlick from GCV ran a VSA outlanding seminar recently. The text of his presentation can be found on the GCV site at: www.glidingclub.org.au/club/docs/OUTLANDING.pdf.

New Weather Maps - In June the BoM introduced its new numerical model and at the same time provided new interactive weather maps and charts that allow you to look up to 7 days ahead.

VMFG's Robert Hart has been using these tools as part of the input to his regular gliding forecast. He has written a short article about the basic charts, also covering some (necessary) theory in a basic fashion for geopotential heights and jet streams. The article is at <http://the-white-knight-speaks.blogspot.com/>

Diary

17th October 2010 - AE and SB crewed to fly the ASW-19. Total flight time was 3:08 from 2 launches. A steady NW breeze under 8 octas cloud gave ridge lift to 3,800 ft.



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Send your contributions to the Update Editor – Ian Cohn at glideatmtbeauty@mtbeauty.com