



MBGC Update
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Weather Forecast – 9-10 July

Situation

A low pressure system south of New Zealand is combining with a high to the south of W.A. to bring a vigorous west to south westerly airstream over Victoria. Further cold fronts will affect the state over coming days. A front will cross the state on Sunday. The high pressure system will then move slowly eastwards to ridge across the Bight on Monday.

Saturday 9 July

Cloudy. Scattered showers, more frequent in the east. Isolated snow showers above 1100 metres. Winds west to north westerly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 35 km/h at times.

Sunday 10 July

Cloudy. Showers developing during the morning, becoming less widespread later in the evening. Showers falling as snow at times above 1200 metres. Winds westerly averaging 20 to 30 km/h, reaching 45 km/h at times, tending west to northwesterly up to 50 km/h during the morning.

Roster – 9-10 July

Saturday – Duty Instructor – Ian Cohn (0408 379 939)

Sunday - Duty Instructor – Andrew Evans (0418 377 146)

President's Epistle

Financial Assistance Policy - Junior Training Program

The Junior Pilots' Financial Assistance Policy has been rolled out with the first subsidies of \$1 per \$1 spent on flying fees up to \$240 maximum for 2011 being credited to eligible junior pilots flying accounts. The next payments will be made after 31 December 2011.

Cross County theory course at GCV - MBGC members Steve Bradbury, Bernie Hochwimmer and Andrew Evans attended a Cross County flying theory course at GCV Benalla last weekend. The very comprehensive course was conducted by Graham Garlick and Tim Shirley of GCV and was aimed at pilots ready to attempt their Gold "C" badge, or those wishing to brush up on their XC flying skills. The first day focussed on meteorology for glider pilots and the second day covered XC flying techniques. A follow-up practical XC flying course will be conducted at GCV in November 2011 where participants will attempt tasks up to 300km.

VSA AGM and Presidents' meeting - I will be attending this meeting at GCV Benalla on 9 July 2011 on behalf of MBGC members and will report on the proceedings through this newsletter. Please advise if you have any issues you wish me to take to this meeting.

Winter flying - Don't presume that gliding has ceased because there is snow on the hills. Members are regularly flying mid week and weekends during the winter. Now that I am a semi retired gent I fly on Fridays and Sundays if I can round up a crew of like minded hardy individuals when the weather is suitable. Any day off the ground is a good day!

Any members requiring further details of any of these issues can contact me on andrew@q-mwater.com.au.

Safe flying.

Andrew Evans

President / Secretary

Member News

Craig Collings has been selected to represent Australia at the World Gliding Championships to be held in Argentina in 2013. Congratulations Craig.

Four MBGC members, **Andrew Evans, Laura Sullivan, Craig Collings** and **Ian Cohn** feature in Issue 1 of "Gliding Australia", the new magazine replacing "Soaring Australia". Andrew gets the award for media tart of the year by getting his photograph in twice.

On The Internet

Wave flying in Britain.

http://www.thesouthernreporter.co.uk/news/local-headlines/ian_rides_crest_of_mountain_wave_in_sedate_of_d_lady_of_a_glider_1_1705121.

Thought provoking analysis of a gliding accident in NZ.

<http://omarama.wordpress.com/2011/01/10/golf-sierra-lima-lessons-learned/>.

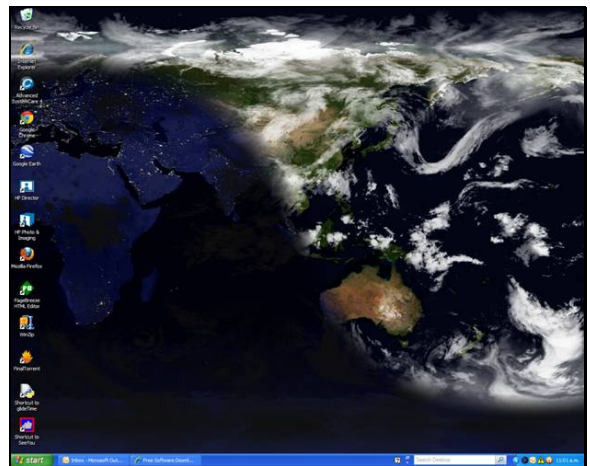
Email from Paul Jackson, NZ, Friend of MBGC

I was just having a look at the Flightradar link you included in your news letter. I thought you maybe interested in the link below, a download but from what I believe is a safe site.

Anyone interested in having this as their desktop background? It updates every 5 minutes for sunrise and every 3 hours for clouds. I have downloaded this from this site which is apparently reputable and so you will not download any virus'.

http://download.cnet.com/3001-2049_4-10513308.html?spi=468040b4924e8c2f5355e98b6996bb03

The download is "Living Earth Desktop". Once downloaded right click on the little globe in your desktop tray on the right hand side at the bottom of your screen. From here you can customise with some options. You need to enable the cloud cover to get the satellite updates.



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