



**MBGC Update**  
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**Weather Forecast**

**Situation -** A cold front just west of Tasmania will sweep across southern Victoria on Friday morning. On Saturday a high pressure system will move over the Bight and extend a ridge across to northern Victoria, then move slowly eastwards on Sunday.

**Saturday 24 March –** Partly cloudy. Isolated showers in the south, falling as snow above 1700 metres, clearing during the afternoon. Winds west to southwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h tending southerly and light later in the evening.

**Sunday 25 March -** Sunny. Light winds.

**Duty Roster – 24-25 March**

Date	Duty pilot	Duty Instructor
Saturday 24 March	Terry Knight	Ian Cohn
Sunday 25 March	Mart / Richard	Mike Pobjoy

Start time for the day is 10:00 am.

**On The Internet - [On Line Contest](#) 2012 Report**

As we go to press MBGC is running at 12<sup>th</sup> in the World (12<sup>th</sup> last week) and still eighth in Australia with 52,243 points (51,256 last week), a gain of 987 points for the week. Our total this week has been pushed along by Craig Collings flying out of Lake Keepit.

Taurus ridge soars Mt Cook – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd-qhgXssA8&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fd-qhgXssA8&feature=youtu.be)

Big model aircraft (from Ian Dealy)-

[www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=zYPag3LUKIA](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=zYPag3LUKIA)

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes? - Planned DSE burn-offs - [www.dse.vic.gov.au/fire-and-other-emergencies/planned-burning-an-introduction/burns-today-current-status](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/fire-and-other-emergencies/planned-burning-an-introduction/burns-today-current-status) (From Heather Mull)

**Operations - From CFI Mark Bland**

**Airfield Awareness -**

There have recently been a number of occurrences of members walking and driving around the airfield without knowing what's going on around them. Some crossed the runway in front of gliders/aircraft about to take off! This is simply **NOT GOOD ENOUGH**. Normal airfield protocol requires that you to travel around the perimeter at all times unless towing a glider. There are occasions, however, when crossing the airfield is acceptable to improve our operation. But **YOU** must make sure it is **SAFE** to do so and expedite the crossing at right angles. **LOOK** both ways twice and make sure a launch is not imminent or an aircraft is not landing.

**Convenience Use of Club Vehicles -**

Last year the club fuel bill was around \$4000. Please consider your need to drive any of the club vehicles. They are primarily for retrieving the winch wire and towing gliders, not driving to the hangar/toilet because you are too lazy to walk, or to practice your driving skills (Juniors). Also please drive our cars gently to preserve their life. (remember they are old when we get them). Also make sure the ignition and radios are turned off when putting them away.

**MBGC Diary**

**Sunday 18th March -** TK, KD, IC, DA, SB, KF, MP, HM, MBn and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28, Astir and ASK-21mi. Light northerly breezes. Weak and patchy thermals with one octa cumulus cloud base around 7,000 ft. Twenty-one flights for 5:44. Max altitude 6.000 ft.

**Saturday 17th March -** AS, KF, KD, FF, MBd and IC crewed to fly the ASK-21mi. Light and variable breezes tending northerly. Weak and patchy thermals with one octa cumulus cloud base around 6,500 ft. Eight flights for 2:34. Max altitude 4.600 ft. OLC points 51. KF soloed.



CFI Mark Bland congratulates Kenton after his first solo

Photo - Steve Bradbury

**General News**

**Coming Events - Easter Flyin**

VMFG are visiting over Easter from 6<sup>th</sup> through to 14<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Urgent - Let us know how you can help!** - Easter is usually a big fund raising long weekend and we need plenty of members to help run it. If you can help out winch driving, duty piloting or helping at the desk, please advise Ian Cohn by email [gliding@mtbeauty.com](mailto:gliding@mtbeauty.com) or by phone 0408 379 939. Don't leave it to that overworked member Someone Else. Many hands make light work. This is now urgent. We need to draw up the Duty Roster now. Please let me know before Monday when you can assist over Easter.

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