



MBGC Update
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Weather Forecast

Situation - A high pressure system off the NSW coast will move slowly east across the Tasman Sea tonight and Friday. A trough of low pressure crossing the Bight will enter southwest Victoria Friday afternoon, reaching the central district at night. The trough will cross the remainder of the state on Saturday but will have little impact on temperatures over northern Victoria. The next high pressure system will develop west of Tasmania on Saturday and pass to the south of Victoria during Sunday.

Saturday 5 Jan - Sunny morning. The chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening, mainly about the ranges. Winds north to northwesterly 20 to 30 km/h becoming light in the middle of the day then becoming southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h in the evening. Overnight temperatures falling to 21 to 26 with daytime temperatures reaching 33 to 42.

Sunday 6 Jan - Sunny. Light winds becoming southeast to southwesterly 15 to 20 km/h during the afternoon then tending east to southeasterly during the evening. Overnight temperatures falling to between 13 and 19 with daytime temperatures reaching 30 to 41.

Duty Roster for this Week End	Duty Pilot	Duty Instructors
Sat 5 Jan	Ian Dealy	Ian Cohn
Sun 6 Jan	Volunteer Required	Andrew Evans

Fire Precautions

Friday 4 Jan is a Total Fire Ban and there will possibly be more this weekend.

For any flying from now on it is required that the knapsack water sprayer be regularly checked for serviceability. It should travel in the winch car and **everyone who drives that car must be shown how it works.**

On these high temperature days it's quite feasible that the wire could ignite grass during a launch or when towing out. Don't drive off the track in long grass – Look at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/

Can I drive a vehicle in places where the vehicle will be in contact with crops, grass, stubble, weeds, undergrowth or other vegetation? – No!



On Total Fire Ban Days

On The Internet -

Have a look at our [new MBGC gliding documentary](#) on YouTube at: -

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybllGkbdqLM

Soaring Birds – The Vultures

www.ted.com/talks/munir_virani_why_i_love_vultures.html

On Line Contest 2013 Report –

As we go to press MBGC is running at 10th in the World (10th last week) and 7th in Australia (7th last Update) with 39,572 points (30,842 last Update) a gain of 8,730.

We still need all members to ensure their loggers are reliable and to register their flights on the OLC. Show Club spirit, support MBGC and register your flights!!!

MBGC Diary

Thursday 1st January - IC, SC, KD and POB crewed to fly the ASK-21, and ASK-21mi. 0.1 octas cumulus. North-westerly winds veering to light south westerlies at height and 9,500 to 10,500 cloud bases. Max height 10,000 ft. Five flights for 5:59. Total [OLC points](#) 592.

Tuesday 1st January - MP, MBd, GL, ML, IC, GS, PD and TK crewed to fly the ASK-21, Pilatus, Twin Astir and ASK-21mi. 0.1 octas cumulus. North-westerly winds veering to westerlies at height and 9,500 to 10,000 cloud bases. Seven flights for 12:26. Total [OLC points](#) 805

Monday 31st December - TE, RL, MBd, GL, ML, GS, BOd, POB, KD, SC and SA crewed to fly the ASK-21, Pilatus, Twin Astir and ASK-21mi. Eighteen flights for 11:07. Total [OLC points](#) 758.

Sunday 30th December - PD, MBd, GL, TK, BJ, KD, and LS crewed to fly the ASK-21, Twin Astir and ASK-21mi. Fifteen flights for 10:25. Total [OLC points](#) 604

Saturday 29th December - RL, MBd, BOd, GL, POB, IC, GS, BJ, SB, BT, KD, MD, PDo and LS crewed to fly the ASK-21, Pilatus, Twin Astir, LS-3, ASK-21mi and Astir. 0.1 octas cumulus. Light north-westerly winds veering to light southerlies at height and 9,500 to 11,000 cloud bases. Twelve flights for 20:09. Total [OLC points](#) 952.



AEF visitor Robyne waiting for a winch cable on Saturday with pilot Ian
Photo - Margaret Darling

Friday 28th December - JP, KF, MBd, BOd, GL, ML, IC, GS, BJ, BT and LS crewed to fly the ASK-21, ASW-19, LS-3, Twin Astir and ASK-21mi. One octa cumulus under a high cirrus overcast. Strong lift in rough thermals. Initially south-easterly winds turning to light north-westerly winds and variable cloud

bases around 8,500 ft. Nine flights for 13:52. Total [OLC points](#) 1211.

Thursday 27th December - PD, AS, DR, JP, KF, MBd, BOd, GL, IC, GS, BJ and LS crewed to fly the ASK-21, Pilatus, LS-3, Twin Astir and ASK-21mi. Light north-westerly winds and variable cloud bases around 7,000 ft. Fifteen flights for 26:46. Total [OLC points](#) 1088.

Wednesday 26th December - KF, MBd, BH, GL, IC, PD and AS crewed to fly the ASK-21, Ventus, Twin Astir, ASK-21mi and Astir. Light north-westerly winds and 9,000 cloud bases. Seven flights for 22:22. Total [OLC points](#) 1642. RL achieved his 5 hour "Silver C" flight in the ASK-21. Two 500km flights by SB and AS.



Reuben flying the ASK21 near Mt Bogong during his 5 hour flight.
Photo - Mark Bland

Sunday 23rd December - KF, MBd, SA, BA, BOd and BT crewed to fly the ASK-21, LS-3 and Pilatus. Ten flights for 2:47. Total [OLC points](#) 54.

Saturday 22nd December - BH, MBd, AE, SA, BA, AS, LS, RL and BT crewed to fly the ASK-21, ASK-21mi, Astir, Ventus and Pilatus. Thirteen flights for 12:57. Total [OLC points](#) 445.

Friday 21st December - MBd, and AE crewed to fly the ASK-21mi and ASW-19. Two flights for 5:46. Total [OLC points](#) 332.

Committee News

As a result of fund raising efforts over the holiday season we have paid off \$15,000 of our Chattel Mortgage loan from the Bendigo Bank. Well done to all those who helped with the holiday flying effort. Special mention goes to **Mark Bland** who was the backbone of the holiday organisation.

Annual subs were due on the 1st of January. Make sure that your MBGC account is in credit.

Foodworks Mt Beauty has deposited \$51 in our account from their Community Fund. If you are shopping at Foodworks put your points to the Mt Beauty Gliding Club.

Members and Friends

We welcome desk manager and BBQ manager extraordinaire **Margaret Darling** as a Social member.

Congratulations to **Reuben Lane** who achieved the five hour leg for his Silver badge on 26th December in GVA.

Our international team member, **Craig Collings**, is now operating in Argentina practising for the World Club Class Championships. Look at <http://www.wgc2012.com.ar/>

Looking after our ASK-21, VH-GVA

- Learn the limit speeds from the cockpit placard.
- When turning the glider press gently on the nose or raise the tail to prevent scrubbing wear on the tailwheel tyre.

Hangar Jobs after the day's flying.

- GVA has an hour meter in the rear cockpit. It is the responsibility of the member who puts GVA in the hangar after each days flying to read the hour meter and write the total flying time (hours and minutes) in the Maintenance Release "Progressive Total" column. Subtract the previous progressive total from the new total and write the daily flight time in the "Since Last Entry" column.
- Get the number of flights from the Flight Sheet and write the day's number of landings and total landings in the "Total Landings" column of the Maintenance Release.
- Clean all the bugs off the leading edges after flying.
- Extract the MBGC Garmin 96 logger from the rear cockpit bag and give it to either Mark Bland or Ian Cohn for downloading the day's flight logs.
- Put the battery on charge.
- Place the canopy cover.

Coming Events

Sun 27 Jan – Annual General Meeting.

Mon 4 Mar – Mon 11 Mar - Alpine Gliding Course Mt Beauty. (Rescheduled from end February).

Mon 11 Mar - Labor Day Public Holiday

23 Jul – 30th anniversary of the "Gimli glider".

See www.youtube.com/watch?v=713yrh5RFcA.



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