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WOMEN IN GLIDING - NARROGIN & KINGAROY
FLYING WITH WATER BALLAST - AEROBATIC TRAINING



It was hard work, mixed with a lot of fun, and very interesting. The great coaching and friendly pilots created a great atmosphere that really gave me the confidence to try the Silver C and to attempt the 300km on Friday. I really enjoyed it."

LIZ MILNE

"WIG week is important to me. Many everyday issues and challenges prevent me from doing the gliding I desire, including children, work and home commitments. WIG gives me the opportunity to concentrate on my flying, uninterrupted, for a whole week. I used to fly in WA, so when I set off for WIG WA, it was with the expectation of typical WA blue skies, typical WA heat and typical WA hospitality. The weather turned it on for us – complete with glorious cumulus-filled skies. My wish list was deliberately modest, but I ticked off all items on that list on Day 1. Then I had the bonus of flying over my old stomping ground of Beverley with Ailsa in the DG505, plus a 300km in Narrogin Gliding Club's Discus. I couldn't ask for better! But there was also wonderful food, lovely accommodation, all the support and encouragement you could ask for and amazing camaraderie. Don't just think about attending next year's event – put it in your calendar now. You'll have an excellent week."

ALIS STARINK

"It was yet again a wonderful experience - well organized and memorable. I especially enjoyed cross-country flights in the Puchacz with two of our coaches who really showed me what the Puch was capable of. Its performance was amazing and I loved every minute. Regretfully I couldn't attend the whole week but the days I did, I am very grateful for. Thanks, everyone."

JENNY SHEARER

This review came from a lady who had all but given up gliding until a while ago.

"I must thank you once again for organizing such an enjoyable event. I had a variety of flights and maybe that was why I enjoyed myself so much. On the third day I was at last back in an Astir, flying 2hrs 9mins. The fifth and last day was capped off by flying with Ailsa McMillan in the DG505. What a champion she is. I have a lot of hours in the DG flying mutuals but she showed me how to keep in the energy lines and how not to lose height, or not much, between thermals. I fly mainly on blue days, but now I appreciate cumulus clouds. We gained 10,000ft over the airfield and the next 3hrs 23mins were never under 9,500ft. When we were at 11,500ft the oxygen was working overtime. What a day! For the week, I flew 4 minutes short of 9 hours. Thanks to all involved and to WAGA, DSR,GFA and NGC."

BARBIE HINCLIFFE

"I am quite a nervous flyer and was at first very apprehensive, but then I decided to take up Robyn's invitation with an open mind and found that I quite enjoyed the experience - professional, safety conscious and caring about how I was feeling. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience."

**FROM OUR VISTING COACH
AILSA MCMILLAN**

Once again, I really enjoyed attending the WA Women in Gliding Week as a coach. It's a great opportunity for everyone to be able to focus on their gliding goals for a solid week. I think that's a really important part of the event because everyone can leave afterwards knowing that they have achieved a lot. Because WIG WA is held early on in the summer, it also gives plenty of time for everyone to build on this experience through the rest of the season and continue on with any goals they didn't meet during the event. Importantly, the club at Narrogin is strongly supportive of the event and make fantastic hosts. It's other club members who volunteer to be there instructing, towing or helping out on the ground in many different ways. Without that help, the event wouldn't work anywhere near as well as it does.

CHERYL SMITH

The highlight of my WIG experience this year was a 2 hour mutual flight with another woman pilot. I am sure that the other air traffic were surprised by the number of women's voices on the airwaves at Narrogin over the week. It was a unique and wonderful experience to be in the majority for a change, and the men that were there seemed happy to be in the minority. It was lovely to catch up with all the wonderful women pilots I know and love and also to meet some new ones. This is a brilliant experience and I am very keen that we continue to do this on an annual basis. I know there is a lot of support for this among the women who were there. I think it is really important to give as many women as possible the opportunity to try this wonderful experience and to nurture the interest in those who do come along and give it a go.

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