

Welcome to AKFA Annual News

Welcome to AKFA Annual News—as many of you may be aware the club has been very much an Insurance & Web based club in the past couple of years. This has been due to many participants on the committee being time poor.

We are hoping to change things with 2008 - 2008 will be all about reconnecting, in our usual casual way....

So if you have been out of the club for awhile - C'MON BACK & RECONNECT, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU.

In this Newsletter you will find some informative things like:

- Who is on the committee 08
- Info on the AIKF 08
- New Website Details
- Plans for AKFA in 2008
- Revamp of Memberships

NEW COMMITTEE:

President: Andy Casingham

Vice President: Phil McConnachie

Treasurer: Andy Rendell

Secretary: Mick Fardon

Committee: Annie McConnachie

Not a huge development on the committee mainly same people in a bit of a different order.

As a committee we are going to make the following changes:

1. Membership Registrations

Currently registration runs with the financial year. This has always been an issue as many members seem to leave renewing until later in the year or just before the festival. At the last committee meeting we voted on changing the membership year to run with the Adelaide Festival— March to March.

As this is the biggest event on the clubs calendar and it brings current and past members together we think this is a better way of organizing the membership.

We will be asking for the members to register by 1st March - with

membership packs to be available at the festival.

2. Members Packs

Single Membership

- Membership Card
- AKFA T-shirt
- Annual News & Calendar

Family Membership

- Family Membership Card
- 2 X AKFA T-shirts
- Annual News & Calendar

3. AIKF 08

Details on the Adelaide International Kite Festival 08 are included with Annual News.

Similar to previous years we are trying to keep the event as affordable as possible for flyers. Once again we have lunches, drinks available. Sunday dinner at the beach and the Monday Night Dinner at the Palais.

The festival is at Easter and over a 4 day program—we know it is a long time to run the event but the pressure has been put on us from Sponsors.

We look forward to seeing everyone and if you could get in your registration forms as soon as possible to assist with organization.

4. www.akfa.net.au

Keeping in touch is what it is all about to get connected. For 2008 it is through the website that most of the information will be available.

We will also be using Email and SMS to keep members up to date on last minute additions to the calendar.

So for us to keep you up to date we need your details. Email and Mobile information is required. We also need you to keep the information current so if you change your details—please let us know.

We now have a members forum on the Extremekites.com.au website—it's a great way to stay in touch—log on and join up!

5. Kingston 2008

The annual Kingston long weekend was a great success again this

year, with ideal conditions for buggying and boarding for most of the weekend. Some camped on the beach and decided that it was the way to go ... big beach camp next year—all welcome. This is our main traction kiting event for the year. Photos of the event are available at www.akfa.net.au.

6. Permits

We are currently in the process of renewing the permits for buggy and kite boarding access to council beaches. Further details will be available in the Membership packs available at the Festival.

7. Members Discount

Don't forget AKFA members receive 10% discount at The Kite Shop. See Phil or Annie for details on other fantastic benefits.

8. Club Day

Come along to our monthly club fly day, held on the second Sunday of every month, at Largs Bay. This year we will be holding BBQ days—stay tuned to www.akfa.net.au for dates.

9. Lake Gairdner

A buggying and camping trip to Lake Gairdner has been proposed by some of the Victorians visiting for the Festival. Discussion of the event can be found on the Extremekites.com.au web forum.



New Years Day 2008—Edithburg