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## An invitation to Narromine, Australia

*The Gliding Federation of Australia proudly invites you to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Gliding Championships at Narromine in December 2015.*

### Progress so far

The 2014 Joeyglide Australian National Junior Championship and practice event for the 2015 Junior World Championship was completed very successfully in December 2014 – great practice for the pilots and a good test for the organisation. The outcome was very successful on all counts with 6 competition days from a total of 8 available, task distances of 300-600km for standard and 240-500km for club class. A full report can be seen in Gliding Australia magazine, which is available on line at [www.glidingaustralia.org/GA/](http://www.glidingaustralia.org/GA/) (see Feb/Mar edition 22) and results can be seen at [www.soaringspot.com/jq2014/results/](http://www.soaringspot.com/jq2014/results/)

### Join us on Facebook & Twitter

Follow the '9th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships' on Facebook, or @JWGC15 on Twitter.

We will be posting latest info here, and you can ask questions of the organisation and other pilots and teams.

It currently includes an advert from Team Lithuania who have two container spots available from Europe.

### Web page

The competition web site is now operational.

[www.jwgc2015.com](http://www.jwgc2015.com)

The information is increasing rapidly and entry forms and bank details will be provided shortly.

### Other Useful links

- Gliding Federation of Australia web page: [www.glidingaustralia.org](http://www.glidingaustralia.org)
- Narromine Gliding Club: <http://www.narromineglidingclub.com.au/>
- Narromine Shire Council: <http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/>



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### Questions

If you have any questions: send an email to our info email box: [jwgc@glidingaustralia.org](mailto:jwgc@glidingaustralia.org)

### Getting to Narromine

Narromine airfield, Narromine, NSW, Australia  
S 32 13.4 : E 148 13.8 Elevation 820ft MSL

The closest capital city to Narromine is Sydney and there are many international flights arriving daily. Connecting flights from Sydney arrive at Dubbo, which is a 20 minute drive to Narromine.

Alternatively, consider flying into a state capital city closer to where you are collecting your glider and car, such as Brisbane, Melbourne or Adelaide. Many international airlines have flights landing directly at these cities, or cheap domestic Australian flights can be purchased to hub from Sydney.

Be aware of the following driving times to Narromine:

- From Sydney = 6 hours,
- From Brisbane = 10 hours,
- From Melbourne = 10 hours
- From Adelaide = 13 hours.
- From Perth: You do not want to drive from Perth unless you want a real adventure – roads are good but 3 or 4 days driving.

### Accommodation at Narromine

See the web page for contact details for a range of accommodation options. You are advised to book accommodation early to ensure you can get the type of facility that suits you.

- There are many hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts available in Narromine. The town of Trangie is 10-15 minutes drive to the north and also has good accommodation. Dubbo, a much larger city 20 minutes drive to the East has a broader range of accommodation.
- A number of hotels in Narromine are offering group discounts for teams with a range of other services provided.
- Camping is available at the airfield camp site, with a number of cabins available also. A local business “Tent town” has tents, beds and other equipment for hire which they



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can set up for your arrival. See their web site [www.tent-town.com.au](http://www.tent-town.com.au) for details. Otherwise you can purchase cheap camping equipment at Dubbo – contact us if you want any advice on this.

- Houses and rooms for rent: It may be possible to find houses for rent in Narromine, or even rooms to rent - If you are interested in this then send an email to our [jwgc@glidingaustralia.org](mailto:jwgc@glidingaustralia.org) email address with details of the number of people and dates required.

## Glider hire

We have a number of gliders available for hire or swap. See the web page for details. Otherwise you can express interest by contacting [jwgc@glidingaustralia.org](mailto:jwgc@glidingaustralia.org) . Use the same email contact if you have requests regarding importing of gliders into Australia.

## Practice opportunities prior to the championships

Flying at Narromine is available throughout November. Contact Narromine Gliding club to advise your needs. There are a number of entries reserved for International Pilots at the Australian Club Class and Sports Class National championships which will be held at Lake Keepit in mid November 2015. Lake Keepit is located near to Tamworth in the NE corner of the Narromine task area, approx. 4 hours drive from Narromine. Sports Class is a handicap class that includes all gliders that are above the Club Class handicap range. See the GFA calendar for details.

## Competition Classes

Club Class (maximum of 50 entries)

Standard Class (maximum of 50 entries)

3 entries per NAC per class plus current junior world champions who still meet the age requirements.

## Time Schedule

- Entry period closes and entry fees due: 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015
- Reserve pilots accepted: 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2015
- Airfield availability for training flights: Always available
- Pilot/Team Registration and Technical inspection: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015
- Unofficial training: 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015



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- First official Team Captain briefing: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at 19:00
- Mandatory safety briefing: 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10:00
- Official training: 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015
- Opening ceremony: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov evening
- Contest flying: 1<sup>st</sup> Dec to 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Farewell party: 12<sup>th</sup> Dec evening
- Closing ceremony and prize-giving: 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11:00

## Foreign pilots flying in Australia

Getting a “licence” to fly a glider in Australia is simple.

1. **You must join the Gliding Federation of Australia.** 1 month membership for international pilots is \$103 (approx. 70 euro). You can buy a 12 month junior membership for \$135, which is better if you intend to spend more time here. This can be purchased before you arrive on-line via the GFA web site, or can be done as soon as you get here.
2. **You must join a gliding club:** Narromine gliding club has cheap short term membership, or if you are hiring a glider from another club you can buy a membership from them. Again, you can do this once you arrive.
3. **Apply for an Australian Glider Pilot Certificate**  
You can convert your licence/pilot certificate and medical from your home country to an Australian Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC). There is no cost and you can apply on line well before you arrive in Australia. Once your application has been processed you will receive an email confirming that the GPC is approved, and this combined with payment of your GFA membership will prove that you are licenced to fly in Australia. You must have this to fly Australian registered gliders or any other gliders.

The on-line application for an Australian GPC can be found here.

[http://www.glidingaustralia.org/component/com\\_chronoforms/Itemid.811/view.form/](http://www.glidingaustralia.org/component/com_chronoforms/Itemid.811/view.form/)

General information for foreign pilots flying in Australia can be found here.

<http://www.glidingaustralia.org/GFA-Ops/foreignpilots.html>

## Entry and Qualification Rules

The entry fee is 600 EUR per participating glider and it shall be paid to our bank account in cleared Australian Dollars before 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015 using bank details shown on the web page. Please indicate names of the competitors in the money transfer. To avoid issues with exchange rate, you will be advised the number of Australian dollar to be paid once bank account details are provided on the web page.

The fee for **Aerotow** is 55 EUR per tow, payable in Australian dollars. Teams will be required to pre-pay for aerotows at Registration. Unused tows will be refunded.



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If the number of entries in a class exceeds the limit for the maximum number of entries, rejection of the entries will be done according to SC3-A Appendix 4. Entry fees for rejected entries will be returned. Pilot changes within NAC will be accepted until 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2015

In addition to official entry forms, pilots and team members will be required to make an on-line registration with some reference data and a face photograph.

Entering NAC is responsible to ensure that pilot fulfills all Sporting Code requirements for example those listed in SC3-A, Part 3.2. The most recent Sporting Code will be valid.

### **Contest officials**

Championship Director:	Adam Webb
Deputy Championship Director:	Terry Cubley
Chief Steward:	Brian Spreckley (UK)
Jury President:	Max Stevens (New Zealand)

### **Questions:**

If you have any questions then please contact us at [jwgc@glidingaustralia.org](mailto:jwgc@glidingaustralia.org)