



# THE NATIONALS



BEAUTIFUL IN THE AIR  
BUT HOT ON THE GROUND

## WISE DECISION

A really good sleep and a big healthy breakfast were not the only factors to influence Chad in making his decision to take to the air on Day 9. The weather report forecast that thermals would only rise to 10,000 feet so he was very positive. So after careful consideration he made his decision to compete. The ground crew sprung into action and his glider was rolled onto the grid. It looked like another hot day on the ground. The gliders took off on time and the ground crew returned to the heat of the caravan only to see

Chad land his glider soon after. He was feeling very lethargic and took a professional decision to come down. He said that when driving a car one can stop and rest but in a glider this is not possible. He felt it was important he stay healthy and we are all proud of him. He made a very sensible decision.

The only people that say gliding is a family sport are the couples who each have a glider and go flying together. Once in the air a glider pilot is very

busy because there are lots to occupy the mind. But for family and friends on the ground waiting for the glider to return it can be very uncomfortable - especially when the weather is really hot. Reading a book and listening to the radio chatter can get very boring. Washing clothes and cleaning the van and tent can get boring too. Driving in to the nearest town to a cool shopping centre in an air conditioned car can be the answer but spending money and rushing to get back in time for the landing are the major disadvantages.



COMPETITION DIRECTOR

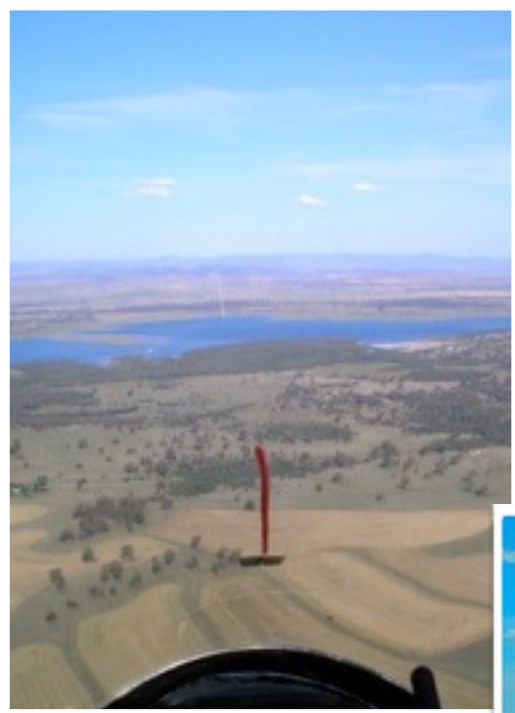


SAFETY OFFICER NO 2



SAFETY OFFICER NO 1

# PHOTOS



DESPITE BEING IN THE AIR WITH 60 OTHER GLIDERS FOR OVER 4 HOURS YESTERDAY, CHAD DID NOT SEE ANOTHER GLIDER ALL DAY UNTIL HE ARRIVED BACK AT THE AIRFIELD.