President's Report

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Nick Chabrel, June 2026
Welcome to Jerilderie for the annual LSF tournament! This event along with the Easter Scale rally are now the primary activities of the LSF in Australia. I am pleased to say that the Easter Gregg Voak memorial aerotow event continues to be a huge success driven by Jim Houdalakis, Rod Watkins and Mike O'Reilly with numbers solid at 28, with a great communal spirit
Sadly numbers for the June event are down a little, part of a longer term trend and maybe some stalwarts are kept away by fuel costs. Let's hope for some rebound next year. The flagship F5j contest remains one of, if not the, most popular formats for RC competition worldwide. We are lucky to have several high quality events held in this part of the country from Milang, to Horsham and Armidale. We are part way into selecting the team for next year's F5j Worlds to be held at Muncie in the USA. This selection remains under the umbrella of AEFA and will include the best of 2 events across Milang, Jerilderie and Armidale in October. LSF remains committed to ensuring the best team can be put forward to represent Australia.

As an Australian I am proud to say that ~~out~~ flying colleague Gerry Carter will be honoured by an FAI award for his excellent gliderscore program, which is used worldwide for many classes of glider competitions. His nomination has been enthusiastically supported by LSF, MAAA and CIAM, and he will have it presented by our CIAM delegate Carl Bizon next week at VARMS

Wider LSF activity over the last 12 months has been quieter with the only gliding related World Championships being the F3b event in Dresden. Australia was represented by the group based in WA and it's great to see them keeping it alive.
Last year we selected a team for the next F3j event which was to be held in Switzerland, cancelled due to low initial numbers and

restarted now to be held in Italy near Milan in 6 weeks. Beth, Dan, Andrew and I will be doing our best to fly the Aussie Flag. The future of winch launching may be short, and no doubt we will have some discussion about f3j locally moving forward

I would like to thank our executive of Rod, Beth, Mike, Jim and Dan for their time and attention over the last 12 months and look forward to flying with you all for another year