

Instructor 'D' AFF & Tandem Instructor Course 6th – 14th November, 2010



Nagambie will be hosting an Instructor D AFF course over the period 6th to 14th November, 2010. The course is run over a 9 day period.

Candidates need to hold a Packer B qualification, D licence and Star Crest. The candidates must also be recommended by the CI of the organisation with whom they will spend their 6 month probation period. Non Victorian candidates also need the permission of their Instructor Panel Chair.

Skydive Nagambie's AFFID course is renowned as one of the best, so come on down and get jumping!

Accommodation available, heated/airconditioned classroom, great facilities.

Limited positions available so bookings and deposits are essential.

Call us on (03) 5794 1466 for more information and subscribe to our email newsletter for updates at www.skydivenagambie.com.





Testimonials

“Creeping was great! Lesson plans and presenting these was good. I loved all the learning by doing. The whole course was fantastic, well run and I felt prepared and happy. I thought Don and Greg were Awesome. Greg (as our trainer) in particular has been a total inspiration all week. I learnt a lot from his manner and attitude to life. Keep up the good work guys. Great to see you all so passionate about passing it all on.”

Issy – 16/12/07

“I’m very impressed with the standard that you help us to achieve – I still can’t believe I got 96 on the AFF exam! The balance between classroom and airtime was great. My brain got a little sore though – nice job!”

Russel – 16/12/07

“Nothing but praise! The instructors were most helpful. Thank you so much for all the time and effort you guys put in for us! Cheers!”

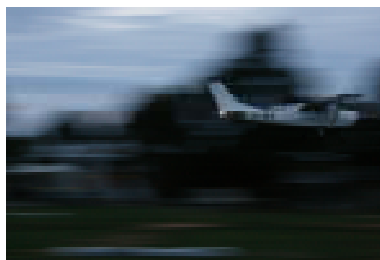
Toby – 16/12/07

Aircraft

Our prized PAC XL 750 Turbine – 17 jumpers to 14 grand in the nick of time!



Don's baby – EFY our Cessna 182. 5 jumpers to any height up to 11 grand. STOL wing kit for increased lift, slow exit speeds – perfect for hop-n-pops and swoop-n-chugs!!



A glimpse into one student's experience from the Feb 2006 Course

The course has a capacity for 6 or 12 people, giving candidates the opportunity for a piece partner and a group of 3 for practice AFF jumps. On this occasion 6 candidates joined us for the 9 day course. With a team training the whole week, we were able to utilize the PAC XL 750 all week with 7am starts – which involved the AFF team meeting at 6.15am to give briefings to our mock students, and mentally prepare for the day. Throughout the week we all worked hard as a team, studying and jumping as much as possible, putting all into our roles as students, jumpmasters and observers, constantly critiquing our performances in the practical and academic aspects of the course.

The AFF ID course consists of two components – the Instructor D component which is a necessary rating for all instructors, whilst the AFF endorsement provides the Instructor D rated individual with a license to practice their specific endorsement. Both components involve in-depth knowledge of the Operational Regulations Manual, Training Operations Manual, Parachute Instructor's Manual, AFF handbook and certain parts of some of the Rigging Advisory Circulars which are available on the APF website as well as practical knowledge and application of the relevant endorsement, in this case – Accelerated Freefall.

Mike Carre, APF Director of Instructors, was the Course Instructor for the 9 days. His role was to train us in all aspects, both academic and practical, of the program whilst also acting as our spiritual guidance counselor throughout the long days and late nights. On first meeting, we were all overwhelmed at being trained by the APF Director of Instructors, but by the second day we were all sharing wholesome (and some not so wholesome!) jokes with Mike and utilizing his broad experience, knowledge and passion of skydiving in Australia. A typical day would be meeting at 6.15am for mock briefings with the role playing students, gearing them up in Telesis Student ripcord activated gear, and going through the motions of completing an AFF jump. We would rotate between our group of 3, switching jumpmaster positions and student positions and building up skills in each. After 5 or 6 jumps, 3 ways and 2 ways with a piece partner, we would hit the classroom and prepare for the examinations.

The examinations consist of 2 written (AFF and ID components), Oral (incorporating both components), practical briefing and exam jumps.

We would break up the academic study by creeping all the AFF stages and relearning AFF body positions (forget the Mantis!!) to enable successful teaching and demonstration of these body positions. After Mike left for the evening after a sneaky beer with the 6 instructor hopefuls, we would have a bite to eat before beginning our homework, which usually consisted of practice briefings, creeping and revision for the exams.

It's an intensive course for an, at times, intense endorsement, and does brilliantly to prepare you for the many situations you will be faced with as an AFF instructor. The first couple of practice jumps involved the student completing a perfect AFF stage, from exit to deployment. By the second day of jumping we began to turn up the heat, learning how to deal with out of control exits, student spins, advanced axis recoveries and deploying the student from all angles and positions. This was very cool – being able to use each individual's skydiving experience to chase spinning students on their backs, correct them and deployE yeehaw! It was an eye-opener, realizing that these situations DO occur, and as an instructor on the jump that you have to stay calm in a stressful environment, do what you have to do, and have a canopy out by the hard deck.

We were all well prepared for the exams by the time they arrived. The examinations were in themselves a great learning experience. The written components furthered our knowledge, the orals pushed us to think on our feet, the briefings gave us access to a range of examiners whom all imparted invaluable practical tips whilst the examination jumps provided us with stressful situations that we will all encounter during our times as AFF Instructors. A huge thank-you to all the examiners who took the time not only to examine, but also to give us advice on our progression as AFF Instructors and thank-you Mike for the time and effort you put into training us Well done to all on the course – it was a steep learning curve, and all pulled together to make the most out of the course. I'm sure we'll run into each other at some Drop Zone, somewhere around the globe in the not too distant future, with a AFFie in between.

Jonathan de Wet – February 2006 AFFID Course

General Stuff

- We accept Cash, Eftpos and Visa and Mastercard.
- Eftpos machines available in town.
- Mobile phones work here, if you stand in the hotspots!
- Non-Jumping Activities –We are located in one of the winery hubs of Victoria so wine tasting and boozy lunches are always an option.
- Flights to Melbourne – there are heaps, but book early for good prices and frequent flyer points usage.
- Check out www.nagambielakestourism.com.au for more useful information about Nagambie.



Accommodation

- We have bunkhouse accommodation available on request. First in best dressed, let us know when you register. Bring a warm sleeping bag and pillow.
- Camping available – bring a tent, pitch it, find bedmate.
- Check out www.nagambielakestourism.com.au for more info on accommodation in and around Nagambie.

Food

Greasy Greg's Food Van generally runs through the camps, from breakfast through to the afternoon, serving culinary delights such as wraps and burgers. At nights Nuch is cooking up a Thai feast on the DZ and there are always people heading into town - grab a takeaway or meal at the pub before heading back to the DZ bar! We also have a gas bbq that is great for snags and things after a big days jumping.



Directions To Skydive Nagambie

Skydive Nagambie is located only 1.5 hours drive north of Melbourne's CBD, and just another 5 kms from the picturesque township of Nagambie. The directions below will get you right up to the front gate of the Drop Zone. We have a google maps feature on our homepage. Check it out at www.skydivenagambie.com for directions to us from your place. If you experience any problems, please do not hesitate to call us on 03 5794 2626.

1. From Melbourne take the Hume Hwy north and turn off at the Shepparton exit, past Seymour.
2. Nagambie is approximately a 15 min drive north along the Goulburn Valley Hwy.
3. 500 meters past the edge of town, turn left at the Winery Trail sign and 80km sign into Lobbs Lane.
4. Follow the road for 3 Kms until you have crossed Kirwans Bridge, turn left at the T intersection, and you are now on Kettels Road.
5. Follow Kettels Road for 300 meters. The driveway to Skydive Nagambie is well signposted on your right.
6. After parking, come into the Main Hanger and go to Manifest where you will be made welcome.

