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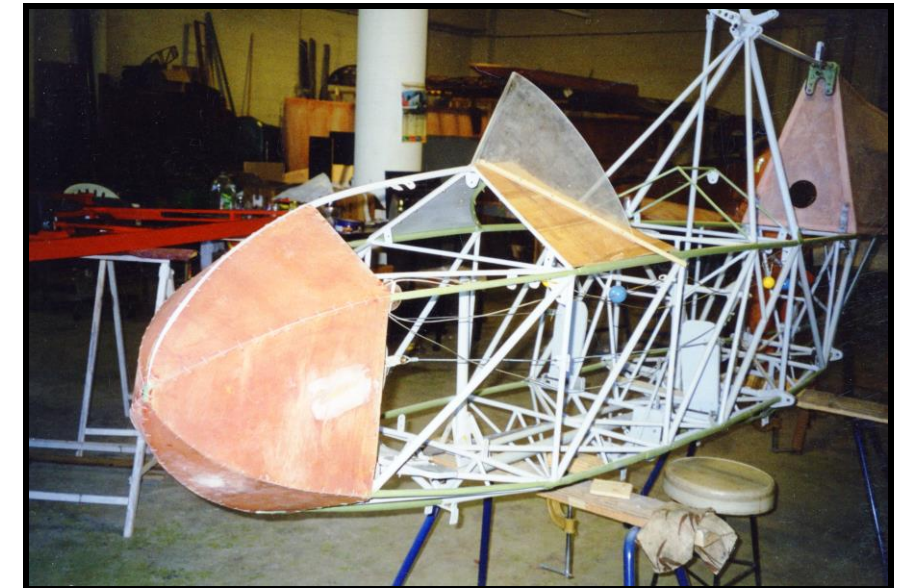
Edmund Schneider ES 50 Club training glider, c. 1953



[ES 50 glider at Renmark, South Australia, c 1953; photo – source not identified]

This glider is one of Edmund Schneider Ltd earliest Australian designs. The ES 50 was built in 1953 and is the only one of its type. It was designed by Schneider to comply with specifications laid down by the Gliding Federation of Australia for a basic two seat training glider. It was first flown on 10 May 1953 and delivered to the Renmark Gliding Club. The log book shows that it later passed to other gliding clubs, namely Millicent Gliding Club, Corangamite Soaring Club, and Sydney Technical College Gliding Club.

Overall, as at September 1967, the glider had logged over 5000 flights and a total airtime of 388 hours. However, notwithstanding the satisfactory record of the ES 50, it was a later Schneider design, the ES 52 Kookaburra, which was accepted by many Australian gliding clubs for filling their need for a basic two seat training glider in the 1950s and 1960s. The Museum volunteers have partly refurbished the ES50 to static display standard – painting yet to be completed in addition to refitting of instruments.



[ES 50 fuselage under repair at Museum: photo – G. Barton - AGM Album]



[Trial rigging during restoration; photograph – G. Barton - AGM Album]