



“GlidingVicTas”

VSA NEWSLETTER JULY EDITION
AND COVID19 UPDATE



NEW VSA LOGO – it’s official!

If you haven’t noticed (or maybe you have!) the VSA have adopted a new logo in line with the recommendations by Sports Community to have the national body and the regional organizations supporting the “one sport” criteria which is in line with other sporting bodies throughout the country. This aligns the sport under one banner which is easily recognizable and assists with funding applications by demonstrating that we are a cohesive sporting body. Each state has the same logo, but with individual colours. A lot of work by the GFA Marketing team and lots of consultation with State regional associations has resulted in the design. It’s modern, exciting and it also welcomes Tasmania into our fold!

COVID19 UPDATE

The VSA is following Government guidance and advice throughout the COVID19 emergency. You can find guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services [here](#). This link provides information on a daily basis about the Virus. Q&As relating to coronavirus are linked [here](#).

Check out the [VSA COVID Flight Safety Plan V3](#) so that all Victorian members know their obligations. The Safety Plan can be used for your club if you do not have the resources to compile your own.

RETURNING TO SPORT SAFELY

Have you thought about how you will track attendance at your club? Have you thought about how you are making sure you're compliant with government regulations? There are a lot of free Apps out there for attendance tracking or there is [Rosterfy](#) which provides sporting clubs and organisations with a digital solution for attendance tracking and reporting to ensure your community remains safe from COVID-19.

There is a cost, so please do your homework to see if this is for you.



PLAY BY THE RULES WEBINARS

THINK TANKS ON RETURNING TO SPORT

Check out Play by the Rules Webinars on how to [Return to Sport Safely](#) and what your club may need to do to comply with legislation when dealing with the general public coming to your club.

Sport Australia have released the [Return to Sport Toolkit](#) encompassing the four elements of a safe return to sport. These are “**Plan, Prepare, Respond, Recover**” strategies that provide all the information and checklists that you need to ensure that you are compliant and can eliminate any liability to your club through lack of planning, if you are subject to an outbreak.

Four elements of a safe return to sport



Plan

Implementing plans, processes and systems to meet government and health requirements, and provide safe sport environments.



Prepare

Ensuring safe facility and participant practices, like hygiene practices, attendance registers at training and limiting shared equipment as much as possible.



Respond

Being prepared for management of a COVID-19 outbreak, noting things can change quickly in your local area.



Recover

Consideration of protocols to optimise good public and participant health into the future.



DETAILED CHECKLIST
suited for large and medium sporting organisations



SIMPLIFIED CHECKLIST
suited for small sporting organisations



COVID-19 SAFETY COORDINATOR
roles and responsibilities



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN
template



ATTENDANCE REGISTER
template



COVID-19 HYGIENE GUIDANCE
communication material

RETURNING FROM COVID19

With the easing of restrictions, we are slowly moving towards post-COVID19, but it will be a different world with different procedures to follow and these will be in place for a long time to come.

This couldn't be a better time to review your club culture, club hygiene, club engagement, club finances, grant applications; in other words, do a Club Health Check and see how you stack up. It might surprise you!



Check out the [AIS Sport Aus website](#) or the [VSA Club Health Check](#) form (scroll down to the fifth document Club Health Check).

Grants

Congratulations to the Southern Cross Gliding Club in NSW led by Justin Couch! On May 28, they were awarded a NSW Government Local Sports grant to purchase a GFA Simulator and were presented with the grant by their local member Peter Sidgreaves.

Although not in Victoria, this club is a great example of people getting together and utilising their skills to achieve a great outcome. They have set up a grant writing team and have now achieved 4 out of 4 acceptances which are:

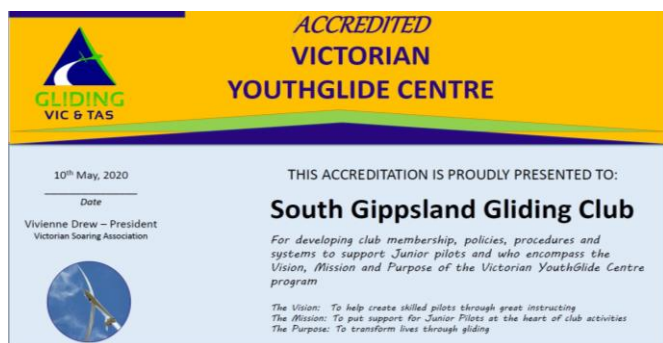
- Concrete floor in part of our hangar for maintenance (NSW)
- Offgrid solar system for hangar maintenance (Fed)
- Clubhouse replacement (Fed)
- GFA Gliding Simulator (NSW)



The old saying is that “you have to be in it to win it!” If you plan to succeed and have all the criteria that your State or Federal government require of you, then success is at hand – it just requires PLANNING. Send Justin an email to president@gliding.com.au if you want to follow up how they went about it and get some tips!

Accredited VSA YouthGlide Centres

If you would like to achieve accreditation and want to work through the documentation, give us a call or speak to Max or Kiwi who have done this already. All application details can be found at: www.gliding.asn.au/Members/YouthGlide. If you want juniors in your club and for their parents/guardians to know that they are a safe environment, please encourage your committees to be involved. The newly launched Monash University Soaring Society and the Australian Junior Gliding Club will be referring their junior pilots to an accredited YouthGlide Centre.



If you do not have a specific gliding program for young people, a sample template can be found on the same website page called: VSA Junior Gliding program template.

Australian Junior Gliding Club - Victorian Representative

Congratulations to Ryan Driscoll, who has joined the VSA Committee as the Australian Junior Gliding Club Victorian Representative. Ryan will be working on our YouthGlide initiative and will also be rolling out the "Local Series" for junior pilots once we are back in the air. Welcome Ryan and we are very excited to have you on the VSA team.

ClubHelp

<https://www.clubhelp.org.au/>

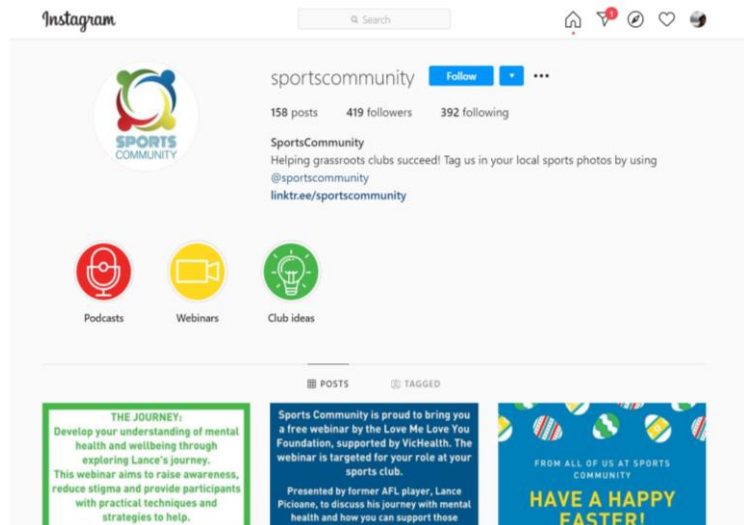
In collaboration with the Victorian State Government and Regional Sport Victoria, the ClubHelp website, set up by Leisure Networks is available. I urge all gliding members and clubs to visit this site for some very valuable information on being a healthy club, getting grants for your club, legal responsibilities, how to work on committees and other interesting info.



SPORTS COMMUNITY

Sports Community webinars are available for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and other club information. And don't forget Sports Community [ClubSpot](#) which is provided by the GFA containing free videos and training for you and your club. You will need to sign up to register if you have not already.

[Sports Community](#), who are working with the S2F program, have been sponsored by VicHealth to deliver a significant number of webinars which are free relating to all aspects of sport, including governance, mental health and well-being, volunteerism to name a few. The sessions are recorded so that you can see them if you miss the advertised session. These are really excellent and provide heaps of information to assist you club, especially coming out of COVID19.

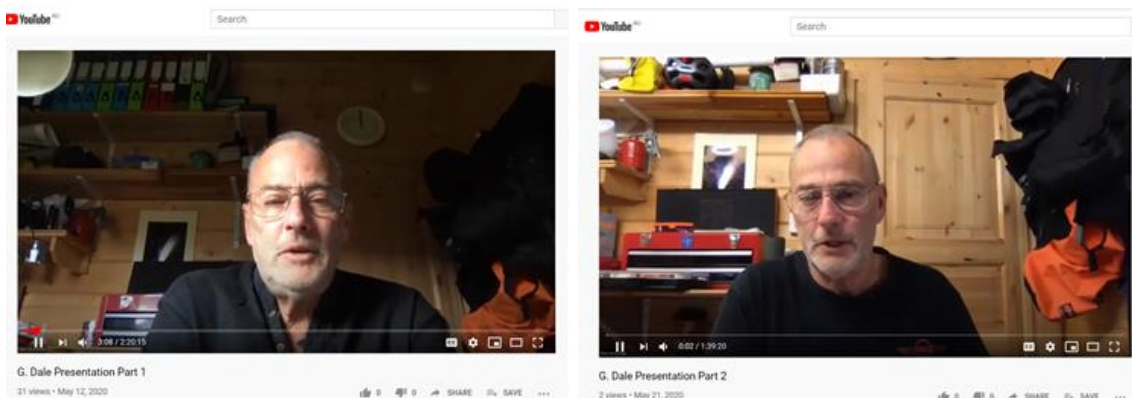


They are also live-streaming on their Facebook site every day at 11.00 am. Also follow them and see lots of Podcasts, Webinars and Club Ideas on [Instagram/Sportscommunity](#)

Gliding Webinars during COVID19

Dave Meredith and the team at Geelong Gliding Club have been busily hosting gliding webinars on Zoom. It started out with just GGC and then extended into the wider gliding community. At most webinars, there have been 40+ attendees. "Planning to do 1000 kms" delivered by Ailsa McMillan was well received along with the fabulous presentation by G.Dale, UK Coach. Geelong GC approached VSA for funding to assist this worthwhile venture and they GGC team did a great job. The sessions on Thermalling Techniques Parts 1 and 2 was recorded and loaded to the YouTube channel. These were very interactive and we thank G for making himself available during the Aussie timezone!

The link to the sessions is <https://www.youtube.com/user/ggcmovies>



Re-Engagement and Retention of Members post COVID19

A report on the [Investigation into Membership Retention](#) was undertaken by Pat Cosgriff (Assoc. Dip. Social Studies) in 2013. This is an extremely good roadmap and totally valid today and Club committees and members are encouraged to read it and implement the initiatives outlined.

#YesGirlsGlide

[Yesgirlsglide](#) Facebook site is up and running and we have been getting some very good feedback from Oz and overseas. We will be extending our reach with a few promos and links to other female glider pilot sites.

Our [YesGirlsGlide website](#) is also up and running and we will keep fleshing this out as we go along. Check it out and please feel free to contribute and share.

VSA Presidents' Meeting Online!

The VSA Presidents' Meeting was held as an online video conference on 23rd May.

Discussions centred around the impacts of COVID19 and what planning clubs have in place for a return to flying and what initiatives Sport & Recreation Victoria will be expecting of sporting clubs post COVID and how this may impact your clubs.

VSA WEBSITE UPGRADE

The VSA Website, as most members would be aware, is quite old. We operate on Joomla 1.6 and we should be on Joomla 3 or 4 by now! We already have two people involved but this job needs some expertise and the ability to work with those two main players. So, do you have knowledge of website design? Are you able to assist our Webmaster and Administrator? Please contact president@gliding.asn.au to advise of your interest.

#ComingOutofCovid

