



# “Soaring Victoria”

VSA NEWSLETTER - WINTER EDITION

## VSA AGM & Presidents’ Meeting

Many thanks to all those who attended the VSA AGM & Presidents’ Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August at Bacchus Marsh clubrooms. It was a busy agenda but all was done and dusted in the allotted time. Many thanks to our estimable Secretary, David Cleland, for organising the day and catering and to Ian Grant for stepping in to organise the VSA Trophies this year. It was wonderful to see the contingent from Tocumwal Soaring Centre and Southern Riverina Gliding Club make the trip to see Ingo Renner receive the Bob McCullough Trophy for his services to Instructing. Truly inspirational! Congratulations also are extended to other trophy winners and Certificates of Appreciation to those people who have voluntarily assisted the VSA in projects over the last year. The [Awards and Presentations](#) can be viewed on the VSA website.

A presentation was made on the VSA Strategy Plan. If you are looking to upgrade your club’s strategy plan, then view the [VSA Strategy Plan](#) on the website to see what your association is planning for the next four years and how this can align with your initiatives.

We mention a very big thank you to the Department of Sport & Recreation Victoria for approving our funding submission for the next four years which allows us to continue with our current and proposed projects. Of course, it is not a free handout and there are guidelines to funding projects. The VSA Committee are also required to report to the department every six months on our progress and that Victorian clubs are participating and that we are aligning with the State Government's programs that are requisite to our funding. These primary initiatives are under the banner of Inclusive, Fair and Safe sport.

## Tocumwal Airshow

Have you [booked your tickets](#) yet? Saturday 14 September, 2019. Don't miss it!



## RTO/A Airworthiness Position

Phil Organ, our current RTO/A has indicated that his 5 year term as RTO/A will expire in March 2020. Phil is seeking a replacement or people who may be interested to be trained. The potential replacement(s) could be introduced by Phil to the job this year as it requires some understanding of how procedures, such as reporting and SDR investigation and online meetings etc are undertaken, to successfully take on the role.

The role will come with all the current major tasks completed and a new audit round being required in 2021, giving the candidate time to settle into the job. For further information on the role, contact Phil via email at [dg400gke@gmail.com](mailto:dg400gke@gmail.com).

## VSA Secretary Position

Swan Song! After many years as VSA Secretary, David Cleland will be vacating the position in 2020. Please consider the opportunity to undertake this volunteer role and the strengths you can bring to the VSA Committee. Further information on this position can be obtained by contacting David at [DavidLCleland@gmail.com](mailto:DavidLCleland@gmail.com) or looking on the VSA Website for the [Secretary position description](#). You do not have to be a flying member to undertake this role and as VSA is mandatorily required by the State Government to have 40% women on the board to maintain our funding we would be interested to have involvement from any of our female pilots or family members.

## VSA Subsidies – Instructor Training

Soooo.... you want to be an Instructor? Fantastic! VSA offers subsidies to assist, but there are criteria to be filled. Refer to the VSA Website on [Instructor Training](#) for all the good oil. **The VSA must be advised of your application for a subsidy prior to training.** See [Funding Request Form](#).

Candidates for Level 1 instructor training and Level 2 upgrades should:

1. Have your CFI contact the VSA RM/Ops with a supporting note recommending you for instructor training or upgrading.
2. Agree with the RM/Ops whether you will attend the annual course or train at weekends.
3. On completion of the training, forward a copy of your GPC endorsement to the VSA Treasurer.

**Note:** *These subsidies are made possible by the generous financial support which the VSA receives from Sports & Recreation Victoria under the Victorian Government program 'Together More Active'.*

## 2020 National Australian Gliding Multi Class Competition

### Volunteers invited to be part of this event!

Tocumwal Soaring Centre is hosting the 2020 National Australian Gliding Multi Class Competition held at the Sportavia WW2 Hangar, Tocumwal, NSW from the 9<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2019. TSC would like to invite volunteers to be part of this exciting event. Roles might include set up preparations, general operations, airfield assistance or crewing for pilots. Previous airfield experience is favoured, but not essential. TSC have set aside a few camping and caravan sites for volunteers at Sportavia. Please let Sharon or Lumpy know if you are available. They would love to see you and to share being part of this great sporting event.

Kind Regards  
Sharon and Lumpy

**Tocumwal Soaring Centre**

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## VSA Funding Guidelines

Over the next few months, the VSA will be reviewing its Funding Guidelines in relation to eligibility and application timelines to ensure that we have adequate resources, ability to forward plan and that clubs are in line with current Fair Play Code legislation that is critical to participating as a sporting entity in Victoria. If you are planning an event, please start to think about getting your resources together for when funding dates will be announced. We will be expecting that clubs will be able to demonstrate that they have the Fair Play Code, A Child Safety Statement of Commitment and a Strategy Plan encompassing Youth and Women programs. Templates are available from the VSA website.

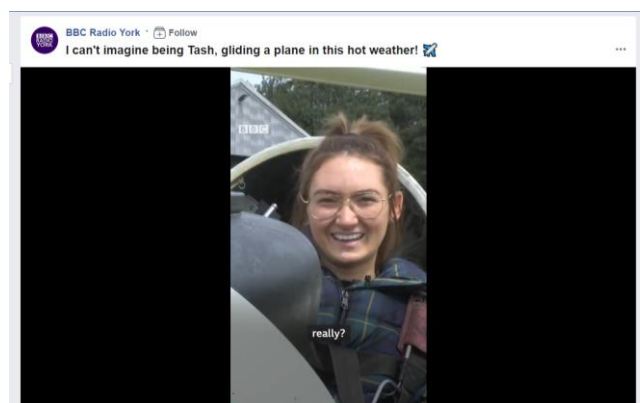
## VSA Members' Survey

It's been done and thank you to all who responded. The survey showed that the VSA is visible to the gliding community and that both the VSA website is being visited on a regular basis. Our Facebook site not so much. There is an old saying "to be, you have to be seen". Facebook for your club is the best free marketing tool you can have! You can upload photos of your club day, flying weekends, individual achievements and much more. This can be shared with your VSA Facebook page, local community Facebook sites and linked to other sporting and community groups here and overseas. This tool is the "face of your club" and if you want to attract younger people to your club, you have to use the medium they work in. If you don't know how to use Facebook or set it up, ask a younger club member to assist and volunteer to monitor the site for you – they'll have it done in no time and make suggestions on what is good to post for the best response!

The survey also showed that our Victorian members think that the association is relevant to them...and this is good news! We will continue to work with clubs to achieve progress and new initiatives. To see the survey results [click here](#).

## WIG News – Tash from Yorkshire Gliding Club UK

If you didn't see the video of [Tash from Yorkshire Gliding Club](#) on VSA Facebook page, then I suggest that it is worthwhile. Tash shows us what the view of gliding is like for a teenager and how invisible we are. I wonder if you can spot the two most telling statements she says?



## Member Protection Information

VSA's Member Protection Information Officer, Alf McMillan, will be running webinars shortly to provide information to clubs on the issues of member protection and your club's responsibilities. If you have a member protection issue of concern, Alf can be contacted on [alfmcm+MPIO@gmail.com](mailto:alfmcm+MPIO@gmail.com)

## Play by the Rules

Information about **Play by the Rules** that you can present to your club members has been compiled by Alf McMillan, VSA MPIO, and can be found on the [VSA website Governance page](#). It may seem that it is not related to gliding, but it is generic in content and can be applied to all sports. [Play by the Rules Online](#) courses are now available that provide you with a Certificate of Attainment upon completion of the courses. The training courses are Harassment & Discrimination, Child Protection, Complaint Handling, Inclusive Coaching and Member Protection Information Officer (this has a face-to-face component). These are well worth undertaking and they are free to enrol and complete. They will give you a broader overview of what it means to have your club be inclusive, fair and safe.

## Australian Junior Gliding Club

The [Australian Junior Gliding Club](#) (AJGC) was formed in 2007 by a group of junior pilots who wanted a way of connecting juniors throughout the country. The main aim of the club is to assist and encourage junior pilots in Australia. This can mean anything from helping someone with their initial training to providing assistance to the Australian team heading out to the Junior Worlds.

This year JoeyGlide will be held in Kingaroy, QLD.

JoeyGlide is the Australian Junior Nationals & Junior Coaching Program. The President, James Nugent, has provided a [Guide to JoeyGlide](#) which is intended to give juniors within your club a brief insight in to what JoeyGlide is all about, in the hope that they consider getting involved.

Please encourage your junior pilots to consider being part of AJGC and/or competing in JoeyGlide. If you or your junior members have any questions re AJGC which is not available on the website, please contact [president@juniorsoaring.org](mailto:president@juniorsoaring.org)



# What's on next!!

## Calendar of Events for Victoria

Date	Event
14 September	<a href="#">Tocumwal Airshow</a>
11-15 November	<a href="#">"Flying Further" Course 1</a> - GCV Benalla Extend your flying further and improve your cross country skills with certified coaches. Contact the office: 03 5762 1058
23 - 30 November	<a href="#">VSA State Championships</a> - Benalla
2-6 December	<a href="#">"Flying Further" Course 2</a> - GCV Benalla Extend your flying further and improve your cross country skills with certified coaches. Contact the office: 03 5762 1058
9-21 December	<a href="#">Australian Multi-Class Nationals</a> - Tocumwal Soaring Centre The entry list is now open. Head to the TSC web page to register or to see who will be racing this December.... <b>Volunteers required to support the competition</b> <b>Contact: Mobile: 0487 531 265 or 0409 405 538</b>
3-17 Jan 2020	<a href="#">10<sup>th</sup> FAI WWGC - Lake Keepit</a> (to support the Victorian women's gliding team, donations can be made with the <a href="#">Australian Sports Foundation</a> ).
15- 22 Feb 2020	Two-Seat Nationals - Horsham Further details on entry and admin to be advised.

### 7 Day a Week Courses

November 2019 - Weekday "Flying Start" courses - Gliding Club of Victoria, Benalla  
March 2020 Course dates [located here](#)

We know you've got planning in the pipeline for the soaring season, so send an email to [president@gliding.asn.au](mailto:president@gliding.asn.au) for inclusion in the VSA newsletter so that other pilots in Victoria can share in what your club has to offer.

Kind Regards  
Viv Drew  
VSA President

## Is your club “the horse?”

You can lead a horse to water  
but you can't make him drink....



It's just a bummer when the  
dehydrated horse tells you later,  
he should have had a drink.