

“Soaring Victoria”

VSA NEWSLETTER

Congratulations Ailsa McMillan for qualifying for the Women’s World Gliding Championships in 2020!



Yes! It's been hot!

Good gliding weather in some places, in others not so good, but that's gliding!!
Horsham Week was again successful and a good time had by all.

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Essentially, when you register for Premier's Active April, it is operations as normal, but members of the public can sign up for a glider flight on Premier's Active April. *They will receive a Pass from the Premier's Active April campaign. The individuals then contact you to arrange a flight at a discounted rate set by your club and present their pass to obtain the discount.*

Your Club's Involvement:

- Your club must sign up in the [Premier's Active April MyLocal section](#) - Event Category
- Individual members of the public wanting a flight in their region will also register with Premier's Active April 2019 to gain a pass for the opportunity to experience a "Try It, Fly It" flight in April 2019.
- Children must be aged over 12 years.
- Passes to the "Try It, Fly It" activity will be issued to residents of Victoria only.
- Passes can only be redeemed by booking directly with their chosen gliding club prior to attending BUT YOUR CLUB MUST SIGN UP (as above) to be part of the event.
- Your special price is applicable throughout April.
- The Premier's Active April 2019 registration card/pass will need to be shown on the booked gliding day to obtain the "Try It Fly It" special price that you designate appropriate to the launch height.



Get Active, Get Involved

Australian Team Announced for WWGC 2020

News from GFA. The Soaring Development Panel has announced the Australian team to compete in the Women's World Gliding Championships to be held at Lake Keepit in January 2020. Australia is able to select 9 positions for the championships, three in each class - Club, Standard and 18m. The really exciting outcome is that we have 9 excellent women pilots who will be able to represent us well at these championships, all with excellent soaring skills and experience at the highest levels. This speaks well for the standard of women soaring pilots in Australia.

The team members are:

Club Class: Jenny Ganderton (NSW), Jo Davis (QLD) Kerrie Claffey (NSW)
Standard Class: Cathy Conway (SA), Claire Scutter (QLD), Lisa Trotter (QLD)
18m Class: Ailsa McMillan (VIC), Jenny Thompson (QLD) Lisa Turner (QLD)

All 9 pilots competed well in the Narromine Nationals or the Lake Keepit Nationals this last few months, some in both. All are very current and quite focused on preparing for the world championships and will be practicing hard over the next 12 months.

Other Australian representatives: Two other Australian's will be competing in the world championships but representing other countries. Akemi Ichikawa will be representing Japan in Standard class, and Diane Schuit will be representing Luxembourg in 18m class.

Some funding will come from the GFA ITC fund, so we are looking to supplement with some fundraising. GFA have organised a Sports Foundation donation scheme which provides a tax deduction for any donation. Please use the links below to help our team to effectively participate in the world championships.

Australian Womens Gliding Team

Project URL (includes story) <https://asf.org.au/projects/gliding-federation-of-australia/australian-womens-gliding-team/>

Donation URL (direct to donation form) <https://asf.org.au/donate/gliding-federation-of-australia/australian-womens-gliding-team/>

Calendar of Events for Victoria

March

12-17 March - Alpine Regatta at Mount Beauty - lead Coach G. Dale (details below)

11-15 March - Instructors Course

May & June - Airworthiness Courses. (Information below)

VSA Facebook

We are getting lots of posts coming through from clubs and their activities. Keep them coming and raise the VSA profile with not only your members, but also the general public. Take that pic of your customers experiencing the Air Experience flight up close and personal. Make sure you celebrate First Solos and put them on the FB page. Even a small video is fantastic and gets us lots of Likes! We are increasing our awareness and also getting Likes from people outside of gliding - which is always good. It's nice to let other clubs and pilots in Victoria know what we are doing and also let people who don't know about gliding, into the secret!!

Code of Conduct - do you have one?

The majority of workplaces these days operate under Codes of Conduct. Sporting clubs are not exempt. If your club does not have a Code of Conduct displayed on your noticeboard, consider doing one. Then all members know what is required and the Code of Conduct can be referenced if need be. A free [Code of Conduct template](#) can be found at [Play by the Rules](#) website.

Junior Scholarships Awarded

VSA congratulates Bradley Farley and Ethan Falkingham from South Gippsland Gliding Club on being awarded a VSA Youth Post Solo Scholarship. Both juniors are keen active club members and are aspiring to further their training and gaining their GPC. Well done to both Bradley and Ethan and the SGGC for their initiative.

VSA also congratulates Noah Tanzen from the Gliding Club of Victoria for being awarded a VSA Post Solo Scholarship on 14 Feb, 2019. Noah is an enthusiastic Junior pilot who is passionate about gliding and he is looking forward to progressing to his GPC.



Victorian State Gliding Comps - Benalla

If you didn't see the [VSA Facebook](#) where all the action is on "who did what" in gliding during summer, then here is the low down on the VSA State Comps held at Benalla. Congratulations and a huge thank you to Matt Gage for organising the competition. A job well done!

And let's not forget our dedicated mid-week tug pilots at Benalla, Wendy and Danni, who undertook their first competition towing event. They did a fabulous job!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the field, with registrations, social and operations. The comp went smoothly and was fun and safe.

Congratulations to the winners:

18 Metre Winner - Lumpy Paterson (SRGC)

2nd Place - John Orton (GCV)

3rd Place - Tim Wilson (GCV)

Club Class - Craig Collings (MBGC)

2nd Place - Matt Woodhouse (GCV)

3rd Place - Bernie Sizer (SRGC)

All the good oil on the comp can be found at [Soaring Spot](#) and by following the links to the two videos, [On the Grid](#) and [End of Comp](#) to see some of the highlights of the competition...and the winners!

What's on next!!

VSA Alpine Regatta 2019 - 12-17th March at Mt. Beauty

The VSA will be holding the VSA Alpine Course at Mt Beauty in March 2019. This is an excellent site to develop your mountain flying skills, and a great place for scenic touring and a family visit. Over these 6 days, international gliding coach, Gee Dale will lead coaching sessions for all pilots interested in developing their mountain flying skills. Gee is an excellent mountain soaring instructor and coach with experience in running courses in New Zealand and in France. Contact the organiser Philip Volk.

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VSA Airworthiness Training 2019

The VSA is seeking to establish the level of interest in Form 2 inspection training courses during 2019.

Course Details

Two courses will be held in May or June so that candidates can complete training in time for Winter & Spring when glider annual inspections are usually performed.

Courses are five days, Monday – Friday at Composite Components, Ballarat Airfield.

Candidates are required to prepare for the course by reviewing the GFA online Airworthiness training modules which requires about 8 weeks of part time study.

Course cost is \$1400, and for candidates who are endorsed by their Club, the VSA will offer a \$500 subsidy. Candidates must arrange their own meals and accommodation. Ballarat offers a choice of budget priced restaurants and motels.

For further information, contact either:

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Or

Send an email to returns@glidingaustralia.org and your queries will be forwarded to one of the above.

SPORTS COMMUNITY UPDATE / GRANTS

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TRADITIONAL METHODS

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For more information on Grants in Victoria, go to [Sports Community/Grants/VicGrants](#)

Don't think applying for grants doesn't work because Southern Cross Gliding Club received \$200,000 for a new clubhouse! You just have to be prepared, do your paperwork, have everything ready to go!

[Congratulations Southern Cross Gliding Club](#)

Southern Cross Gliding Club, NSW, received \$200,000 to replace their Clubhouse, thanks to Sport Australia's 'Move It Aus' grant programs. **They found the grant through the Sports Community Newsletter** - congratulations everyone!

[Click through to read more](#)



Kind Regards

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VSA President