

“Gliding Victoria”

VSA NEWSLETTER NEW YEAR EDITION



The Year that was.....

2019 saw many challenges for the VSA, not the least of the Prez getting her head around the predominant issues, expenditures and programs that the VSA is responsible for, including grant writing, strategy planning, reporting and being accountable to the Department of Sport & Recreation for the grant money provided to us to enable us to do what we do for you. In the final months of 2019, the VSA was also awarded a special grant for our #YesGirlsGlide program, which was very exciting. More reporting!

Airworthiness and Instructor courses were undertaken, grants for junior scholarships to assist our young people to keep flying, assistance with coaching courses, the simulator project with the new fixed infrastructure at Bacchus Marsh and some upgrades to our mobile simulators, the OGN network, meetings, the new airfield at Tunbridge in Tassie certified for operation, and of great importance to the VSA Committee, was updating and distributing information out to clubs on Sport Governance and legislation that is a requirement of all sporting bodies in Victoria. The compliance by VSA to the State Government initiatives will also cascade down to clubs as part of Victorian clubs applying for grants and/or funding from VSA.

This year we also want to have a new look website as the existing one is very difficult to navigate in the digital, visual world of today. To this end, we will be also looking at the content and auditing our guidelines for funding to ensure we have captured and are up-to-date with what is happening in the gliding and the sporting world today.

2019 has not been all smooth sailing, but we have new faces on the committee to bring new perspectives and views. Also, a big welcome to Tom Spiesser, our Treasurer. A very important job!! Dave Cleland has been a sterling support over many years, but has indicated that this is his final year.

The MultiClass Nationals held at Tocumwal was a great success despite impact from the smoke from bushfires. Congratulations to Lumpy and Sharon for hosting and putting in extraordinary hours to get this event off the ground and put Tocumwal back on the map of gliding also a big thank you to all the volunteers who took part to make sure the comp went smoothly. We can't exist without people putting in their time and effort.

2020 looks to be an exciting year and we hope that Victorian clubs will be part of the journey.

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 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.

Accredited VSA YouthGlide Centres...coming soon!

What is a VSA Accredited YouthGlide Centre?

A VSA Accredited YouthGlide Centres (VSA YGC) initiative is based on the British Gliding Association Junior gliding centres and with the kind permission of the BGA, we have been able to utilize the framework to develop our own. What does all this mean?

Any VSA club that has received accreditation as a VSA YouthGlide Centre can demonstrate to parents and the community that it has policies, procedures and support systems in place to encourage pilots aged under 25 and that they will be treated with inclusion and respect. The club will have demonstrated an ongoing commitment, as part of their club activities, to pursue excellence with a focus on Junior Pilots.

Accreditation Requirements will be advised to Club Presidents shortly.

And to the Governance stuff.....Update on Child Safe Standards

The Department of Health and Human Services have undertaken a review of the Child Safe Standards (the Standards). The report recommends aligning the Standards with the National Principles of Child Safe Organisations, and this process will take place over the next 12 months.

For now, the requirements to comply with the Victorian Standards remain the same.

The review can be seen via this link: [A Guide to Child Safe Standards](#)

As the document is long, an initial reference to the following will get you started:

- Pages 9 "How to make an organisation child safe"
- Page 27 "Sample: Child Safe Policy"
- Page 32 "Child Safe Standard 3: Code of Conduct"

With more young people engaging in our sport (and many clubs have been actively seeking young junior pilots who will be the future of this sport), it is timely to remember that young people from ages 15-18 years come under the Child Safe Standards and compliance is not an option. All club officials, instructors and coaches should become familiar with the 7 Standards and cascade this information down to your members.

GCV celebrates #YesGirlsGlide

At the recent Benalla Festival, GCV entered a trailer complete with glider and young Kara Goodley to celebrate and promote gliding to women in the region. They also had Ailsa in the JS1 doing a spectacular Fly Past along with Peter Gray and Gerry Hogan in the Duo Discus following right behind. The young children in the street were seen with arms outstretched flying down the street playing pretend gliders!



#YesGirlsGlide Funding

On 13th November, The Hon Martin Pakula MP, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events approved the funding grant for the VSA's #YesGirlsGlide program for 2 years. The program will be run by Ailsa McMillan and Sonja Fabig and willing helpers are encouraged. This funding is for \$20,000 over two years and is specifically available only to the women in gliding program. This is very exciting for the VSA's strategy of Inclusion and Diversity and we will be seeking clubs who are interested to be involved and fit the Project Brief.

Women's World Gliding Championships at Lake Keepit so far.....

Check out the very nice TV coverage to date to see how the teams are preparing.

<https://www.prime7.com.au/news/18858-flying-high?fbclid=IwAR1LKLJLUjoyiHh5DYxrkneNglT2bd0Cq4SliyfgsHeV0b2GJqOX6G7HGmq>

<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/12/31/world-champion-glider-pilots-ready-for-take-off/>

Claiming the VSA CAGIT from Grampians Soaring Club

Article by: Frank Van Der Hoeven, Bendigo GC

While attending the annual Wave Camp at the Grampians Soaring Club over the Queens Birthday long weekend Trevor Hancock of the GSC pointed out to me that the VSA CAGIT Trophy was sitting idle on top of the bookshelf in the club house, unclaimed for one and a half years. It was then that I made a promise to myself that I would fly in, at the first possible chance to claim the CAGIT Trophy.

Well, Sunday the 24th of November looked just right for the task, so the day before I phoned GSC to advising my intention and also to confirm that there would be an operation on the day to re-launch me, as I would attempt to complete the mission in one day.

On the day I was looking to launch around noon, but when I pushed the Nimbus out on the flight line I found out that the Oudie update hadn't finished from the previous day and that it wasn't going to work. I really only needed the Oudie to record the flight as I was very familiar with the route to Ararat, having flown it many of times in my Jabiru and BGC's Eurofox. But then Peter Raphael came to rescue in loaning me his Oudie and although set up with the data and Polar of a Hall Cherokee, just a little different to my Nimbus 2, it would have to do. Fortunately, having a full subscription of OZrunway running on my iPhone provided me with all the information I needed along the way, along with that ever-reliable Map.

Launching at 12.20 pm I set out on task from 2900' agl, only to find myself 30 minutes later down to 1200' agl, but thanks to a helpful eagle a little lower and out to my left I was able to climb back up to a more comforting height of 3900' agl. The thermals while still gusty were now slowly starting to go higher. When making my 10 mile inbound call to YARA, I was greeted by Brendon Lovell who only minutes later flew over the top of me in his PIK 20B.

Upon landing at Ararat, I was then greeted by the friendly ground crew of the GSC and towed back to the launch point. There, David Lovell and Brian Woods presented me with the VSA CAGIT Trophy and Gerry then towed me back into the sky with the clubs Pawnee VH-COD, and no, I didn't have to pay up front!

The return flight was easy and uneventful with thermals now going to 6200' agl, and by 16:50 I had arrived back at the Bendigo Gliding Club.

I would like to encourage everyone of adventure and come and get the location at the Bendigo Gliding Club.

The challenge has been set and to club that has the VSA CAGIT 30th March 2020, will receive a

Yes, there are some rules, so check [CAGIT Trophy](#).



within the VSA to embrace the spirit "Cup" which now resides in a central You will be most welcome.

make it even more attractive, the Trophy sitting on their shelf by cash bonus of \$400!!

out the VSA Website for the [VSA](#)

So, check your weather links and **go and get it!!!** If no-one claims the trophy, Bendigo GC will receive the \$400!

MILESTONES.....

75 YEARS – MELBOURNE GLIDING CLUB (VMFG)

The Melbourne Gliding Club held its 75th anniversary dinner during 2019 with over 60 guests a great night was had by all. Alan Patching was a founding member of a club in 1944 and was presented with his 75 year membership award by his grandson, Tighe Patching. Congratulations to Alan and MGC!

40 YEARS – BENDIGO GLIDING CLUB

On 23rd November, 2019, Bendigo Gliding Club celebrated 40 years gliding with a celebratory dinner at The Bendigo Club.

Congratulations to the clubs and their members for their hard work and dedication to the sport of gliding and continuing to perpetrate the joy of gliding flight to new members.

90 YEARS FOR GCV

The GCV was formed officially on September 27, 1929 when gliding in Australia quite suddenly achieved a degree of popularity for which no realistic answer ever became available. Club records show that the GCV was officially set in motion at a meeting in a City restaurant on the above date and it is recorded in the minute book that the inaugural members present were Messrs. W.R. Garrett, D. Brown, J. Turner, R. Harrison, K. Shields, Flight Lieut. Dr. James (all Citizen Air Force personnel), E. Howden, C.J. Gordon and F. Waters. W. Garrett was elected Chairman, F. Waters Honorary Secretary and R. Harrison Honorary Treasurer. The name "Gliding Club of Victoria" was decided on at the next meeting on October 11. Plans are in motion to celebrate this auspicious event. Congratulations!

Keep safe in 2020...

As we move into the Year 2020, we are stricken with devastating bushfires which have impacted communities and caused shocking damage to property, livestock, wildlife and traumatised many, many people. This terrible event will also impact many clubs financially during the height of our flying season and will require extra effort on the social flying side and some think-tanks on providing flying initiatives outside of our regular season.

The VSA Committee wish all Victorian members the joy and fun of gliding during 2020 and a fervent wish to keep safe at this time.

Fly high, fly fast, fly safe.

What's on next!!

Calendar of Events for Victoria

Date	Event
3-17 Jan 2020	10th FAI WWGC - Lake Keepit (to support the Victorian women's gliding team, donations can be made with the Australian Sports Foundation).
25 Jan - 1 Feb 2020	Horsham Coaching Week - at Horsham
1 - 8 February, 2020	Horsham Week - at Horsham
15- 22 Feb 2020	Two-Seat National Championships - Horsham
20 - 24 April 2020	VSA Airworthiness Course - Ballarat Presenters: Joe Luciani, Phil Organ and Trevor Hancock Gliders required: composite only - no metal or wood Maximum 5 candidates. If we fulfill the quota of participants and further interest is shown, another course will be run.

Flying Start - 7 Day Courses

Nov 2019 - Mar 2020	Weekday "Flying Start" courses - Gliding Club of Victoria, Benalla Course dates located here
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*We know you've got planning in the pipeline for the soaring season, so share your event to the VSA Facebook page and/or send an email to 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.
If I've missed any event, let me know – nicely!*

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VSA Prez