



# “Soaring Victoria”

VSA NEWSLETTER - WINTER EDITION

## VSA AGM & Presidents’ Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> August

Bacchus Marsh Club Rooms, Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome from 11:00am to 12:30 pm. All VSA pilots welcome. A light lunch will be provided. Contact the Secretary at [DavidLCleland@gmail.com](mailto:DavidLCleland@gmail.com) to advise of attendance for catering purposes by **no later than Friday, July 26 2019**.

Presidents’ meeting commences at 1:00 pm.

If you wish to be part of the dynamic Victorian Soaring Association Committee, nominations are open and the form can be found under [VSA Officer Nomination Form](#)

## 2019 VSA Awards – Nominations by Clubs

VSA is calling for nominations by clubs for the following VSA Awards:

- Ron Roberts Trophy for the longest flight
- David Hooper Memorial Trophy for longest flight within 2 years of solo
- Bob McCullough Instructing Trophy
- Geoff Vincent Memorial Trophy for most meritorious height gain on a VSA site
- Living Treasures Award

Please send all nominations to David Cleland - [davidcleland@gmail.com](mailto:davidcleland@gmail.com)

Details of the awards and last year’s recipients are [located here](#)

Nominations will close on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

## VSA Facebook

Check out Shaun Driscoll in ZBV soaring over The Horn at Mt. Buffalo. You can get some great shots from this location.

## Womens' World Gliding Championship

It's time to start donating, so here's the funding link for the [Aust Women's World Gliding Championship Team](#). A **HUGE thank you** to the Australian Women Pilots' Association who collected a whopping **\$604** at the recent AWPA National Conference in Brisbane. So, gliding colleagues, how about having a BBQ or fund-raising theme night to collect donations to support our Women's team?

## Two Seat Nationals confirmed at Horsham

The two seat nationals will be at Horsham from 16th - 22nd February 2020, with a practice day on Saturday 15th.

A number of our clubs have very suitable gliders, as do some individuals. Gliders such as the Duo Discus, Arcus, DG1000 are all excellent choices. Also, older gliders with 20m or less span can also compete, e.g. DG505, Janus and even the Twin Astir (with water ballast). The competition will use the GFA ballasted handicaps.

It is the first time that the competition will be held away from Narromine which will make it very accessible for Victorian pilots. So, it would be great to see as many local gliders competing as possible to support the Horsham club.

This event is a great introduction to competition flying. If you've not flown a competition before, find a mate in a similar situation and a coach who is an experienced competition pilot (most coaches are!) and enter as a team if your club has a suitable glider, flying alternate days with the coach. This is the best way to start your competition flying.

More details to follow in the coming months on entry and admin or contact Matt Gage on 0421 382 990 or [matt@knightschallenge.com](mailto:matt@knightschallenge.com)

Check your dates, book your gliders and your coach and support teams and get into it!!

## Congratulations to the Wave Masters!



For those who did not get to the Grampians Wave Soaring Weekend, you will be grinding your teeth! Congratulations to Jeff Farrow and Martin Power of Geelong GC who made a flight to 21,000 ft on the last day of the Grampians Wave camp during the June long weekend.

## Bendigo (S2F) Participation

The team at BGC had their first round Soaring to the Future with Steve Pallas of Sports Community. The first session was well received with lots of good input from everyone – and the sausage rolls were pretty good too! Well done everyone.

# Airworthiness Course completed!

## Congratulations:

Jon Joubert - GCV  
 Dave Nugent - Sunraysia  
 Steven Bekker \_ Mt Beauty  
 Matthew Atkinson - Lake Keepit, NSW  
 Matt Sternberg \_ Warwick, QLD



The Airworthiness course was run from 20-24 May at Ballarat under the steady guidance of Joe Luciani and Phil Organ. A tremendous thanks to both Joe and Phil for getting these guys over the line and a big thank you to Ian Grant for organising the course to happen.

Bit of feedback from two of our participants, Dave Nugent and Steve Bekker:

*“Ian, thanks for organising the course. I enjoyed it very much and met some great people. Phil, Joe and Trevor need a medal! We have the clubs single Astir GDJ in the workshop at the moment, I’m helping Martin Rule with it....”*

*“I am pleasantly surprised with respect to the subsidy as I was not expecting it. I am hoping to get involved with two or three inspections over the winter to put the skills from the course into practice. Phil and Joe did a great job and it was well worth the time and expense....”*

All the participants are keen to keep this rating current, so if your club needs assistance with Form 2s over winter, send an email to [president@gliding.asn.au](mailto:president@gliding.asn.au) or to Ian Grant at [ian.grant.gliding@gmail.com](mailto:ian.grant.gliding@gmail.com) and we will link you up.

## Sport & Recreation Funding

Well, the submission is in! We find out at the end of June if we have been successful.  
**We have put in for Foundation Funding and one Project Funding application.**

## 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.

# VSA Members' Survey

Coming soon.....

## Vale – Max Carpenter

Our sincere sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of Max Carpenter who passed away peacefully on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at the age of 95. Max was a valued Tugmaster at GCV and a L2 Instructor. Rest in peace on your final glide.

## What's on next!!

### Calendar of Events for Victoria

Date	Event
22 June	<a href="#">Soaring the Winter Solstice</a> - Benalla Come and fly at Benalla from dawn to dusk. Hot chocolate, marshmallows, BBQ and flying. RSVP to: (so they can order the snags!): (03 5762 1058)
29 June	<a href="#">Bonfire Night - Bendigo Gliding Club</a> . Onsite camping and good facilities. Contact Paul on 0437 959 265.
10 August:	<a href="#">VSA 2019 Annual General Meeting</a> - Bacchus Marsh Club Rooms, Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome from 11:00am to 12:30 pm. All VSA pilots welcome. A light lunch will be provided. Presidents' meeting commences at 1:00.
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
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....
3-17 Jan 2020	10 <sup>th</sup> <a href="#">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 you have to offer.

Kind Regards  
Viv Drew  
VSA President