



GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER MAY EDITION



WHAT'S ON FOR WINTER?!

GLAD YOU ASKED! SO, ARE YOU READY?!

Grampians Soaring Club will be holding their renowned Wave Weekend from 11th - 15th June (Queen's Birthday weekend) and all are welcome.

The club will be running the weekend for 4 days to maximise the chances of exploring the wave conditions that this site is known for. Heights of over 20,000 were flown at their last camp! AND, Bernard Eckey has confirmed he will be attending, so if you want to learn from "the Wave Master", then put the date in your calendar and get ready for those height records and badges!

- Fully catered meals
- Accommodation is "first in, best dressed", or local motels and hotels
- Winch launching if the wave isn't "on"
- Where: Ararat Airfield

Contact: gliding@grampianssoaring.club

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The logo for the Grampians Soaring Club, featuring a stylized glider and the text "GRAMPIANS SOARING CLUB ARARAT, VIC".

#extraordinarygliding

WHO WENT SOLO?

Congratulations to Rohan Ford at GCV for a great first solo yesterday! A little cold for the water but we had a towel ready 😊



Pete Webster solos again at Beaufort GC after an 8 month COVID break - Congratulations!



Congratulations James on going solo! Great effort - flawless circuit, and super landing!!



A huge congratulations to Sunraysia's awesome junior Jessica Scott who achieved her first solo in early February. [#yesgirlsglide](#)



Congratulations to GCV members, Andrew Squires (L) and Rob Gordon (R) who soloed on 6th May. Many thanks to Instructor Bloc!



Congratulations Hamish Scothern at South Gippsland GC. First Solo Age 15!

HORSHAM COACHING WEEK



Krish and Jenne G sitting by awaiting to assist Hamid in getting into the air and soar the first task for Horsham Coaching Week at Horsham Aerodrome.



A slow start to Horsham Coaching Week but a very successful one. Eric from Grampians Soaring Club completing a task and looking very pleased!

55th HORSHAM WEEK COMPETITION



Hamid Nazari from Geelong Gliding Club at Horsham Airport – “Another day gone, another story written”.



Nice paddock – of course! It's Horsham!



Open / 18M Class

1. **Michael Durrant** - Geelong Gliding Club
2. **Terry Cubley** - Gliding Club of Victoria
3. **Rolf Buelter** - Geelong Gliding Club

15M / Standard Class

1. **Jack Hart** - Beaufort Gliding Club
2. **Tim Shirley** - Gliding Club of Victoria
3. **Daniel Summers** - Gliding Club of Victoria

Club Class

1. **Grant Heaney** - SportAviation
2. **Craig Collings** - Mt Beauty Gliding Club
3. **Robertson & Ryan** - Mt Beauty Gliding Club

Full competition results on [SoaringSpot](https://www.soaringspot.com.au/).

AROUND THE CLUBS – GRAMPIANS SOARING CLUB @ ARARAT

GSC are really moving forward and making use of COVID time! After a session on the future of the club and things that they could do easily to make progress going forward, they have got to it with gusto!

They engaged all their members, both flying and non-flying and asked for feedback about what they wanted at their club. So, the toilet facilities in the club rooms were completed ahead of the Christmas period, they've put bins in the toilet and shower rooms (based on feedback from female family members) and they've added hand dryers to improve hygiene and get rid of the "manky" (their words!) towels. The feedback has been very positive, and there has been an increase in willingness for families to stay at the club and participate.

Their signage looks spectacular and has helped to improve the professional image of the club, and make them much more visible to other airfield users. And what about that logo?! Brilliant!



They are about to place an order for their clubwear - long sleeve polo shirts and bucket hats to improve public perception so that their pilots and ground crew will look much better presented, more consistent and visible and also, as they say, promote some "esprit de corps"!

They've re-painted the inside of the clubhouse, and replaced the old "skungy" (goes with manky!) brown couch with some tub chairs, which have been well received. They've had a really good clean out of a lot of the old garbage around the place, and tried to make the clubrooms less cluttered and cleaner and more modern looking. So, as can be seen, GSC members have been very busy trying to improve the image and impression of the club. Member feedback is quite positive on the whole, with some members commenting "things are really coming together".

And the best thing of all is that they have picked up 3 new members over the last month, two students, and another member who has migrated to the local area, which is fantastic for them!

Congratulations to all the Grampians Soaring Club team! Keep on, keeping on and a fantastic effort by all. AND don't forget the [GRAMPIANS WAVE CAMP](#) on June 11th -15th.

GSC are renowned for their wave camps and this is the best place to experience this weather phenomenon! **GET IN EARLY!**

AIRWORTHINESS COURSES RAMP UP!

The first of the Form 2 Inspection Courses for 2021 commenced on Monday 3rd May and runs until Friday 7th May. This first course was completely booked out. The “Team WeCanDoThis” have been working with Joe Luciani, John Wharington and Graham Cassidy (from Tas!) And they have been working hard! Eight hour days, presentations and homework. Well done to all the Airworthiness team for bringing this professionally run course together.



FLARM FIRMWARE UPDATE

FLARM uses a rolling release cycle, requiring an annual update. Each update can be applied anytime during a rolling one-year period.

As the update cycle is individual, no generic information is sent out on individual firmware expiration dates. There is a FLARM news sign-up that can help users stay up to date with upcoming releases.

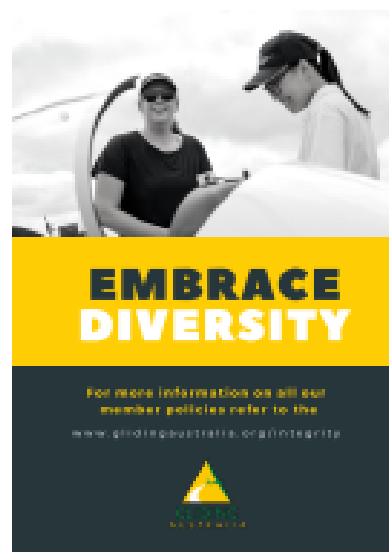
[The latest FLARM update detail is available here.](#)

Integrity - Codes of Conduct

What's your definition of "integrity?"

1. [Introduction to the Integrity of Sport](#) (mini online course)
2. [Ethics and Ethical Decision Making in Sport](#) (mini online course)
3. [Walking the Talk – Putting Integrity into Action](#) (mini online course)
4. [Harassment and Discrimination online course](#) - It's not OK!

To further reinforce the Integrity of your club to your members, visitors and the general public, click on the posters below for the link to the new GFA Integrity posters that should be displayed in your clubhouse, flight operations centre, hangars, piecarts and anywhere else that is deemed applicable.



WHAT'S ON NEXT?

AIRWORTHINESS

Course #2 Monday 17th - Friday 24th May

Further details to come on [VSA Facebook](#)

Presenters will be: Joe Luciani, John Wharington and Graham Cassidy (top notch crew!)

Also, there are a number of spare copies of the GFA Airworthiness posters (A3 size) available at the GFA Office. Posters are for:

- How to get an airworthiness rating
- Raising an SDR
- Daily inspection

If you or your club want a copy, please e-mail the GFA office at returns@glidingaustralia.org
You will need to pay postage (around \$9 per package).

Did we mention? WAVE CAMP – GRAMPIANS SOARING CLUB

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Email: gliding@grampianssoaring.club for more information. Full catered meals for the event will be provided and accommodation is "first in, best dressed!" Winch launching will be available if the Wave isn't happening.



INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

A FIRC course was held at Benalla on 1st and 2nd May and was well attended. Congratulations to all who retained their competency.

The second FIRC session will be held prior to August at Bacchus Marsh (date to be determined).

Expressions of Interest

VSA 2021 State Championships

December 2-8, 2021



Expressions of Interest are invited from any clubs interested in hosting the competition for next season. Benalla has indicated its willingness to host it again next season, but in fairness to others, offers to host from any other club will be considered. It's important that any interested club is able to demonstrate that sufficient entries are probable to validate the competition. EOIs should be addressed to president@gliding.asn.au and received by 13th May 2021.

AJGC – JOEYGLIDE TO BE HELD IN VICTORIA!

It has been announced that the Australian Junior Nationals and Junior Coaching Program (JoeyGlide) will be held at Benalla from **15 - 22 January 2022** with the 15th being the practice day. It will be an exciting time to watch these young guns achieving amazing things!

Please note, for this year only, the maximum age of entrants has been raised by one year (must be under 27 years) due to the cancellation of Joeyglide 2020.

See <https://www.joeyglide.juniorsoaring.org/> for coaching and competition registration details. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at admin@juniorsoaring.org

Check out the super vid on the AJGC Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/4jZEkLEndj/>



NEXT ISSUES – Back to Business! (among other “stuff!”)

Marketing: What's your “point of difference?”

What do you sell?

How do you sell it?

Who's your target market?

Planning: Where are you now?

Where do you want to be?

How do you get there?