

# “Birds Eye View” - your Victorian Soaring Association Newsletter – Oct 2018

## We Want You!!

### VSA Secretary Role

David Cleland has held the position of VSA Secretary for 10 years. He has provided exemplary voluntary service to VSA but is now **vacating** this position.

**We require a new secretary and this is a good opportunity to "pay it forward".**

We are open to all members, including partners, who may wish to be involved at the grass roots level of the sport of gliding in Victoria. This is a great way to stay connected to gliding if you have elected to cease active flying.

We endeavour to have 3 face-to-face meetings per year and the rest is via teleconference and/or video conference. We strive to be flexible to accommodate those who are working or those who are swanning on the beaches of Broome!

You will not be left holding the bag! Dave will provide you with all the information required and will ensure a smooth handover transition.

Please contact either [president@gliding.asn.au](mailto:president@gliding.asn.au) or David at [DavidLCleland@gmail.com](mailto:DavidLCleland@gmail.com). See Position Description [here](#).

### VSA Marketing Role

Interested in Marketing and Social Media and making VSA a leading gliding association who is visible to the public as a pretty cool sport to be involved in? Do you have social media skills? Get in contact with Vivienne Drew to register your interest at [president@gliding.asn.au](mailto:president@gliding.asn.au)

## Simulator Update

Our mobile simulators are getting a lot of use and since May we have had 8 bookings and one now registered for January 2019.

We hope to progress with updating the Analogue Simulator shortly for compatibility with the Virtual Reality Simulator.

## Open Glider Network

YHSM and YRYW were installed during early October.

YRYW has just broken the Australian distance record for reception by 50km; it now stands at 196 km. This means that a high mast will minimise the need for intermediate stations.

# VSA #YesGirlsGlide

VSA has produced posters to compliment our #YesGirlsGlide campaign.....more to come.

Check out the [Women in Gliding](#) page for the *Women in Gliding Marketing Plan*.

## Initiatives and Funding

The VSA runs a number of [support programs](#) for clubs and individual members. Follow the link for more information on what is available to your club.

## Regional Sports Assembly

Who are the Regional Sports Assembly? Your best friend, that's who! The Regional Sports Assembly do the groundwork of supporting grassroots sport & recreation clubs on behalf of Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV) in regional areas and are funded by VicSport to assist clubs with the following:

- Providing resources and assistance in grant writing and financial help
- Facility and asset advice
- Up-skilling & advice on general club matters and overall club strategy
- Club accreditation programs such as 'Good Sports', liquor licensing and any other regulatory matters
- Council relationships and networking links
- General advice and support as required

SRV & VicHealth fund and support the Regional Sports Assembly to be on the ground and doing everything they can for regional clubs and associations. I encourage everyone to seek them out (and I have contact information for your relevant regions, so call or email me) and use them as the resource that the state government has created them to be. If they don't have all of the answers or information you need, they are pretty good at knowing who would in most cases, so why wouldn't you utilise their help??

## VSA Funding

Just in case you didn't know, VSA receives a grant from Sport & Recreation Victoria so that we are able to carry out and support training initiatives, such as Airworthiness courses and coaching courses along with subsidising various programs, among other things. We have to do a lot of work to get this funding and we have to network with other organisations on your club's behalf, such as the Regional Sports Assembly, for the benefit of our sport of gliding as a whole. Engaging with the initiatives offered, will not only benefit your club and it's ongoing

growth and interaction with the community, it will also assist your regional association to continue to financially support programs necessary to the ongoing future of our sport.

## Airworthiness Courses

The Form 2 courses at Composite Components in Ballarat had 9 candidates and it went extremely well. Many thanks to Joe Luciani and Phil Organ for their time and effort to undertake this course and many thanks to Ian Grant for doing all the hands-on work to make this happen. Graham Cassidy from Soaring Club of Tasmania was Assistant Tutor and was a welcome addition to assisting in the courses.

## VSA Club Development - S2F

Sunraysia Gliding Club & GCV at Benalla have both completed planning sessions with Steve Pallas of Sports Community which were well received. Onto next steps!!

## Sports Community

[Sports Community](#) are running some great webinars at present on How to be a President, Treasurer and Secretary. This is a great way to introduce people to these roles and helps with your Succession Planning by not dropping people into roles that they may not have the requisite skills for. Check it out!

**Congratulations** again to Southern Riverina Gliding Club on their Juniors Day held during September.

Two very keen young lads had two flights each with one of the local Junior members assisting with his Dad who had just gone solo. Both had a memorable flight in the Caproni with Ingo. Well done on a great effort SRGC!

## Victorian State Gliding Comps - Entries Open

The entries are now open for the Victoria State Gliding Competition being held at Benalla.

Pilots are encouraged to enter the competition which runs from Sunday 9th December 2018 to Saturday 15th December 2018 inclusive. The official competition website is:

<https://www.knightchallenge.com/vicstate18/>

# Women's Gliding Championships

The VSA is fundraising with the Australian Sports Foundation to **enable Victorian women glider pilots to qualify for the 2020 Women's World Gliding Championships**. We have some excellent women pilots and it would be great to see them represent Victoria and Australia in the world comps at Lake Keepit.

The pilots have to compete at the Lake Keepit Nationals this coming January in order to qualify; a reasonably expensive activity. It would be disappointing if lack of funds meant no Victorian representatives in the Women's Worlds.

Your donation will make a huge difference to our women pilots! A donation to this project is completely tax-deductible and quick and easy using this link <https://asf.org.au/donate/gliding-federation-of-australia/victorian-womens-gliding-team/>.

## Calendar of Events for Victoria

### Oct

29 Oct - 2 Nov GFA FRP Minor Repair Ballarat

### Nov

3-6th Annual Cross Country Long Weekend - Bendigo GC

3-6th Annual Mountain Flying Long Weekend at Khancoban - Gliding Club of Vic

3-6th Vintage Gliders Bacchus Marsh **NEW**

4th Australian Gliding Museum Open Day **NEW**

11-14th Minor Wood Repair Aust Gliding Museum **NEW**

### Dec

9 – 15th VSA State Comps - Benalla

### Feb

2 – 9<sup>th</sup> Horsham Week