



# GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER EDITION



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A COVID-FREE NEW YEAR!**

**Thank you to all the 2021 committee members for their hard work during a tough year. Thank you to all the Clubs and their Presidents and officials, Regional Officers and individuals who have supported the VSA in 2020/21. They have worked with programs in very difficult and uncertain times and had the courage to initiate events and had the ability to be flexible to postpone events until it was possible to hold them. We look forward to working with you in 2022 for more**

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## SUMMER'S HERE AND STUFF'S HAPPENING!

### Invitation to Horsham Coaching Week 2022

John Orton will be co-ordinating the Horsham Coaching Week in early 2022. It will be held at the Horsham Airfield from 29<sup>th</sup> January until 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The week is primarily to foster post solo glider pilots and to enhance their cross-country gliding techniques. The level is pitched at solo pilots who wish to extend their soaring abilities across the fence. There will be lectures or seminars and weather briefings held in the mornings with flying in the afternoons. Coaching will be available in two x 2 seaters and single seat gliders are welcome. Many pilots turn up and participate in private gliders or hire a club glider. Attempts to fly FAI badge flights will be encouraged.



John is an Official Observer and will be available on site to verify the claims. There will be several high performance two seat gliders available with coaches if you feel that you will benefit from a two-seater coaching flight.

Expressions of interest are invited. Please make direct contact with John Orton on: Mobile: 0429 357 439 or Email: johnorto@gmail.com

### HOT OFF THE PRESS – JOEYGLIDE!

***Gliding Vic/Tas is proud to be a major sponsor of the Vic/Tas junior pilots attending [Joeyglide](#)! We look forward to lots of FB posts/videos, Instagram, WhatsApp and Snapchat media!***

### JOEYGLIDE

Australian Junior Nationals & Junior Coaching Program JoeyGlide 2022 will be hosted at Benalla Airport in Benalla, Victoria. The competition will run from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

- Coaching Program 'Shakedown': 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Official Practice Day & Official Safety Briefing: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Competition Flying Days: 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.

If your club or pilots can assist with aircraft and other support for our junior pilots, contact the AJGC Vic Rep, Ryan Driscoll:

[driscollryan196@gmail.com](mailto:driscollryan196@gmail.com) for more information or see the [AJGC](#) website.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

YouthGlide scholarships and YesGirlsGlide scholarships are now open. Speak to your Club President if you have not received the details. Alternatively, contact [president@gliding.asn.au](mailto:president@gliding.asn.au) to receive documentation.

## THE YEAR THAT WAS.....

Surprisingly, the VSA Committee was very busy despite Covid. Zoom is a marvellous thing!

### So, what happened in the last 12 months?

- ✓ Continued regular newsletters to Victorian glider pilots
- ✓ Updates on government sporting compliance legislation, webinars and events
- ✓ Horsham Events: Coaching Week and Horsham Week competition
- ✓ VSA State Gliding Championships - Benalla
- ✓ Australian Junior Gliding Club's Victorian Local Series Regatta and Coaching Week in place of Joeyglide.
- ✓ Further promotion of Accredited Youth Glide Centres program
- ✓ Form 2 Airworthiness course & the first Composite Care Course with Joe Luciani and John Wharington.
- ✓ FIRC training x 1 at Benalla
- ✓ Survey sent to Victorian female members in relation to holding the YesGirlsGlide mini camps.
- ✓ New VSA website completed and ready for launch in December.

The best part about the above list is that our gliding events were able to be held in between lockdowns. A feat in itself! So, with the Australian Junior Gliding Club's Victorian Local Series Regatta and Coaching Week in place of Joeyglide, the Horsham Coaching Week and Horsham Week competition and the VSA State Gliding Championships in Benalla in March, it turned out to be a good gliding season.

A bigger feat is, that due to border closures, all tasks were undertaken within the Victorian borders! Good on you David Collins from Sunraysia Gliding Club, Mildura for 916 kms flight from Benalla/Mildura return! Classy!








Another good outcome was that Covid Survival funding was available to associations and clubs. VSA funding and subsidies to clubs provided as follows:

- ✓ OGN Net hardware
- ✓ AJGC Victorian Local Series Regatta and Coaching Week sponsorship to replace Joeyglide which was cancelled due to COVID19.
- ✓ VSA Flying Further Course under the VSA Coaching Support Program
- ✓ Horsham Events: Coaching Week and Horsham Week competition
- ✓ Grampians Soaring Club Wave Camp ferry tow sponsorship
- ✓ Form 2 Airworthiness course
- ✓ GCV Simulator upgrade funding
- ✓ Geelong GC webinars during COVID19
- ✓ YouthGlide and YesGirlsGlide scholarships
- ✓ Club funding for Junior Development programs

Good outcome!

### **What happens in the next 12 Months?**

We have a working list and hopefully with Covid restrictions easing, we can move forward. So, below, but not limited to:

-  YesGirlsGlide Mini Series to commence and further scholarships.
-  Ongoing Airworthiness courses in the planning stage.
-  Ongoing Instructor training and refresher training.
-  Continue to promote and expand the Accredited YouthGlide Centres program.
-  Expand the YouthGlide Junior Scholarships to further flight training and development by introduction of scheduled scholarship applications.
-  Continue education and communication on Governance and Integrity in relation to Member Protection, Fair Play Code and Sports Integrity Australia/Play by the Rules information and continue communication via the VSA newsletter on all sporting code requirements and governance issues.
-  Continue to represent Victoria and Tasmania on the Gliding Australia Board.

- ✚ Continue to sponsor and promote gliding competitions and support clubs to hold events and competitions, including the VSA State Championships and AJGC Mini Series in Victoria.
- ✚ Future and ongoing coaching and competition support.

## Gliding VicTas Website launch

The new website for Gliding VicTas will be launched this month.

## IMPORTANT TO NOTE – SUCCESSION PLANNING *(in case you missed this bit)*

Viv Drew, current VSA President and Tom Spiesser, current VSA Treasurer, will not be seeking re-election at the AGM in 2022.

The position descriptions can be found [here](#). If you can fulfill the essential criteria and have the skills and abilities to want to see Gliding Vic/Tas grow and prosper into the future for all Victorian gliding clubs, please consider your willingness to be involved and bring new ideas and enthusiasm to this unique sport. Both Viv and Tom will be available as past officials to assist the new incumbents. Please feel free to reach out to us at

[president@gliding.asn.au](mailto:president@gliding.asn.au) or [treasurer@gliding.asn.au](mailto:treasurer@gliding.asn.au) for any information on these roles.

**SEE THE FREE  
POSITION  
DESCRIPTIONS**

VSA is still seeking an Alternate Delegate to the GFA Board. If you know your sport and want to be an agent for change at a national level, this is the way to go. It's also a good career training ground if you are interested in becoming a member of a corporate Board at some time in the future. You can view information on the GFA Board in the [GFA MOSP 1 Admin 05 Ver 6](#). It's a popular read! Who would've thought?! It's your sport, so if you want to change the game, you have to be in the game!

## Marketing - [#extraordinarygliding](#)

Have you checked out all the new marketing posters provided by [Gliding Australia Marketing](#)? They are free to download to print, free to attach in an email, make great giveaways, promotes gliding at your club and the best thing is, you don't have to prepare the stuff! What's available? Great Posters, Videos, Postcards, Social Media photos, Stickers and Colouring Posters for the Kids (and possibly big kids too!!)





All events are dependent on **COVID advice** and **COVID Safety Plans will apply.**

### **VSA STATE GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

State Gliding Centre, Benalla

4 -11 December, 2021

Details: <https://www.glidingcomp.flights/vsa2022/>

### **VSA COACHING WEEK - HORSHAM**

Hosted by Horsham Flying Club

29 Jan – 4 Feb 2022

Details: [www.horshamweek.org.au](http://www.horshamweek.org.au)

### **56<sup>th</sup> HORSHAM WEEK COMPETITION - HORSHAM**

Hosted by Horsham Flying Club

5th to the 12th February 2022.

Details: [www.horshamweek.org.au](http://www.horshamweek.org.au)

### **AIRWORTHINESS**

Form 2 Inspection Courses for 2022

March – April, 2022

Further details to come.

**From Viv, Reg, Peter, Tom, Bev, Emma, Harbans, Terry, Marley and Ryan, the illustrious 2021/22 Committee members of the Victorian Soaring Association, wish you safe and happy flying over the coming summer months.**

