



GlidingVicTas

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GLIDING VICTAS WEBSITE LAUNCH

The new website for Gliding VicTas has been launched and can be found at <http://www.victas.glidingaustralia.org/>. The website will be linked to the Gliding Australia website to ensure maintenance and security are continually monitored and updated and also to provide better visibility for our region when people are looking to Find a Club in Victoria. The old website was “very old” and maintaining security was difficult due to its age. A very big thank you to Jarek Mosijewski for ensuring that our security has been taken care of over the last 3 years. With our previous Web Administrator, Marcia Cavanaugh, leaving the role after a sterling 10 years and not many people willing to undertake updating an HTML based site, it was time to move forward. We still have some minor linking to do and some updating of data after a malware incident, but this will be undertaken over the next few weeks. We hope you enjoy the new website.



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Welcome to Gliding in Victoria

Flying for Fun Soaring Gliding



Congratulations to Beaufort Gliding Club!

Beaufort Gliding Club with the support of sportsconsultancy@vanderwal.com.au, put in an application for the *Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program* and it has been successful to the tune of \$5,000!

The Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program supports local clubs and other eligible organisations to celebrate and showcase the important role women and girls play at the grassroots level.

If you want to know about their program and what they are intending to do and how this could work for your club, contact David Cleland at Beaufort Gliding Club or Amanda VanderWal, (0414 712 973). Their program is achievable for any club and it also looks like a lot of fun for everyone. Congratulations! [#yesgirlsglide](#)



June 10th - June 19th 2022

Grampians Soaring Club Wave week

Our wave soaring camp is now a 10 day event, starting the Queens Birthday long weekend and continuing through to the following Sunday

To book your spot or to find out more information, send an email to brendonlovell25@gmail.com

West Sale Anzac Airshow

West Sale Air show - April 2022 (Max Speedy, President South Gippsland Gliding Club)

It was back in the days before the world knew anything about Covid that an air show was planned to take place at the La Trobe Valley Airport. Well, you can guess what happened to that. But it was nice to be invited to take part in the West Sale Air Show which took place just a few weeks ago.

With VSA support, the South Gippsland Gliding Club was clearly the best club to show off the sport of gliding. First plans were that we would aero-tow a Twin Astir which would have worked except that the logistics of arriving before the relatively early public opening time and the quite long distance from the runway to our tight little display spot, about a kilometre or so. Not that we couldn't have done it but the unknowns were a bit too many for 100% confidence. Trailering a Twin Astir and rigging/unrigging is quite a process and before all you folks with one-person systems (which we have) start giving advice - on soft ground you still need a few strong people in your team.

Enter now, Geoff Speedy (a relative I didn't know I had till this year!) with his Jantar 2B and a very workable one/two man rigging system and we arrived the day prior to the show opening, rigged and put up a gazebo for cover and we were ready for the show.

Air shows are odd things. Like car and motor bike races, most people go for the spectacular, the noise, the precision (in this case) of the RAAF Roulettes' formation display. There were at least 30 or more aircraft and helicopters on display and many of them flying as well. The RAAF Balloon Squadron (one balloon and Flying Officer Kite in charge - being Fleet Air arm I can say these things!) which had a queue of about 100 or so in a never-ending line all hoping for a gentle tethered lift to 10m or so which seemed to be the greatest attraction!



Photos taken early in the day - it was too busy later to go looking at anything else!

And then there was our glider on display. I have no idea of the number of attendees for the two days but with spectacular weather, the numbers must have been in the order of 3,000 - 5,000 each day. So we had plenty of attention, especially as we were just in front of the balloon.

I think that gliding generally got a very good wrap. On each day we had at least two members on hand answering every conceivable question. Our two youngest youth members, James and Hamish in their Air Cadet dress uniforms, were first class in their presentations. For advertising material we had VSA/GFA banners, two promoting *Girls Can Glide* and A4 brochures with our club-specific fly with us information. (BTW - Stand-up banners are not good outdoors - they don't in any breeze.)

As we head into winter, I don't expect to have that many inquiries but I'm sure there will be some closer to the warmer weather and our presence will bear fruit. If any air show opportunities come up in springtime across the State, it would be the perfect chance for the nearest club to promote the sport which they should.

IT'S TROPHY TIME!

It's time for Club Committees to think of who is eligible for the VSA Trophies and Meritorious Achievement Awards. As individual members, talk to your committees if you have someone in your club who is deserving of these nominations.

To prepare the trophies for the AGM in August, Club Committees need to provide their nominations by 30th June.

Check out the link here for the [Meritorious Achievements and Awards](#) categories.

New Child Safe Standards are coming.....

Victoria's Child Safe Standards are **a mandatory framework** to protect children and young people from harm and abuse.

The Child Safe Standards (the Standards) commenced in Victoria in January 2016. Changes are being made to make our Standards even stronger. **Organisations covered by the current Standards will need to comply with updated Standards from 1 July 2022.**

These Standards are enforceable.

[Commission for Children and Young People](#)

[A Short Guide to Child Safe Standards](#)

[Guides to Implement Child Safe Standards](#)

FROM GLIDING AUSTRALIA

In case you missed these in Launching Point!



Integrated Training Program (ITP)

The ITP is the new Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC) training system and resources. To standardise the use of the ITP across all regions, there will be four national zoom conferences for RMOs, Level 3 instructors, CFIs, Deputy CFIs and Soaring Development Managers (SDMs). Briefing #1 will be held in mid-May, Briefing #2 in early June, Briefing #3 in mid-June and Briefing #4 in late June. These briefings will cover the aims of the ITP, what's changed from the current training system, how trainers should use the new training materials, recent regulatory changes and what training sequences have been standardised.

RMOs will liaise with SDMs and club CFIs to schedule rollout and gap training through the FIRC program for their clubs' instructors and coaches.

For NSW, the first of these briefings for HVGC and CCSC will be held at Warkworth on 14/15 May and more dates for club ITP training sessions will be published in the near future. For QLD, the ITP information will be presented at the Flight Instructor Refresher course (FIRC) at Caboolture in the coming weeks.

Webinars

Catchup on the latest webinars - Jenny Thompson (Goal setting to improve performance), and Tobi Geiger (cross country for beginners and early comp pilots). [Watch here](#)

And don't forget Jo Davis' webinar on "the importance of being fit and the art of the cruise".



Club Health Checklist

Want to get a feel for how your club is going? Check out our resources page for clubs and download the club health checklist. [Find out more](#)

And if you'd like help with your club and strategic planning, grant assistance and more, get in touch with Amanda VanderWal - 0414 712 973

sportsconsultancy@vanderwal.com.au



Are you legal to fly solo?

You may be a skilled pilot, or progressing towards this, but can you legally fly a glider solo in Australia? 3 requirements are:

1. You must be a financial GFA flying adult or Flying Junior member
2. You must be a financial member of an affiliated gliding club
3. You must have a current Medical certificate

There are members who have not paid their membership, due to expired credit cards etc.

[Read more...](#)



BE READY....ADS-B is coming.....

The Federal Government has announced a rebate program for the purchase and installation of ADS-B equipment, including portable ADS-B Electronic Conspicuity like Sky Echo 2, into Australian registered VFR aircraft. The rebate offers grants for 50% up to \$5,000 per aircraft.

Key points:

1. Applications open 17 Jun 2022 and close 31 May 2023
2. Registration Holder (RH) can apply for the grant
3. New or secondhand ADS-B purchased after 20 Dec 2021
4. Equipment must comply with Section 26.72C of the [Part 91 MOS](#)

Further information:

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/automatic-dependent-surveillance-broadcast-rebate-program>

https://business.gov.au/-/media/grants-and-programs/adsb/ads-b-rebate-grant-opportunity-guidelines-pdf.ashx?sc_lang=en&hash=A45548DCF4827A9D0E481FB9C7EE7268

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

SUCCESSION PLANNING (*in case you missed this bit!*)

Hearing crickets for VSA President position!! If your club wants the VSA to support your clubs' training, airworthiness, infrastructure, marketing and other endeavours, then you have to have skin in the game. So once again.....

Vivienne Drew, current VSA President and Tom Spiesser, current VSA Treasurer, **will not** be seeking re-election at the AGM in 2022 as advised at the 2021 AGM. The position descriptions can be found [here](#). Assist Gliding Vic/Tas to continue to grow and prosper into the future for all Victorian gliding clubs and provide some skin!

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@victas.glidingaustralia.org or treasurer@victas.glidingaustralia.org for any information on these roles.

The future belongs to you.

Other positions to be filled at the AGM:

VSA Delegate to the GFA Board - [GFA MOSP 1 Admin 05 Ver 6](#).

VSA Trophies Officer

VSA Website Administrator – knowledge of Wordpress / Tatsu Editor.

It's your sport. It's your voice.

AROUND THE CLUBS!

GCV - A big congratulations to Sonja Farbig on becoming the Gliding Club of Victoria's Tugmaster in charge of the towing fleet and attaining the certification of Tow Pilot Examiner. Well done, Sonja!



SUNRAYSIA GLIDING CLUB

For Sale: IS28B-2 VH-GCN

[Sunraysia Gliding Club](#) (Mildura) offers for sale its IS28B-2 due to a fleet update. VH-GCN was imported new by Sunraysia in 1996.

Equal youngest IS28 in Australia with only 1600hrs TTIS and in excellent order.

The '28 is a highly capable and robust training aircraft that is spinnable, fully aerobatic, flapped, and cross-country capable. This is a solid and well-maintained example. Instrumentation includes LXNav S80 vario, XCOM radio (both with repeaters), FLARM. Includes ground handling equipment, open trailer, assorted spares, full paperwork - including certification for the upgraded wheel brake.

Recently underwent upgrades including new panels, wiring & plumbing, mostly repainted. All control surfaces also recovered – never worry about it again!

Ready to be the workhorse of the fleet.

Seeking offers in the \$35-39k range, negotiable, depending on equipment. Interested parties please contact offline. James Nugent



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VSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



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 in December, 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@victas.glidingaustralia.org and received by 30th June 2022.

It's a bit sad, but we are still having this discussion!



Integrity - Codes of Conduct

The Three Drivers of the VSA Strategic Plan are [strong clubs](#), [strong participation and a safe environment](#). So, to further reinforce the Integrity of your club to your existing members, new members, visitors and the general public, go to the [VSA Governance](#) page on the website or 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, pie-carts and anywhere else that is deemed applicable.

Want more info, see www.respectvictoria.vic.gov.au

If you see it, if you hear it, call it out.....

It starts with You!





AusGlide 2022:

The Narromine Gliding Club is hosting the 2022 Standard, 15 Meter & Club Class National Gliding Championships at Narromine Airfield from 27 November to 10 December 2022.

The NCC have advised that this competition attracts 100% selection points for the Australian Team to compete at the 2023 World Gliding Championships at Narromine in November/December 2023.

It is also the Pre-Worlds event for the 2023 World Gliding Championships and will attract a lot of International Competition Glider Pilots.

Entries are now open, click on this link [AusGlide 2022](#) to go to the Comp website and Register Online.

The competition will comprise three classes. An **Unballasted** Club class and **Ballasted** Standard & 15m Classes. (same format as the 2023 Worlds).

The competition will be run in accordance with the GFA National Competition Rules and will employ the GFA National Handicaps for Ballasted and Unballasted gliders as appropriate. The highest placed pilots in each class will be awarded the Australian National Championship trophy appropriate to that class and will be eligible for selection for the Australian National Team at the World Gliding Championships at Narromine in 2023.

Practice Day is Sunday 27 November 2022 with the first Competition Day on Monday 28 November 2022.

NARROMINE GLIDING CLUB