



VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION

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VSA ANNUAL REPORT - August, 2021

On behalf of the VSA Committee, I am pleased to report on activities for 2020/21 and advise our plans for next season. These are listed below for discussion during the meeting.

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.

What didn't happen in the last 12 months?

- YesGirlsGlide mini camps and program (cancelled due to COVID)
- VSA face-to-face meetings.

Funding and subsidies provided:

- 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

Sport & Recreation Victoria

VSA provided Foundation Funding and YesGirlsGlide Funding Workplans to reflect activities and the impact of continued COVID lockdowns in planning activities. A Project funding application has been submitted for the Victorian YouthGlide program.

What happens in the next 12 Months?

- YesGirlsGlide Mini Series to commence and further scholarships.
- Ongoing Airworthiness courses – refer reports.
- Ongoing Instructor training and refresher training – refer reports.
- Continue to promote and expand the Accredited YouthGlide Centres program.

- Expand the Junior Scholarships to further flight training and development by introduction of scheduled scholarship applications.
- Submission to Air Force Cadets-Victoria for an active gliding cadet program within Victoria with reference to participation through Accredited YouthGlide Centres.
- 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 Joeyglide being held in Victoria.
- Future and ongoing coaching and competition support

Finally, my thanks to the VSA Committee members who have assisted me over the last 12 months, especially to Ryan Driscoll who has ably promoted and organised the first Victorian junior pilots' event in place of Joeyglide last year, at 10 days notice!

Also, thanks to Harbans Mann who has continued to work and promote the Monash University Soaring Society during difficult COVID times.

Thank you to Peter Webster in his first year of VSA Secretary and to Tom Spiesser, VSA Treasurer, for providing excellent financial reports and budgets.

My final thank you is to Marcia Cavanagh, VSA Website Administrator, who is stepping away this year. Marcia has provided exceptional assistance to the VSA for 10 years in keeping our website abreast with relevant information and uploading of documentation and doing all this from her iPad, day and night and on her travels. Our appreciation is deep felt.

I would also like to thank all the Clubs and their Presidents and officials, Regional Officers and individuals who have supported the VSA in 2020/21 and worked with the programs in very difficult and uncertain times and having the courage to initiate events and have the ability to be flexible to postpone events until it was possible to hold them.

I look forward to working with the VSA Committee in 2021/22 and continue to support our clubs and members.

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VSA President

