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VSA ANNUAL REPORT - August 2019

On behalf of the VSA Committee, I am pleased to report on activities for 2018/19 and advise our plans for next season. These are listed below for discussion during the meeting.

We continue our strong relationship with Sports and Recreation Victoria (SRV). This has been particularly appreciated and greatly assisted by the VSA to provide valuable development funding. A new 4-year agreement for 2019/23 with SRV for Foundation Funding has been approved and we are awaiting on advice for further Project Funding to be advised at the end of August.

Last 12 months

- Regular newsletters to Victorian glider pilots
- Completion of Open Glider Network (OGN)
- Introduction of Virtual Reality Simulator, upgrade of Analogue Simulator & regular bookings
- Acceptance by Sport & Recreation Victoria of VSA 4 year Strategy Plan 2019-2023 and funding approved.
- Surveys of club Presidents and Vic glider pilots
- Introduced initial #YesGirlsGlide program
- Updates on government sporting compliance legislation
- Airworthiness Courses – October 2018 and May 2019
- Ongoing Instructor training and refresher training
- Horsham Events : Coaching Week and Horsham Week competition
- Mt. Beauty: Coaching and Alpine Regatta
- VSA State Gliding Championships

Next 12 Months

- New VSA Strategic Outlook and VSA Strategic Plan (available on VSA website)
- VSA website upgrade (commenced)
- Application for a new 2 year Project Funding agreement with SRV for Wig/#yesgirlsglide Program
- Two Airworthiness courses

- Ongoing Instructor training and refresher training
- Expand opportunities for young pilots utilizing the YouthGlide Victoria program, assistance with Junior Scholarships to further flight training and founding of accredited junior gliding centres
- Training and development to promote Inclusion and Diversity
- Continuing to support Victorian clubs and encourage involvement with the roll out of the National development strategy Soaring to the Future (S2F).
- Roll out of Member Protection Policy, Fair Play Code and Play by the Rules information by “roadshows” and webinars to all clubs and continue communication via the VSA newsletter on all sporting code requirements and governance issues.
- Future and ongoing coaching and competition support.

Finally, a very large thank you to the VSA Committee members, especially David Cleland, who have assisted me in the transition to President over the last 12 months and to Ian Grant for doing an excellent job as Previous Past President and providing a guiding hand. Also thank you to the current VSA Committee for their assistance and input during the transition.

I am also pleased to say that we have a good strong working relationship with Sport and Recreation Victoria and their assistance and guidance to ensure that we received our Foundation Funding for the next 4 years was very much appreciated.

In particular I would like to thank all the Clubs and individuals who have supported the VSA in 2018/19 and worked with the programs that we are confident will contribute to reinvigorating and making gliding relevant in today’s sporting environment.

We now welcome in a new Committee and I look forward to working with everyone in 2019/20.

Vivienne Drew

VSA President