



GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

Annual General Meeting

Dear Victorian and Tasmanian members of Gliding Australia,

The VSA will hold its 2023 AGM on Thursday **31st August at 7:30pm** via Zoom. Please see the [AGM meeting agenda](#) for more information. The proxy voting form is [here](#).

To attend the meeting via Zoom, please register your attendance here via the following link:

[Register your attendance](#)

For any questions or queries please contact secretary@victas.glidingaustralia.org

YOUTHGLIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following recipients of the VSA YouthGlide Scholarships:

Thomas Grimley	(Southern Riverina)	Alex Hangan	(Southern Riverina)
Kristen Mui	(South Gippsland)	Blake Eeles	(Melbourne Gliding)
Leonard Freitag	(Melbourne Gliding)	Greta Kingston	(Tocumwal Soaring)
Beth Dodwell	(Soaring Club of Tas)	James Spencer	(South Gippsland)
William Geilen	(South Gippsland)	Land Tatnell	(Soaring Club of Tas)
Jack Tremewen	(South Gippsland)		
Sid John	(Gliding Club of Victoria)		

Gliding Vic/Tas is able to fund these scholarships through the provision of Foundation Funding by the Department of Sport & Recreation. Every four years, the Gliding Vic/Tas committee spends a huge amount of time preparing strategies, action and implementation plans to present to SRV to gain funding that allows us to provide support and promote initiatives for all clubs to benefit. We do not get a big slice of the pie, but what we do get enables us to work with clubs for a better future. As a result of COVID impacting VSA programs, this year's scholarship funding has been a larger than normal program to assist with post-COVID gliding recovery. We wish all the recipients good flying and that the VSA funding can assist them to achieve their goals for the coming summer season.

OTHER FUNDING

- Congratulations to Grampians Soaring Club for holding the Wave camp in June and VSA was proud to provide funding of \$500 to ferry a tug to the site to assist with the camp.
- South Gippsland Gliding Club was also successful in obtaining \$500 to ferry a 2 seater tug for tug pilot training.

Have a project that may be eligible for VSA funding? Check the VSA website / [Initiatives & Funding](#) and [Resources for Clubs](#) Guidelines.

GPC Training – Post Solo Modules

To Vic/Tas members,

VSA Soaring Development Manager, Mike Durrant, has arranged for the presentation of the GPC theory sessions for all Gliding Vic/Tas members. The sessions will be as follows:

	Theory Session	Topic	Presenter	Date
1	9	Outlanding	Paul Spooner (MGC)	21 Aug 23
2	10a	Thermalling - Source, Structure and Centering	Dylan or Ryan	28 Aug 23
3	10b	Thermalling - Entry/exit and with other gliders	Mike Durrant (Bendigo)	4 Sep 23
4	10c	Flight Preparation & Advanced soaring instruments	David Meredith (GGC)	11 Sep 23
5	11	Airspace and Navigation	Adrian Turner (GGC)	18 Sep 23
6	12a	Meteorology and Flight Planning	Jarek Mosiejewski (GGC)	25 Sep 23
7	12b	Speed to Fly and Cruising between thermals	TBA	2 Oct 23

The presentations start at 7:30pm and run for 90 minutes. They will follow the standard GPC training modules. Students are encouraged to review the Student Training guides for the section prior to the presentations.

The presentations will be via Zoom, using the following log in details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4721831379?pwd=bi92dkJrbGlibThkOWVUdUo0bXREQT09>

MEETING ID: 472 183 1379

PASSCODE: 3340

FEEDBACK!

Vic & Tas club presidents have had feedback surveys circulated to them for VSA / GFA. Please ensure you get these done asap. If we don't know what you want, we can't plan effectively for the future!

VALE ROGER DRUCE



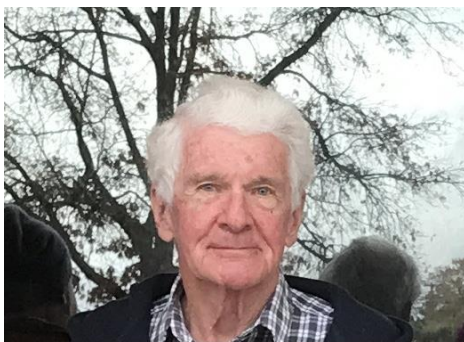
It is with great sadness that we advise of Roger Druce's passing aged 75. His passing was both unexpected and peaceful. Roger was a life member of Gliding Australia following a lifetime of contribution to the sport.

On behalf of the VSA and members, our deepest sympathies are with Roger's family, friends and loved ones.

Roger was a truly extraordinary man, and it is impossible to overstate the magnitude of his contribution to Gliding Australia and the Melbourne Gliding Club. Club President James Curry stated that "It is no exaggeration to state that our club would be unrecognisable today if it weren't for Roger's tireless contribution over his 55 years of membership. He personified the very best qualities of our club, and was unique in his breadth of knowledge, enthusiasm for sharing it, and seemingly endless generosity. Roger's passing is an enormous loss to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

It was only last weekend that Roger was out at the airfield, climbing in, over and under VH-NDG in order to diligently perform this year's annual maintenance. It is difficult to accept that he has departed, and that his characteristic 'Greetings!' will no longer be heard upon entering the workshop or clubhouse."

VALE TERRY KNIGHT



It is with great shock and sadness that we advise that Terry Knight, member of Alpine Soaring Mt Beauty and The Gliding Club of Victoria, passed away suddenly walking to a beautiful waterfall in the bush. A celebration of Terry's life and achievements would require a



library of books. Briefly Terry, was a Pharmacist, Scientist, Photographer, Botanist and Administrator. His interests included HAM radio and electronics, mechanical and vehicle maintenance (especially Land Rovers) and most importantly Aviation and Gliding. He could fix almost anything and built two houses, the first in Darwin that survived Cyclone Tracey and then his beautiful retirement home in Mt Beauty. His ability to fix the winch, the retrieve car, build a solar charging station or advise the committee on finance or insurance is unparalleled. Terry is irreplaceable and already missed by Family and Friends close to him.

Rest in peace Roger and Terry. Fly High, Fly Fast.

RESOURCES

PLAY BY THE RULES MODULES

VSA Committee is working through the [Sports Integrity Australia “E-Learning” Play by the Rules modules](#), most of which are an accreditation via GFA JustGo. So, go check it out! Since the findings from the Royal Commission into Child Abuse, the laws and rules have changed. To gain funding, we must adhere to those rules if we are to effectively engage with young people and encourage them into the sport.

Eventually all club committees and then all members will be encouraged to progress through the modules.

START TO TALK CAMPAIGN

Start to Talk is a new national awareness campaign that promotes Child Safe Sport. The aim of **Start to Talk** is to encourage parents and sporting organizations to discuss how they can work together to create a child safe environment.

Just because it doesn't have a glider on the front page, doesn't mean it's not relevant to your club!

The [Start to Talk webpage](#) hosted on the [Play by the Rules website](#) features the TV and radio Community Service Announcements and Child Safe Sport resources developed by [Sport Integrity Australia](#).

You can find the Start to Talk webpage here: <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/start-to-talk-campaign>

We would encourage all clubs to share this information with your club officials and members and encourage them to head to the PBTR website to check out the resources and **#StartToTalk**.

To assist with this, a communications pack and assets for your use on social media the VSA website to access.

SPORT VOLUNTEER RESOURCES



Recruiting, engaging and retaining volunteers is an important and challenging task for community sporting organisations. Fortunately, a range of resources are available to assist you.

With the support of SRV, VicSport, Volunteering Victoria and Regional Sport Victoria have developed a series of [Sport Volunteering Resources](#) available specifically for sporting clubs.

Many of these resources are also featured on the [Sport Volunteer Resource Hub](#), recently launched by the Australian Sports Commission. The Hub highlights good volunteer management practices and links to free, best practice tools that organisations can use to support and attract volunteers.