



GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

VSA Annual General Meeting 2023

The VSA held its 2023 AGM on Thursday 31st August at 7:30pm via Zoom. Minutes of the meeting will be available shortly. As life gets back to normal post-Covid, a good attendance was recorded. Thank you to those who attended.

GLIDING AUSTRALIA PROPOSAL TO MEMBERS

Proposal from the Gliding Australia Board to Members

August 2023

PROPOSAL

To change Gliding Australia's end of Financial Year from 30th April to 31st August to enable more time-effective decision making.

DISCUSSION

The current Gliding Australia Constitution sets the end of Financial Year as 30th April. To alter this timing Member approval is required to change the Constitution.

The soaring season has traditionally been, and should remain so, a period that consumes our people resources as they enjoy the sport we love, ie, flying sailplanes and running gliding events such as coaching courses and competitions. The soaring season can be considered to run through the summer period ending in mid to late April. This means that currently the Executive and Board teams have limited opportunity to provide quality input and to effectively participate in reviewing our strategic direction and financial planning for the upcoming Financial Year that commences on May 1st. It is simply too rushed. By delaying the end of financial year additional time would be available for our departments (airworthiness, operations, soaring development, marketing, etc.) to meet, discuss and decide on a way forward that will meet our strategic intent that will then feed into the budget process for ultimate Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Gliding Australia Board has considered this proposal and is in unanimous support. The Board recommends that Members support this important change to the Gliding Australia Constitution that will be put at the 2023 AGM.

MOTION

That Gliding Australia's end of Financial Year be changed from 30th April to 31st August. Moved, Steve Pegler (M-13411): Seconded, Chris Bowman (M-09732).

To vote at the GFA AGM, use the Proxy Form [here](#) and email to GFA Secretary - secretary@glidingaustralia.org

SPORT & RECREATION FOUNDATION FUNDING

We are very pleased to announce the Gliding VicTas has been awarded a Foundation Funding grant from the Department of Sport & Recreation. This funding is for \$80,000 over 4 years. This funding is critical for the regional association to assist clubs with airworthiness courses, instructor training, scholarships infrastructure assistance and other designated programs. Of course, with any government funding there are criteria that must be fulfilled and an acquittal of the programs designated.

The [VSA Strategy Plan 2023-2027](#) is available for members to view and align your club strategies to the VSA strategy. The [VSA Strategic Outlook 2023-2027](#) is also available to view.

VSA FUNDING

- Congratulations to the Gliding Club of Victoria for receiving \$2,000 infrastructure funding for the upgrading of their accommodation facility to ensure visitors and women have suitable, clean and appealing place to stay.

Out with the Old!



In with the New!



DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT THAT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VSA FUNDING?

Check the VSA website / [Initiatives & Funding](#) and [Resources for Clubs](#) Guidelines.

There are criteria that we ask you to fulfill to be eligible. Do you have a Fair Play Code? Do you have an Inclusion & Diversity Policy? Do you have a Child Safety Policy? Do you advertise these to your members.

Check the [VSA Governance](#) site (scroll down the page) for VSA and GFA Policies.

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
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=bi92dkJrbGljbThkOWVUdUo0bXREQT09>

MEETING ID: 472 183 1379

PASSCODE: 3340

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

As VSA does not have a current Trophies Officer, the Awards for 2022-23 have not been formalized. We hope to have this arranged within the next couple of months and those clubs who have put in nominations will be processed.

CONGRATULATIONS!



In the interim, a nomination was received for John O'Neill who was presented with a Living Treasures Award at the recent South Gippsland Gliding Club AGM.

John was the CFI of SGGC for 44 years until the role was handed over to Kevin Owen. John has been instrumental in the club's success and continues to enjoy being part of the club.

Congratulations John! Brilliant effort!

RESOURCES



Training Tracker

Safeguard your Club

Child Safety and Member Protection

ONE-OFF WEBINAR



WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM AEST

Join us for an enlightening webinar that will equip your sporting club with vital conflict management and community safety skills.

From nurturing a positive leadership culture to setting clear behavioural expectations, we'll cover it all to ensure your club thrives. Gain insights into member protection, child safeguarding, and the national integrity framework.

Register now to unlock your club's potential and build a stronger, more united sporting community.

[Register](#)

Reminder: Make sure to enter the discount code 'SCMATES' at checkout for a completely free seat with your Sports Community Membership

Coming Soon



Create your Clubs Strategic Plan

A Step by Step Guide

THREE PART SERIES

STARTS TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM AEST

Unlock the path to your club's full potential with our transformative webinar series on strategic planning.

Your club's dreams are within reach, and we're here to help you transform those dreams into reality. Discover why strategic planning is the secret behind every thriving club and gain the essential skills to create and implement your plan effectively.

Our step-by-step sessions provide you with practical tools, workbooks, and templates to simplify the process. Get ready to inspire and motivate your committee and chart a clear path towards your club's future.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

World Gliding Championships - Narromine
Sat Dec 2nd - Sat 16th, 2023

2023 MultiClass Nationals – Benalla
Mon Jan 15th - Fri 26th, 2024

Coaching - Horsham Week
Sun Jan 28th - Sat Feb 3rd, 2024

Competition - Horsham Week
Sat Feb 3rd - Sat 10th, 2024