



# GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

## A season of big events during 2023/24 summer!

The World Gliding Championships were held at Narromine in December 23, the 2023 Multi-Class Nationals at Benalla in January 24 and the Coaching Week at Horsham following by the Horsham Week competition and finally the Two Seat Nationals at Tocumwal.

So far, the gliding summer season has been an interesting one to say the least! Wet, hot, inversions, fires, floods! Is it climate change affecting us? From most reports, it has been a struggle and our normal great long distances have been few and far between. But, onwards and upwards and it's time to do some great flights in the Autumn season!

What was very noticeable at all competitions was the lack of women pilots and young pilots attending. This is of concern to not only Gliding VicTas, but also to the State Government where the funding comes from for us to sponsor and subsidise events.

As we move forward, Gliding VicTas will see some changes in the way funding is supplied and guidelines will be reviewed. This is in line with legislative requirements by Sport & Recreation Victoria and the parameters around the funding that we receive.

Thus to start the ball rolling, all funding going forward will be subject to assessment in relation to Play by the Rules training and the Gliding VicTas [Inclusion & Diversity policy](#).

## PLAY BY THE RULES

Make sure your club is across the [Fair Play Code](#) and has a copy on your club noticeboard and is undertaking the Play by the Rules training! All funding will be predicated on member clubs initiating a program of ensuring that all their members are undertaking **Play by the Rules** training and loading their credentials into the Gliding Australia JustGo portal.



### Play By the Rules- Club Resources

Free infographics addressing issues that impact on safe, fair and inclusive sport can be accessed [here](#). All Club committee members are being asked to undertake the Learning modules and Clubs will be asked for feedback as to how many modules per capita of committee have completed via "Sport Integrity Australia" <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/login/index.php#>. A login creation is required. This requirement is expected to be cascaded down to members.

### Sport Integrity Australia- Club Resources

National safeguarding policies, resources and education can be accessed [here](#).

The following resources are now available for sport integrity related issues and are available [here](#):  
You can find a wide range of free downloadable resources for you to use in your club. These are all digital resources. So, get to it and get up to speed!

### Vicsport Child Safe Training Modules

Online Child Safe training modules can be accessed [here](#). If you want young people to ensure sustainability into the future, then this information is important for your Governance and Integrity and future funding.

### Member Protection Information Officer Training

Sport & Recreation Victoria are looking to run Member Protection Information Officer Training Sessions. If you would like to register your interest to complete training, you may do so [here](#).

### Dispute Settlement Centre Victoria

Provides free dispute resolution services to all Victorians can be accessed [here](#).

## VSA State Championship 2024

We call for interest from clubs to hold the VSA State Championships for 2024. Please indicate your interest as soon as possible so that a date can be fixed into the calendar early. All responses to [president@victas.glidingaustralia.org](mailto:president@victas.glidingaustralia.org)

## Women's Airworthiness Course 2024

### #Rockettes

We are back at it!! [Rockettes](#) through [Gliding Australia](#) is bringing another Women's Airworthiness Course in June 2024 at [Bathurst Soaring Club](#). 🥳🥳

Register 👉

<https://forms.gle/T8DDce8YxmhdB8v38>



## Altimeter Tester available for VicTas!

Gliding VicTas has purchased an Altimeter tester for use by VSA members **holding an Airworthiness Inspector authorisation**. Contact the RTO (Regional Training Officer) – Airworthiness, John Wharington at [jwharington@gmail.com](mailto:jwharington@gmail.com)

## Access All Abilities

Gliding is a sport that can be accessed by all. We have many members who have faced disability challenges and gliding has changed their lives and given them community and social interaction. Gliding is also not just about flying, but Operations, Airworthiness, Maintenance, including club facilities and infrastructure and Social. Gliding VicTas supports inclusiveness in gliding and ensuring that we provide fair access to those who wish to try.

For information, click the link to [Sport & Recreation Victoria Access for all Abilities](#) or follow the [Access for All Abilities](#) link.

There is also some particularly good reading from the **British Gliding Association** on [Gliding and Pilot Training](#) for people with a disability and a particularly well written guide for Instructors called [Advice for Instructors – Gliding Lessons Involving People with Disabilities](#). So! No need to re-invent the wheel. Read what others have learned and grow from there.

### GLIDEABILITY!





# Around the Clubs!

[Sunraysia Gliding Club](#) A good day was had at Sunraysia with a family group. Check out the [Facebook Reel](#) of their day!



## [South Gippsland Gliding Club](#)

Having a great day's training!



## [Gliding Club of Victoria](#)

Busy summer with overseas visitors, juniors, women and girls! *"itsbetterabovebenalla"*



## Gliding Tasmania

Two weeks at Tocumwal! Eight members of the club trekked to the border and it was an outstanding success with a number of members achieving FAI badge certificates. Eight members of the club have returned from a week or so soaring at Tocumwal. The visit was an outstanding success with a number of members achieving FAI badge certificates.

Zoran Malceski completed his 50km cross-country flight to qualify for the Silver C badge  
 Stephen Ross completed all 3 elements (height gain, 5 hour and 50km) to qualify for his Silver C

Ian Dummett completed his 50km cross-country to complete his Silver C  
 Davis Gibbs did two 5 hour flights  
 Allan Coates did his 1000m height gain



Other members were Graham Cassidy who flew his Nimbus 2, and Simon Rammelt and Bob Kennedy who flew Simon's Mini-Nimbus FQA.

Lots of good cross-country flying and NO OUTLANDINGS!

## Grampians Soaring Club

Grampians Soaring Club x Victorian Soaring Association are collaborating with us to promote gender equity in gliding community. This fun event is to support women, young people and all people of diverse backgrounds. We truly welcome all to this event. Come

try gliding with us! 🎉🎉

Register 👉 <https://forms.gle/KwpA83dZKwnoseqU7>



## What VSA does....

The Victorian Soaring Association (VSA) or the nomenclature **Gliding VicTas** is the regional organisation representing all Gliding Clubs and their members in Victoria and Tasmania. We promote gliding and the interests of all pilots who fly motorless aircraft.

Gliding VicTas is recognised by Gliding Australia and the Victorian State Government as the peak administration body for all glider pilots and gliding clubs in the Victoria and Tasmania regions. Its members are gliding clubs, including near border areas like Tocumwal and Corowa. We unite all VSA member glider pilots and represent their interests.

### What do we do?

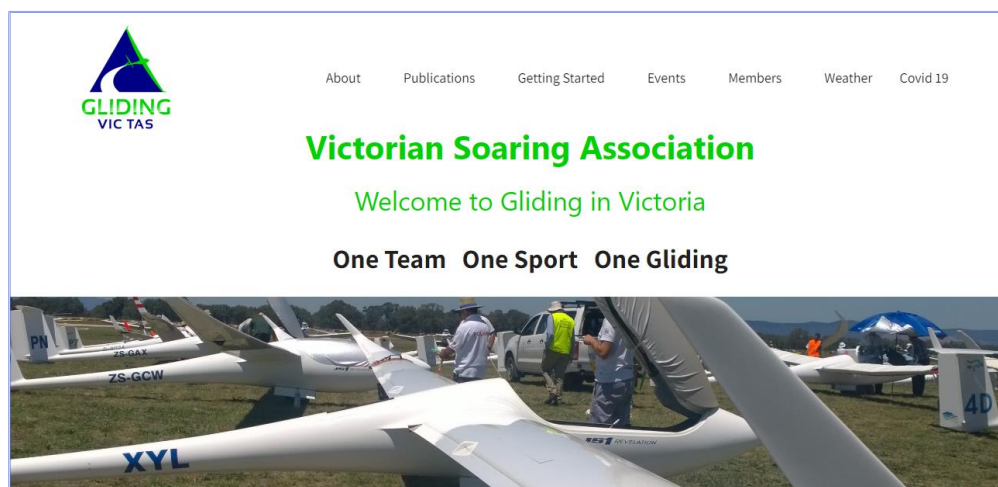
We promote gliding, engage in activities that add value to the gliding community and proactively represent the interests of all Vic/Tas member glider pilots to the State Government and at the Gliding Australia.

### We do this by:

- Promoting gliding as an outdoor activity that assists in personal development and helps people understand the natural environment
- Advising people how to start gliding
- Coordinating services development through volunteer training programs covering airworthiness, flight instruction and sports coaching
- Promoting gliding clubs and encouraging membership
- Facilitating interclub and member communications
- Building and maintaining relationships with Victorian State Government Departments and Agencies to progress mutual Sports development objectives and to obtain funding to support these.
- Participating in the direction and administration of the affairs of the Gliding Australia.

The VSA is an Incorporated Association in the State of Victoria. The officers of the VSA are a group of Volunteers elected annually by the members in accordance with prescribed nomination and voting processes associated with the conduct of the annual general meeting of the VSA.

All information relating to the Victorian Soaring Association can be found on the [website](#).



# GRANTS!

## Sporting Club Grants Program



Area: Victoria

Sport: All

Who can apply: Community based organisations/sports clubs.

Funding: Up to \$4,000 (depending on category)

What can funding be used for: Uniforms, Equipment, Volunteers/Officials, Engagement, New programs, Athlete costs.

Link: [Sporting Club Grants Program](#)

**Applications open: Tuesday 20 February 2024**  
**Applications close: 4pm Wednesday 20 March 2024**

