



GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER JULY 2024

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GLIDING AUSTRALIA


SKYWARD SAFETY SUMMIT

Elevating Safety and Community in Gliding

VSA 10 August 2024

Best Western Airport Motel and Convention Centre

33 Ardlie St Attwood





The summit will include a mix of edgy presentations, and discussions led by prominent figures in the field, focusing on the latest in safety protocols, technological advancements, and community-building strategies. The day will start at 9:30 am for a 10 am kick-off, concluding with networking drinks until 4:30 pm. *Doug Flockhart, CEO Gliding Australia*

Networking
Opportunity to meet other glider pilots, GA department heads.

Discussion
Thinking Beyond the Seminar: discuss and stimulate new thoughts to plan for the future.

Who Should Attend?
Committee Members, CFIs, Assistant CFIs, Safety Officers, Instructors, Tuggies, your club's members



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SKYWARD SAFETY SUMMIT

Elevating Safety and Community in Gliding

Saturday 10 August 2024

SUMMIT TOPICS

Welcome & Introduction

Gliding Australia CEO Doug Flockhart

9.30am

Registration

Morning Coffee / Tea on arrival

10am

Welcome & Introduction

Doug Flockhart CEO Gliding Australia and Bev Alden VSA Board
Gliding Australia and VSA

10.10am

Setting the Scene -Strategic Safety Imperatives

Drew McKinnie Safety Manager GA

10.20am

Safety Trends & Priorities

Safety Delivery Context
Drew McKinnie Safety Manager GA

10.40am

Operations Issues & Safety Focus Areas

Aaron Stroop Chair of Operations

11.10am

Airworthiness Issues & Safety Focus Areas

Anthony Smith Chair Airworthiness

11.45am

Personal Safety & National Integrity Framework

Lisa Turner, GA Board
Anthony Smith Chair Airworthiness

12.20pm

Lunch Break

1pm

Mixing Gliding Operations Safely with other Airspace Users

Drew McKinnie Safety Manager GA
1.20pm

Lucky Door Prizes - Including One Year Gliding
Australia Membership worth \$363

"Safety should be first and foremost in a Glider Pilot's mind. Gliding Australia has developed a very comprehensive program for this seminar, drawing attention to a range of safety issues and how to safely enjoy our sport. I recommend everyone to make every effort to attend."
Lindsay Mitchell GQ President

A very productive day, with positive interactions much appreciated by our members"
Roy McInnes WAGA President

Flarm, Cross Country and Performance

Flying Safety

Aaron Stroop Chair of Operations
Anthony Smith Chair Airworthiness

2pm

Part 149 Implications for Departments and Clubs

Aaron Stroop Chair of Operations
Anthony Smith Chair Airworthiness

2.20pm

Positive Safety Culture Change, Education and Awareness Challenges

Drew McKinnie Safety Manager GA

2.45pm

Where to From Here? Q&A

Doug Flockhart CEO Gliding Australia
Bev Alden VSA Board

3pm

Conclusions and Closing Remarks

Doug Flockhart CEO Gliding Australia
Bev Alden VSA Board

Networking – Drinks and Afternoon Tea

VENUE : Best Western Airport Motel and
Convention Centre 33 Ardlie St Attwood VIC



TICKETS: \$30 - Juniors \$20

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Achievements & Awards - Nominations

Nominations for the following awards has been extended to 31st July 2024

This is the last call for nominations for the following Gliding VicTas regional awards. To date, we have one nomination following the advertisement in the June VSA Newsletter.

Our club volunteers and advocates are the lifeblood of our clubs and the regional body would like to show appreciation and reward effort and achievements to those deserving individuals who have contributed to our unique sport. Please consider the people in your club for the work they do and what they have achieved, for not only your club, but for themselves and our region as well.

The link to the awards categories and application forms can be found [HERE](#).

If someone in your club has completed an amazing flight, or provided service to instructing or improved your club exponentially, put in a nomination. Provision of the links to the flights from OLC or WeGlide are required for verification.

Bob McCullough Instructing Trophy	– for services to instructing
Maurice Little Memorial Trophy	– for club development
G Vincent Memorial Trophy	– to a pilot who demonstrates enthusiasm and persistence in achieving an altitude flight (or flights)
Ron Roberts Trophy	– for the longest flight made by a VSA pilot
David Hooper Trophy	– for the longest flight made by a VSA pilot within two years of going solo
Max Hedt Vintage Trophy	– for the most meritorious performance by a vintage glider from a VSA airfield.
Life Members	
Living Treasures	

Information on the awards can be found on this link - [Meritorious Service Achievements Awards](#)
To submit nominations, follow the link to the [Achievements & Awards](#) page and click on the Award Nomination Form to download. Send all nominations to secretary@victas.glidingaustralia.org

Get your wing tips on! Look at your club “winners and gridders”, your club volunteer, check out [OLC](#) and [WeGlide](#), and make your nominations asap!

GamePlan

Game Plan is a digital platform provided by AusSport (Australian Sports Commission) and is free. It is designed to provide sporting clubs of all sizes with insights into their current capability and connect them with specific tools and resources to build and support ongoing development.

How does Game Plan work?

Game Plan works by translating a club's priorities into short, individual assessments to determine their current level of strategic and operational capability. Game Plan provides relevant information and resources to support a club to then build their capability and improve performance.

So, how does **Game Plan** work? <https://gameplanhelp.ausport.gov.au/hc/en-au/articles/8623103005977-What-is-Game-Plan>

The VSA has already registered for Gameplan and encourages all VicTas clubs to do the same.

Give it a go and find out where your gaps are and what to do about it!

Scholarships – VicTas Juniors Now Open!

Applications are NOW OPEN and are to be received no later than 11.59 pm on 31st August, 2024 addressed to:

**VSA Junior Scholarship Committee
State Gliding Centre
Samaria Road, Benalla 3672**

OR EMAIL TO: secretary@victas.glidingaustralia.org

The 2024 VSA Junior Gliding Scholarships are for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

This year, the VSA will offer up to six (6) scholarships in total. There will be four (4) general scholarships valued at \$1000 each and two (2) scholarships valued at \$500 each.

The scholarships will be open to all genders who have reached the age of 15 years by 1 September, 2024 and who will be no older than 26 years by 31st August, 2025.

The scholarship does not include Gliding Federation of Australia or Club membership costs. The scholarship application forms can be downloaded [HERE](#)

AROUND THE CLUBS!

VALE TO OUR GLIDING STALWARTS

VALE DAVID SCOTT - Gliding Tasmania

It is with sadness that Gliding Tasmania advise that their dear friend and flying buddy, David Scott passed away last night at age 80. Dave was a long-time member of the Soaring Club of Tasmania who started flying in the early sixties when he joined SCOT in 1981.

Dave was Soaring Club of Tasmania's (SCOT) Tug Master for several decades and was an instructor and all-round fixer of almost everything. After retiring from active flying, he was a regular visitor helping with whatever needed. He was still actively contributing to the club including building and maintaining the tow ropes we presently use for all our towing operations, as well as providing advice and experience assisting in the change to our latest tug plane.

Dave was an intelligent, charismatic and capable individual - the type of person that make gliding clubs great communities.

We'll miss you, Scotty.
SCOT Committee



VALE BRIAN BULL - Gliding Club of Victoria

We advise the passing of Brian Bull. Brian had been a member of the club since 1983 and volunteered as an Instructor and Duty Pilot. Brian flew at both Benalla and Lilydale when the club had a satellite operation in this area. Brian was recognised as achieving his Silver C badge number 4623 in 2006.

Fly high, fly fast Brian. Thank you for your service to the GCV.

