



GlidingVicTas

VSA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

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Achievements & Awards - Nominations

VSA is seeking nominations for the following awards to be provided by 30th June 2024:-

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 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.

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.

VSA State Championship 2024

VSA are calling for Expressions of Interest from VicTas 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 and you can start advertising and preparing. All responses to secretary@victas.glidingaustralia.org

PLAY BY THE RULES

It's winter and a good time to undertake the Play by the Rules accreditation by all members.

Suggested starter E-Learning modules are -:

- Introduction to the Integrity of Sport
- Mini Course- Walking the Talk

Members are encouraged to complete as many modules as possible, including those on the Sport Integrity Australia website (part of [Play by the Rules](#))

Women and Gliding Weekend 2024

Gliding VicTas are seeking Expressions of Interest from clubs who wish to host the next Women in Gliding weekend.

Send to president@victas.glidingaustralia.org

CONGRATULATIONS ANOUSHKA FROM GRAMPIANS SC!



Every year, at the Annual Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) conference, the association awards around \$100,000 of scholarships as well as merit awards.

The APWA offers a number of scholarships to learn how to fly and improving flying skills, for female fixed wing power pilots, as well as helicopter pilots and glider pilots of any age and experience level. Please check the website for more details: awpa.org.au/scholarships-awards

Among all the scholarships, there is one gliding specific scholarship called the Soaring Scholarship: it is a \$1000 scholarship to assist a female glider pilot holding a Silver C badge to improve her cross-country gliding skills. Scholarship funds can be used but are not limited to assisting a female sailplane pilot with towing charges, glider hire and out landing retrieving costs. Applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia; hold a silver C badge and a current GFA membership and up to date medical credentials. The deadline for application is normally after the gliding season late March.

This year, the gliding Scholarship was awarded to up-and-coming Junior, Anoushka de Chelard from the Grampian Soaring Club (Victoria). You might remember Anoushka's third place at Joey Glide 2024 in January, her first attempt at competing. Congratulations Anoushka.

The last two recipients were Daniela Helbig NSW 2023, Sally Crawcour WA 2022.

AWPA also presents a Gliding Award: perpetual trophy and memento Albatross. This

award is made for the most meritorious gliding flight carried out by a female glider pilot during the previous year, or for an outstanding contribution to the advancement of gliding in Australia. Membership of AWPA is not a requirement. The last recipient was Jo Davis in 2020.

So, if you are a lady glider pilot, or if you guys have a pilot lady in your life, have a look at all the AWPA scholarships and awards. And, ladies, please apply for the soaring scholarship or another scholarship (there are non gliding-specific scholarships that have a wide scope) or nominate someone for the Gliding Award. We are working hard at the AWPA to raise funds and find sponsors to offer these scholarships and awards and we love to help ladies improve their flying skills and recognise lady pilots' or aviation related ladies' achievements.

Facebook group [#Yesgirlsglide](https://www.facebook.com/Yesgirlsglide) often puts a reminder post on Facebook when it is time for applications! Check it out!

Author: Dominique Brassier – AWPA – Bathurst Soaring Club

AROUND THE CLUBS!

GREAT WORK, GLIDING TASMANIA!

New Canopy for WVR

As Tasmania tucks into Winter, the club has made use of the old adage, “many hands make light work” so Graham “Butch” Cassidy, James Dwyer and Peter Jarvis put in quite a few hours to prepare the new canopy for the IS 28 Whiskey Victor Romeo. Close to 100 precision holes had to be drilled and even more work to fit the clear screens. After a week of hard work and lots of holes to drill, Butch and Spila finally fitted the brand new gleaming IS28 canopy two weeks later!! Great Job! Members will need to be particularly careful not to scratch or damage this immaculate new canopy!!!



Want to fly in Tassie? Why not visit Tunbridge and be one of the first to view the midlands through this pristine canopy.

CONGRATULATIONS, GLIDING CLUB OF VICTORIA

GCV were delighted to be advised that they received a 2023-24 Change Our Game Community Activation Grant for \$5,000 for the "YesGirlsGlide" flight training sessions and workshops for women and girls.

CHANGE OUR GAME

Working to level the playing field for women and girls in sport and active recreation.



The Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program supports community sport and recreation clubs and eligible organisations to deliver community-level initiatives that enable participation, build capability and leadership, and celebrate the role of women and girls in community sport and active recreation.

National Championships – venues selected!

The locations and dates for the Club Class Nationals / 20M and Multi-Class Nationals have been allocated for this season. GA have made a concerted effort to place these events geographically to encourage pilot participation, so get your polishing rags out, change your milars, fill up the oxygen bottles and get ready to rumble!!

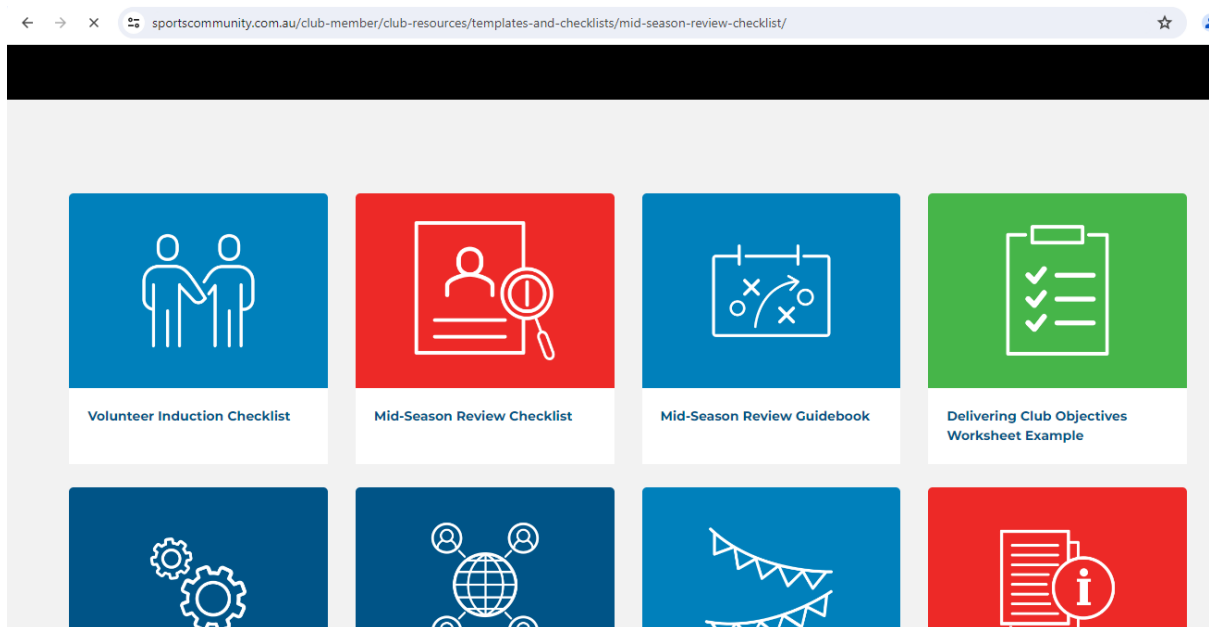
See [VSA & National Events Calendar](#) (scroll down the webpage) for details.

2025/26 Season Expressions of Interest

GA will be calling for Expressions of Interest for the 25/26 season national competition events very soon.

SPORTS COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Need help with advancing your club? Have you done a Mid-Season Review to ensure that you are on track to your summer season's goals and objectives? Don't forget to utilise the resources of [Sports Community](#) to provide all the guides, checklists and templates you need.



AND, need help with funding applications? Check out their FREE Grant Support Program!

