Airfield, Airspace and Avionics Officer - Regional

Position Volunteer Location Remote

Reports to Executive Manager Operations

Subordinates Nil

Remuneration Volunteer, costs reimbursable

THE ORGANISATION

Gliding Australia (GAus) is a complex organisation servicing members and clubs across Australia. Gliding Australia is required to administer all aspects of gliding activity under Part 149 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations (CASRs) including operational and airworthiness safety standards on behalf of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Gliding Australia structure has a Board which sets policy and goals. Below the Board is an Executive team consisting of volunteers and paid staff. The Chief Executive Officer is the head of the Executive Committee and reports directly to the Board.

THE ROLE

The Regional Airfields, Airspace and Avionics Officer (AAAO) is a role applied for by members of a regional Gliding Australia association. The application for this role should include a statement of the applicant's qualifications. The role is ratified by the regional association and by the GAus Board at the GAus Annual General Meeting. If there is more than one application for this role, the state association will apply normal association voting practices including a secret ballot and a returning officer with process auditable by GAus.

Term of appointment is yearly, with reappointment possible to a maximum of 5 years.

OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ROLE

The position voluntary. Remote working arrangements are expected. Routine engagement with national office staff and diverse departmental staff, both salaried and volunteers, will be required.

POSITION DUTIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

Purpose of Role

- Manage issues relating to airfields, airspace, and avionics on behalf of Gliding Australia.
- Provide specialist advice, oversight, and coordination in these areas to support safe gliding operations and compliance.

Key Responsibilities

- Airfields: Maintain registers and data, review airfield visibility to all airspace users, work with clubs, RMOs, EMO on maximising gliding profile and exposure to airspace users. Liaise with clubs and airfield owners on issues in cooperation with RMOs and EMO
- Airspace: Monitor regulatory changes, liaise with CASA and Airservices when required, advise clubs on airspace requirements, coordinate applications for access.
- Avionics: Provide guidance on use, standards, and approvals of avionics in gliders/tugs, maintain relevant technical documents, and advise on new technologies.
- Prepare and issue bulletins or updates relating to airfields, airspace, and avionics in cooperation with EMO.
- Report regularly to the Executive Manager Operations and provide input to relevant panels.
- Act as point of contact for clubs and members with queries or problems in these domains.

Relationships

- Reports to: Executive Manager, Operations.
- Is coordinated by the National AAAO
- Works with: Operations Panel, Airworthiness Panel, Safety Management staff, other State AAA&O officers.
- Liaises with: Clubs, CASA, Airservices Australia, airfield operators.

Skills and Attributes

- Knowledge of Australian airspace structure and CASA regulations.
- Familiarity with avionics systems (radios, transponders, ADS-B, FLARM, etc.).
- Understanding of gliding operations and associated airfield requirements.
- Ability to interpret technical and regulatory documents.
- Good communication and liaison skills with clubs and external agencies.