

The Role of the Victorian Soaring Association Inc (VSA) Committee of Management

Like all incorporated associations, the VSA is required by law to establish a body such as the Committee of Management (CofM) to manage the business and affairs of the Association on behalf of its members and to be accountable to its members

The CofM, is subject to the rules in the VSA Objects and Articles of Association and the Victorian Incorporated Association Act, has the power to perform essential acts for the proper management of the VSA. The CofM may delegate any of the powers and functions that it may exercise to any one or more of the officers of the VSA or to a sub-committee.

The officers of the VSA shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, GFA board member and such other officers as may be determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Officers are elected at the AGM and there is to be a separate election for each officer.

The CofM is entrusted to manage the objectives of the VSA which are:

1. Represent the views of its member clubs and those of other related aviation sports
2. Manage the affairs of gliding and soaring within the region to ensure the sport remains relevant, viable and in accordance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) and other associated authorities.
3. Acquire, coordinate and disseminate knowledge on the sport of gliding and soaring and assist communications and support between the GFA, GFA officers and Member Clubs
4. Facilitate open and free communication and access between the VSA and Member Clubs, other GFA regions and Sports & Recreation Victoria
5. Promote competition, achievement, records and the development of the sport
6. Promote and facilitate training in all elements of the sport
7. Represent Gliding and its Member Clubs at a regional and national level
8. Explore and implement changes to the VSA in concert with the changing needs of the sport and society
9. Assist in the formation, conduct of gliding or winding up of aviation clubs and organisations.

VSA Powers include:

1. Enter into any arrangement with any entity that may seem conducive to the Objectives
2. Take whatever action is required to render aid or financial assistance to affiliated Member Clubs after suitable worthiness criteria are satisfied
3. Engage and dismiss servants as required and to conduct the daily business of the VSA.

The VSA membership is open to any club or organisation formed for similar purposes as contained in the Objectives above, are within the VSA region, comply with the Association Act (or if a commercial operator complies with the relevant Act or laws) and whose operations, aircraft and facilities meet the GFA operational requirement and safety standards for gliding in Australia and be affiliated with the GFA and have no monies in arrears to the GFA or VSA.