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VSA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

YES! IT'S JANUARY 2026 ALREADY!

The first two weeks of January have seen hot, hot and hot conditions with amazing height gains of 12,000 ft plus and the elusive 1000 kms distance did not seem so elusive anymore!

HORSHAM COACHING WEEK

& HORSHAM COMPETITION WEEK 2026



Be part of the 60th anniversary of
Horsham Week

[Registration Now Open: Horsham Coaching Week 2026](#)

Registrations are now open for [Horsham Coaching Week 2026](#), running from Saturday, 31st January to Friday, 6th February 2026.

[Registration Now Open: Horsham Week Competition 2026](#)

Registrations are now open for [Horsham Week 2026](#), running from Saturday, 7th to Saturday, 14th February 2026.



JOEYGLIDE BENALLA, January 2026
That's a Wrap!

It's been an exciting week for the Australian Junior Gliding Club's JOEYGLIDE 2026 at Benalla. To view the action check out their [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

The AJGC extends their sincere thanks to their generous sponsors: Skysight, Aviation Insurance, Victorian Soaring Association, Gliding Australia, GoSoaring, Naviter and CASA.

A huge shout out to the AJGC committee headed by Anoushka De Chelard and the Competition Team headed by James Nugent for organising a fantastic event.

Congratulations to:



Winner: Max Scutchings
Adelaide Soaring Club | Points: 4,380



2nd Place:
Amber Davison ,Gliding Club of Victoria
Points: 4,174



3rd Place: Ethan Blunt, Gliding Club of Victoria |
Points: 3,888

More info on AJGC, then head to the [AJGC website](#) for more information!

DG SAILPLANES – AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

EASA have upgraded Proposed Airworthiness Directives (PAD) in respect of DG sailplane control column pivot bearings to Airworthiness Directives. See links below for more detail.

AD 2026-0009 – DG AVIATION GmbH: Flight Controls – Control Column Pivoting Bearing – Inspection. To see the details of this Publication, please click OR copy the following:
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AROUND THE CLUBS!

Vale Ian “Moose” Cowie

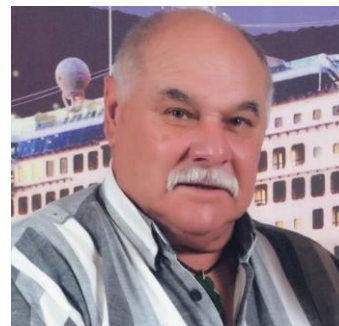
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On 5th January 2026, Ian “Moose” Cowie passed away. Ian joined the GCV in the mid-70s and became an Instructor in the mid-80s. Ian was a well-respected and excellent Instructor and always brought plenty of fun to his time at GCV.

Ian served his apprenticeship as a Light House mechanic and worked in this field for a number of years until lighthouses became automated. Having a nautical interest including skin diving, he joined Melbourne Port Authority to train as a fireman, search & rescue diver including looking for contraband. When the Authority closed down, he worked as a security guard, bus driver and instructor as well as a few other jobs. Ian lived in Bacchus Marsh and became involved in the Australian Gliding Museum and became among other things, their Catering Officer. Ian loved a tippie and a good joke. He was also a long-standing member of the Laurels Men's shed. Ian was diagnosed with cancer six months ago and fought a difficult battle.

Ian and his wife, Alma, were an inseparable team and the Victorian Soaring Association send their heartfelt condolences to Alma and family. As per the family's wishes, a private farewell was held for Ian.

Fly High, Fly Fast Moose.....



Grampians Soaring Club - 24 January 2026

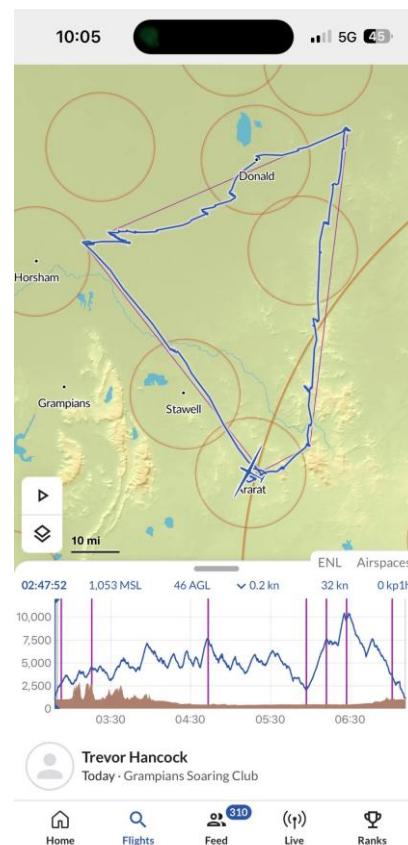
Kev's Triangle Regatta has officially arrived and it kicked off with a cracking day of flying!

Kev's Triangle is held over the Australia Day long weekend for a unique three-day soaring regatta built around Kev's Triangle - a classic 313 km FAI triangle task flying Ararat - Charlton - Jung - Ararat (or reverse). This legendary task is a favourite of Kevin Olerhead, Grampians Soaring Club Life Member, who has flown it countless times and shared his love for its scenic flight path, reliable soaring conditions, and friendly challenge.

- ◆ 6 gliders took to the sky
- ◆ 1 glider tackled Kev's Triangle
- ◆ 5 others headed south on a slightly shorter task

A huge well done to Trev for knocking over Kev's Triangle. A solid effort and a great way to start the regatta 🙌 Especially when the weather forecast was better down south.

Want to be part of Kev's Triangle? Put it in your Australia Day calendar for 2027. Whether you're a cross-country enthusiast or new to cross country soaring, this is A chance to fly a legendary route, connect with fellow pilots, and honour the rich heritage of Grampians Soaring Club.



SUPPORTING GLIDING AS A VOLUNTEER

Reprinted from BGA News January 2026.

This excerpt was reprinted from the British Gliding Association newsletter January 2026. It was decided not to reinvent the wheel because the BGA reference many aspects of gliding that is the same as our own sport here in Australia. So, read away! Good video to watch and you might pick up some pointers along the way!

Gliding has always relied on volunteers. Volunteers supply amazing expertise, enthusiasm and experience that would otherwise be unavailable. Most of the people helping at a national level to ensure that our aircraft are affordably airworthy, that our clubs and airfields are protected, and that the shared airspace we fly in remains accessible and safe are volunteers.

Sports research demonstrates that sports volunteers get a boost to their happiness and well-being through their involvement.

Gliding volunteering opportunities can absorb as little or as much time as you would like to give whilst enjoying the experience of helping others and perhaps learning something new. Gliding offers flexible, meaningful, and accessible ways for people to contribute.

[You can read more about club and national volunteering on the BGA updated webpage.](#)

