

## VSA RTOA Annual Report 2020

During the last year, airworthiness training activities consisted of one 5 day course. 1 candidate gained a full Annual Inspector rating while the other 4 candidates gained Annual Inspector ratings limited by sailplane type. Those 4 candidates were also provided with a pathway to further develop and move on to upgraded qualifications. The level of knowledge displayed was very high and this is attributed to our requirement for all candidates to read nominated reference material as a condition on attendance.

Form 2 course activity for this year has initially not attracted enough interest for a course to take place. Since then we have 7 VSA members who wish to undertake training. With Covid, this will not take place until such time that the situation improves and restrictions are downgraded below level 3. Options for course starting dates are 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in December and 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March 2021.

Approximately 12 members of VSA have had their ratings lapse. This is most likely due to them not attending the mandatory 6 year refresher course required to maintain their ratings. I plan to advise these members of their situation and provide them with a pathway to reactivate their ratings if that is what they require.

There have been multiple cases of poor quality Daily Inspections having been carried out during the recent past. While I understand and accept that human factors can let us down, there should be no room for casual or relaxed attitude airworthiness activities. We should reaffirm our cultural practice of ( do not disturb ) while members are carrying out important safety tasks. Interestingly, the Daily Inspector is the only person in our airworthiness system that is not required to do any refresher activities in order to keep their rating. In my opinion this situation should be improved.

I have received a request from the Geelong Gliding Club to take part in a zoom meeting to advise procedures and pathways for newer members wanting to start and develop airworthiness skills and qualifications. This meeting will take place in the foreseeable future and I understand that participation will be open to all VSA members. I thank GGC for this initiative and encourage all interested members to take part.

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