



# VICTORIAN SOARING ASSOCIATION

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## VSA ANNUAL REPORT - August, 2020

On behalf of the VSA Committee, I am pleased to report on activities for 2019/20 and advise our plans for next season. These are listed below for discussion during the meeting.

### What happened in the last 12 months?

- Continued regular newsletters to Victorian glider pilots
- Updates on government sporting compliance legislation
- Horsham Events: Coaching Week and Horsham Week competition
- VSA State Gliding Championships - Horsham
- Multi-Class Nationals - Tocumwal
- Introduction of Accredited Youth Glide Centres program
- Upgrades and repairs to the two mobile simulators - Virtual Reality and Analogue Simulator
- Form 2 Airworthiness course
- Introduction of bond for utilisation of VSA Assets
- Introduction of YesGirlsGlide website and Facebook page
- Launch of Monash University Soaring Society (MUSS)
- Introduction of new Logo called Gliding VicTas which aligns with GFA and other States new standardised logos.
- Collaboration with the Australian Gliding Museum on Community Survival Funding from Sport and Recreation.
- COVID19 Pandemic
  - o Web Page dedicated to actions required in COVID and VSA COVID Flight Safety Plan

### What didn't happen in the last 12 months?

- Airworthiness Courses – (cancelled due to COVID)
- Instructor training and FIRC training (cancelled due to COVID)
- YesGirlsGlide mini camps and program (delay in receiving funding and then cancelled due to COVID)
- AJGC Victorian Local Series on hold due to COVID.
- New VSA website delayed but work in progress.

### Funding and subsidies provided:

- South Gippsland GC flight simulator build
- Bacchus Marsh flight simulator infrastructure grant
- OGN Net hardware
- Pass-through Grants (Ailsa McMillan)
- Pass-through Grants (Berrigan Shire for Multi Class Nationals)
- Bendigo GC facilities
- Joeyglide sponsorship
- Form 2 Airworthiness
- 5 junior scholarships
- 1 competition Try This voucher
- Provision of funding for webinars hosted by Geelong GC



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## Sport & Recreation Victoria

VSA provided re-vamped Funding Workplans to reflect downturn of business and activities due to the COVID19 pandemic and for the retention of our funding into 2021.

## What happens in the next 12 Months?

- VSA website upgrade (commenced) and proposal to nestle within Gliding Australia website recommended for security and ongoing maintenance and upgrades into the future.
- Re-launch of YesGirlsGlide Program with scholarship applications to open in September.
- Ongoing Airworthiness courses – refer reports.
- Ongoing Instructor training and refresher training – refer reports.
- Expand the Accredited YouthGlide Centres program.
- Expand the Junior Scholarships to further flight training and development by introduction of scheduled scholarship applications to open in September.
- Continuing to support Victorian clubs and encourage involvement with the roll out of the National development strategy Soaring to the Future (S2F).
- Continue education and communication on Governance and Integrity in relation to Member Protection, Fair Play Code and Play by the Rules information by introduction of webinars to all clubs and continue communication via the VSA newsletter on all sporting code requirements and governance issues along with fun stuff!
- Continue to represent Victoria and Tasmania on the Gliding Australia Board.
- Continue to develop the VSA social media platforms to promote the sport of gliding to the wider community.
- Source and promote Sponsorship for competitions.
- Future and ongoing coaching and competition support – COVID allowable! 😊
- Marketing post COVID.

Finally, a very large thank you to the VSA Committee members who have assisted me over the last 12 months, especially to Phil Henderson, (VP) who has ably assisted as the GFA Alternate Delegate and stepped up to be the Primary delegate due to my workload commitments, David Cleland (Secretary) who has kept me on the straight and narrow and to Tom Spiesser, Treasurer) for working the numbers magic so that we understand our financial position and don't blow the budget!

I would also like to thank all the Clubs, Regional Officers and individuals who have supported the VSA in 2019/20 and worked with the programs that we know will contribute to making gliding an extraordinary sport to be involved in coming out of COVID.

I look forward to working with new members of the Committee in 2020/21 and enhancing our offerings as we go into the unknown territory of Doing Gliding Differently.

*Vivienne Drew*

VSA President

