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With only a few months to go before the start of the Junior World Gliding Championships, things are starting to heat up for both organisers and pilots. Entries are coming in thick and fast, with entry forms received from Lithuania, Switzerland and Hungary, as well as our Australian team, with many more on their way - check the website for the latest entries as they roll in.

Many teams are still looking for gliders to hire in Australia, so if you have a club class or standard class glider which you'd be interested in hiring then please get in touch with us by email at jwgc@glidingaustralia.org. Many teams are also looking to arrange swaps with Australian gliders, so if you are thinking about a gliding holiday overseas, then this might be the perfect opportunity to set yourself up with a glider for a few weeks. Cars, trailers and crew are also being sought, so please get in touch if you can offer any of these.

We're also looking for your help to run the event. We need everything from rope runners to crew to social event helpers. If you'd like to be involved, please get in touch with us and let us know.

Keep up to date with the latest information via our website at www.jwgc2015.com, our Facebook at www.facebook.com/jwgc2015 or on twitter follow [@jwgc2015](https://twitter.com/jwgc2015).

There are costs involved with travel, accommodation, glider hire, aerotows. The JWC team has been busy raising funds themselves and working hard to increase their own contributions. But there is still a short fall and this needs to be filled if we are to have a chance to put an Australian junior on the podium.

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FROM PRESIDENT MANDY

DEAR MEMBERS

Freedom, flexibility and successful gliding. When I started gliding almost exactly 20 years ago at the Adelaide University Gliding Club, AUGC, it never crossed my mind that one day I would be sitting down to write a report for the GFA magazine as its President. The operation at Lochiel was simple, with a winch, mostly wooden gliders, and a west-facing ridge. In the summer we had a lot of dust and flies, and in the winter we had lots of mud. I can still well remember thinking that the GFA was not relevant to me. I now have an opportunity to reach out to members who are in that same situation, to explain what the GFA does, how it does it, and how it can be relevant to every member.

I have served on two club committees, for the AUGC and Adelaide Soaring Clubs, and as AUGC Club President. Many of you will know me from my posts and blogs as Team Captain of the Australian teams flying overseas. In many ways I can see that being a Team Captain has parallels with my new role. As Team Captain my role was to keep the Contest Organisers off the pilots' backs, to protect the pilots from the machinations of the organisers, to shield the pilots from politics, protests or gossip, to handle dispute resolution and just let the pilots go flying.

It seems to me that if I replace Contest Organisers with CASA, my new role has unmistakable parallels.

I have been on the GFA Board for almost three years now and in that time I have seen great improvements in the way the business of GFA is conducted, from the introduction of monthly GoTo meetings, similar to Skype, to professional meetings that concentrate on issues, not personalities, early reporting and pre-reading to make efficient use of meeting times. Best of all is our rising stature in the eyes of CASA, giving us scope to push back in ways we just could not do before.

One thing that I have observed is that every new Executive or Board member that has joined us has expressed surprise at the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep gliders in the air. I would encourage all of you to take the time to read the minutes of our Executive and Board meetings to understand what is being done on your behalf.

The minutes are found here

<http://www.glidingaustralia.org/GFA-IT/docman-test>

In the coming weeks, it is my ambition to speak to every club President to discuss issues that they are facing and to see what the GFA might be able to do to reduce workloads or to simplify processes and documentation. Our IT system is maturing and it is now time for us to focus outwards on our members' needs.

At the moment, gliding in Australia is in a good position. We have money in the bank, though not too much, we are on good terms with the regulator and our documentation will soon be up to date.



The Airworthiness Development Plan, which CASA accepted to allow us to continue to fly after the unfavourable audit in 2013, is progressing well and is on track for completion by the December 2015 deadline. Membership numbers are rising and we have the RAAF Air Cadet initiative stimulating gliding in new centres around the country. In addition we have two World Gliding Championships in 2015 and 2017. Our M&D head John Styles is working tirelessly to take advantage of these events to increase our exposure and grow our membership.

I am optimistic about the future of gliding in Australia and I hope you are, too.

MANDY TEMPLE

PRESIDENT

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VSA ALPINE GLIDING COURSE



The VSA Alpine Gliding Course conducted at Mt Beauty from 8 to 14 March was a great success this year, with 27 pilots participating. Among these, 24 were drawn from Victoria, one from Queensland and two from NSW.

The large fleet of gliders included 15 visiting gliders in addition to eight gliders participating from Mt Beauty's own club fleet and private fleet.

Flying conditions were very good. The stand-out day was Thursday 12 March. Following David Wilson's comprehensive meteorology lecture and detailed discussion on convergence in the morning, most pilots were lucky enough to experience convergence conditions in the vicinity of Mt Hotham to 10,000ft that afternoon.

Mt Beauty Gliding Club obviously has

some good contacts with the weather gods when it comes to turning on good gliding conditions.

Participants also enjoyed socialising after flying, including a sumptuous casserole dinner prepared by the Mt Beauty Gliding Club catering sub-committee.

Andrew Evans

PRESIDENT MT BEAUTY GLIDING CLUB

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A. BADGE

MAYALL GLEN	12017	CENTRAL COAST GC
HASTINGS TIMOTHY	12024	DARLING DOWNS SC
MARTIN ALEXANDER E	12025	NARROGIN GC
HANKS SEAN S Y	12026	ADELAIDE SC
MCAVOY STEVEN P	12027	GEELONG GC
YANG LONG T	12029	LAKE KEEPIT SC
LARSEN SAMUEL R	12032	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GC

A & B BADGE

CALDWELL IAN A	12018	SOUTHERN TABLELANDS
KHANNA ROHAN	12019	NARROGIN GC
JOYCE JOSHUA C	12020	HUNTER VALLEY GC
REID AMES M	12021	QLD AIR TC
GOYEN STEPHEN B	12030	BOONAH GC
PIVOVARSKI S	12028	NSW AIR TC 301

B BADGE

KEOGH JACKSON T	12007	V.M.F.G.
ZHELEZAROV VLADISLAV	Z11993	ADELAIDE SC
MIFSUD JORDAN M	11994	ADELAIDE SC

B&C BADGE

DAVIES KYLE T	12001	CANBERRA GC
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C BADGE

JAMIESON DANIEL J	11856	SOUTHERN CROSS GC
WILLIAMS HARRY W	12010	G.C.V.
LIGERTWOOD JARRYD W	11997	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GC
DUNN PATRICK A H	11998	WAIKERIE GC

A. B. C. BADGE

DU PENG	12022	SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC
KERSHAW DANIEL	12023	CABOOLTURE GC
WEBB BENJAMIN S	12031	QLD AIR TC

SILVER C

JAMIESON DANIEL J	4870	SOUTHERN CROSS GC
HOLMES DAVID	4871	LAKE KEEPIT SC

DU PENG	4872	SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC
WANG YUNHAI	4873	SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC
ROSS DAVID A	4874	MT. BEAUTY GC
SMIBERT PETER J	4875	GEELONG GC
BALL DAVID L	4876	SOUTHERN CROSS GC
LOVELL BRENDON L	4877	GRAMPIAN SC
SKINNER MARTIN F	4878	GEELONG GC
FAGAN DAVID	4879	SOUTHERN CROSS GC
NAKAMURA JUNKO	4880	BEAUFORT GC
HOLMES JULIAN N	4881	SOUTHERN CROSS GC
GRANT JOHN W	4882	NARROGIN GC

GOLD C

HOMES DAVID	1715	LAKE KEEPIT SC
DU PENG	1716	SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC
WANG YUNHAI	1717	SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC
GREAVES BARRY J	1718	SOUTHERN CROSS GC
STOKES LEIGH M	1719	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GC
LOVELL BRENDON L	1720	GRAMPIAN GC

DIAMOND GOAL

SHOLMES DAVID		LAKE KEEPIT SC
DU PENG		SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC
GREAVES BARRY J		SOUTHERN CROSS GC
ROSS DAVID A		MT. BEAUTY GC
LOVELL BRENDAN L		GRAMPIAN SC
NAKAMURA JUNKO		BEAUFORT GC
HOLMES JULIAN N		SOUTHERN CROSS GC
ANDERSON SCOTT		CANBERRA GC

DIAMOND DISTANCE

HOLMES DAVID		LAKE KEEPIT SC
HOFMAN PETER		BATHURST SC
LOVELL BRENDON L		GRAMPIAN SC

600 KM DISTANCE

MADDOCKS NICHOLAS W	110	QLD AIR TC
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VALE BILL RILEY SOUTHERN RIVERINA GC

Bill Riley passed away in early April.

Judy Renner of SRGC wrote, "He brought gliding to Tocumwal and put it on the map. I'm sure many tales of his adventures and expeditions will be told in the future. He is a large part of Tocumwal and gliding history."

GFA RILEY AERONAUTICS TROPHY

Bill Riley was active in the gliding scene over many years. A glider pilot and light aircraft pilot with international experience, he flew with two other pilots in a formation of three self-launching gliders from Rumania to Essendon airport. Bill based his glider operations at Tocumwal in NSW on the Murray River. His continuing contribution to gliding has involved every aspect of the sport.

The RILEY AERONAUTICS TROPHY

was originally intended to award the most successful two-seater performance. However, it has been used as an award for other classes as well.

In 1978, when GFA re-allocated its trophies, the Riley Aeronautics Trophy was returned to its intended place in the trophy schedule and was awarded for the longest two-seater flight each year. Accordingly, it could be won at the National Two-Seater Championships.

In 1990 Bill Riley specifically requested that his trophy be returned to its original purpose, as a Two-Seater Trophy for the Sports and Two-Seater National Championships.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The GFA Annual Board meeting was held 18 to 19 April in Melbourne and the major activity was to elect and appoint the Executive and Regional officers and also to approve the budget for 2015/16 and set the GFA fees.

NEW GFA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mandy Temple, who has been standing in as President since the resignation of our previous president in March, was formally elected unopposed into this top role. Peter Cesco from SA was elected as Vice President while Dave Shorter retained his position as Treasurer.

Because Chair of the Sports Committee Marta Najfeld has had to step down from her role for a few months, the Board approved Peter Trotter as her replacement until August.

The Board has also invited the Junior Gliding Club (JGC) to nominate a representative to sit on the Board in an ex-officio position, to represent the views of the JGC and junior pilots in general. The JGC nominated Adam Webb to this position and Adam attended his first meeting of the Board over the weekend.

For a full list of GFA officers and their contact details please see the Contact Us page on the GFA web page.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO REDUCE?

In negotiating the renewal of the GFA Broad Based Liability (BBL) insurance policy, our treasurer has managed to secure an increase in Public Liability cover provided by the BBL from \$250K to \$1m with effect from 1 May. The BBL insurance policy provides the first liability coverage to members, clubs and affiliated organisations for any accident, and this policy continues to help contain the costs of liability insurance for members and clubs.

Glider insurance policies and other airfield liability policies are written with an excess clause based on the BBL insurance limit. As a consequence, from 1 May, clubs and members with liability policies can expect reductions in premiums due to the higher excess.

It also means that all gliders will now have \$1m public liability cover without requiring the owner to take out additional insurance, which will help some vintage glider owners and

those who wish to fly in competitions. Many clubs and private owners, however, do take out additional public liability insurance, with brokers now recommending \$5m to \$8m public liability cover.

We are fortunate that a combination of improved claims experience, increased competition and economic circumstances have meant that this improved BBL coverage has been obtained from our insurer for the same premium as we have been paying in the last few years.

NEW GFA EMAIL FORUM

In the interest of increasing communication between members and to enable increased opportunities for members to ask questions of the Board and GFA committees, we are establishing a members' email forum. You should have received an email inviting you to register with the forum. Once connected, you will receive daily emails with questions or comments from members and GFA officers, and you can raise issues and ask questions of any of our members. This forum is only available to GFA members and will be moderated so that any inappropriate comments can be removed. When you receive the invitation, why not join up – it will take a little time for the forum to grow but it should be quite interesting. As always, if you change your mind you can always withdraw with a simple click. If you can't find the invitation, just go to the GFA web page and click member services. The bottom option available is the link to the member's forum.

WORLD COMPS PROGRESS

It is only six or seven months before the start of the Junior World Gliding Championships, to be held at Narromine in NSW. Entries are starting to come in and more information is now available on the competition web site at www.jwgc2015.com.

Glider hire is now a major problem. A number of teams are still looking to hire gliders, in particular, Standard



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class gliders. There are a lot of standard class gliders out there but many pilots appear reluctant to help. This is an Australian World Championship and our reputation as a destination for international soaring will not be supported if pilots do not make gliders available. As a country that always relies on hiring gliders overseas, this impact Australian pilots over the longer term. I am concerned that this same reluctance may flow to Open/18m/15m gliders for the Benalla World Championship.

We need the gliders for three weeks, during a period that is not the peak season. If you have a suitable glider and can help us ensure a memorable event in Australia, please let me know at eo@glidingaustralia.org.

Benalla Worlds: The pre-world comps for the Benalla World Championship in January 2017 will be held with the Australian National Championships at Benalla in January 2016. The web page is now open at www.ozglide.com. This appears to be a very large event so you are recommended to get your entries in early – a great chance to fly against some of the best pilots in the world.

World comps are helping clubs. Promotion of these two World Championships is being ramped up, with the intention of using the events as a vehicle to promote our sport and to support clubs to grow their membership. With that goal, we will be running a major promotion in the cities of Melbourne and Sydney.

At Federation Square, Melbourne, on Friday 30 October, a glider will be on display with the simulator and a big screen showing videos of gliding. Victorian clubs are welcome to promote themselves at the event, and we are also looking for Melbourne-based members to spend a few hours assisting us to answer questions from prospective members.

At Martin Place, Sydney, on Friday 9 October, a glider simulator will be displayed with a screen showing gliding videos. NSW clubs are welcome to promote themselves at this event as well, and we are looking for Sydney based members to help answer questions from potential members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES TO INCREASE BY 3%

With the review of the 2015/16 budget the Board agreed to a small CPI increase in most membership fees, so from 1 May the full flying member fee will increase from \$258 to \$265, which includes the Regional Association fee of \$12. A full list of fees is available on the web page under Docs/forms/Documents/Administration/Admin docs. There was no change to the AEF fee, which remains at \$30.

There will be some changes to Airworthiness fees, also in line with this approach, and some new charges also being introduced. The GFA shop lists all fees so you can review any changes after 1 May by going to the shop on the GFA web page.

ADVERTISING BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SHOP

It is now easier to place a classified advert in the Gliding Australia magazine. Simply go to the GFA shop where you can enter the text and pay according to the number of words. Photos can also be attached.

MEMBERSHIP PROJECT - 'BEYOND 3000'

The most critical issue for gliding in Australia is membership renewal and membership growth. If we don't make the effort now then we won't have a sport to support in the future. The good news is that we are now making progress as our membership slowly increases again after a decade or two of decline.

GFA can help promote and provide support, but it is up to clubs and

individual members to go out and seek and encourage new members.

Dave Shorter has an article in this magazine about 'Beyond 3000' and I really encourage you to read this and start asking questions at your own club about how you can help grow our membership.

BECOMING A MEMBER - WHO DOES THE WORK?

There are three key methods for people to become GFA members, each demanding different levels of effort from the member, from the club and from the GFA office staff.

Option 1 The simplest way for a person to become a member of the GFA is for them to complete the on-line membership application form on the GFA web page and then pay their membership through the GFA shop. This person gets a receipt and membership number to prove their membership and the GFA office receives their details to upload into our data base. No spelling mistakes, translation errors or delays.

The member then quickly gets their membership card and a welcome to the GFA and their magazine is booked. The clubs using this approach don't have to spend valuable volunteer time to type and submit data to the GFA office.

Option 3 The other extreme, which is still used by many clubs, is when the new member fills out a paper form and pays money to the club. The club secretary then copies the member's information onto a monthly return form and then sends this form to the GFA office. The GFA office staff sends an invoice for the payment of money to the club and the club treasurer then pays or, in some cases, posts a cheque. The GFA office staff copy the information from the monthly return onto the GFA data base and send the membership card and membership number to the new member.

In the worst cases, delays by the club Secretary result in the GFA office receiving the new member's information months later - the worst case was seven months later - often after the person's 3-month membership has expired, so the new member never gets their membership card or a membership number or a welcome letter or a magazine. They must wonder what their GFA payment was for. We cannot be too critical of the club secretary in these cases, they

are volunteers and often have many other tasks to complete.

A solution This paper based approach is creating work for the club admin staff, and for the GFA office staff, and is not providing the new member with value for their money.

We will be talking to clubs who cannot quite make the move to Option 1 about other options, including Option 2, for them to reduce their admin workload with processing memberships and improving service for their new members.

CLUB LOANS FUND

As advertised previously, the GFA is supporting clubs through providing loans at competitive interest rates, typically for glider purchases. Two clubs have already received funds under this scheme, another is just finalising the paperwork and one club is preparing its application.

Clubs interested in expanding their operation are encouraged to contact their regional association or the GFA treasurer for details.

INDEPENDENT OPERATOR AUTHORISATIONS

There have been recent comments by members which indicate some uncertainty about the difference between Independent Operator Level 1 and Level 2 authorisations. For full details you are recommended to review Section 13 of the Manual of Standard Procedures Part 2 Operations (MOSP 2) available on the GFA web page. Click on Doc/Forms and then Documents and GFA MOSP. The following is a summary.

Completion of the Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC) provides members with the necessary skills to be issued with the Level 1 Independent Operator authorisation. This authorisation enables them to operate without a Level 2 instructor being present but they still need to have specific approval from the CFI or delegate to operate, and the club is still responsible for the operation.

Holders of Level 2 Independent Operator authority are solely responsible for all aspects of their operations when operating independently. They do not need any approvals from their CFI or club. The initial issue of Level 2 Independent Operator authorisation is by logbook endorsement by the CFI and is required to be confirmed at each Annual Flight Review.

MEMBERSHIP - BEYOND 3000

20 years ago, after the last international competition held in Benalla, total gliding membership in Australia exceeded 3,000. In the intervening years it has steadily declined, reaching a low a couple of years ago. Excluding short term members, at last count we had 2,031 full flying members and 411 student members for a total of 2,442 12 month flying members.



The GFA Board has agreed it's necessary to reverse that decline and regain our former membership strength. Increased membership can

- Improve the financial viability of GFA
- spread costs over more people and improve services provided to members
- ultimately reduce the cost to members
- maintain vitality of the whole gliding movement
- develop a source of new instructors, club officers and maintenance workers
- even having buyers for second hand gliders depends on having new members

So the challenge is to reverse the decline and return membership back to our former strength - 'beyond 3,000'.

A MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TARGET IS REQUIRED

In order to achieve growth, our gliding organisations need to commit to a growth target – without setting a goal

for achievement, membership growth will drift – maybe up, maybe down. A goal-focussed approach is needed, and a commitment throughout the GFA and Club organisation is required to achieve the needed growth.

The GFA Board has committed itself to a goal of 10% pa net growth in full flying membership, which it believes is achievable and which would take us 'beyond 3,000' full members in a couple of years and more than 3,500 in five years. That's the target we've set.

SETTING A TARGET HELPS TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL

An ambitious target you say? Some clubs are doing it already, others declining. Without a goal, we'll continue to wander up and down – but if across Australia, in each club, each State Association and in GFA, we all set ourselves a goal to grow membership at 10% annually, we stand a good chance.

DAVE SHORTER
GFA TREASURER

MEMBERSHIP - THE CLUBS' PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

While membership in GFA is a requirement for pilots to fly in Australia, the Clubs are the key to getting new members.

GFA can assist by increasing its visibility to the general public, and the two world comps will provide good excuses to ramp up promotion of the sport over the next couple of years. Promotional activity organised in the centres of Melbourne and Sydney this year will be an opportunity for clubs to participate and promote themselves. More of this can be done. But ultimately the clubs and their members sign up the new members.

SO WHAT CAN CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS DO?

CREATE A FRIENDLY ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT

On holiday in Queenstown NZ with friends, we were choosing where to dine. Outside an Italian restaurant, the pizza chef behind the front window smiled at us and other staff beckoned us in. After an enjoyable meal, served by attentive staff, the proprietor came around checking everything was OK. I commented on the friendly helpful staff and enjoyable dinner. "That's no accident" he replied. "We meet every day and I tell them they have 30 seconds to entice customers in off the street. I tell them to smile." It obviously worked – he had a thriving, successful restaurant.

Gliding clubs are no different. When a visitor, friend or AEF customer arrives at your club, you have a limited time to convince them your club is a great place to be. People don't come to gliding clubs, often staying around all day, working their butts off, just to fly. There need to be other reasons. Companionship, company, shared experiences, friendship all play a part in attracting that person to your club. A culture of warm welcome, inclusion and involvement will attract these people. Remember, visitors come because they

have some interest in glider flight – ideal candidates – and you have limited time to persuade them that your club is where they'd like to spend more time. Include them, give them a job, and make them welcome.

A convivial, friendly and inclusive atmosphere will attract new members

INVITE A FRIEND OR ACQUAINTANCE

How many members of your club joined because they were invited by a friend to try gliding? I'd reckon quite a few. It's by far the most common reason people join a club. Just imagine, if every one of our 2,000 odd members invited just one friend or acquaintance to try gliding, and just 1 in 10 of these became interested enough to take up the sport, we'd immediately gain 10% membership increase!

A USER FRIENDLY WEBSITE

People already interested in gliding, wishing to give it a try, will use the internet to search out gliding clubs. Does your club have a good website, easy to use, that tells a story about your club?

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Does your club have someone devoted to membership issues? Sending letters of welcome and providing info to new members; following up people who drift away or don't renew; maintaining records. Do you collect email addresses of all visitors to the club – they were interested enough to visit once -keeping in contact by email is easy, and you may attract them back again.

KNOW YOUR MARKET

The age profile of GFA members shows we have two very distinct age groups as members. One is made up of young cadets and students under 25 who are the future of our sport. Many of them become talented fliers, learn the skills quickly as only young people do and then, after some years, find other interests, get married, have kids and mortgages and we lose them for a couple of decades. Then there is the 45+ age group whose kids have grown up or left home. With more time available and more financial security, they are ready to try something else.

The Airforce Cadet and Joeyglide movements are doing great things to

involve the younger group and deserve every encouragement we can give them.

We need to recognise these age groups as our market where we're most likely to sign up new members, and target our efforts toward them.

SET YOURSELF AN ACHIEVEMENT GOAL

Successful businesses have always known that success comes much more readily to those who set targets for achievement. If we believe in the need for new flying members, we need to set ourselves, in each club, in each State Association, a goal for membership growth. I'd suggest each club and regional association aim for 10% annual growth. Get the commitment of the members of your club to that goal, set some plans to get there, and regularly measure your progress towards the achievement of that goal. You may surprise yourself.

How about setting a personal goal to bring at least one or two friends or acquaintances to your club to try gliding this year?

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FROM THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

We had a good season last summer with lots of entries in the On Line Contest, good attendance at a range of coaching events and some good distance and competition flying. Now is the time to start preparing for the coming season – work on the glider, read one of the many good books on gliding and set some goals to work towards. You can enjoy the anticipation of the fun you will be having.

Badges and records For those interested in badge or record claims, the Sporting Code and an Official Observer are the go-to resources. Beryl Hartley for badges and Pam Kurstjens for records are always available to help. Remember you can now make your declaration before the flight and claim after the flight online via the GFA website.

Coaching Richard Frawley has taken over as National Coaching Director and is actively making things happen in coaching. G Dale will not be in Australia this coming season but there is a possibility of a different international coach. Our state head coaches and others are arranging many coaching events which will show up in the Coaching Events Calendar soon, or go to the calendar on the GFA website to find

events you can line up for next season.

The Masterclass held last year in Canberra will be back in 2016. More on this next year.

International team selection (ITC) It is significant to have a world competition in your home country and we will host two in the next two years, the Junior World Gliding Championships in Narromine in December 2015 and the flapped World Championships in Benalla the following season with pre-worlds this season. So Miles Gore-Brown and his committee are busy handling the strong competition to be selected for these events, finding team captains and all the other logistics associated with this. Australia's world ranking has improved over recent years so something is being done well.

National Competition Committee (NCC) Keeping rules up to date to accommodate changes is part of what Tom Claffey and his committee do. They also have to constantly find clubs and sites to host the expanding number of competitions being held.

International Gliding Commission (IGC) We are very well represented by Terry Cubley at IGC where we have our say in international decisions about



badges and records, upcoming world competition locations and rules and a host of other topics.

Trophies Julie-Anne Johan looks after the host of trophies which need to be maintained and kept a track of so they can be awarded regularly.

The upcoming **Junior World Gliding Championships** to be held in Narromine in December this year rate a special mention. The enthusiasm, airmanship and dedication of this group is really quite impressive. Juniors have received a lot of support from Australia's gliding movement and it is showing results. They are worthy of our ongoing support.

PETER TROTTER
CHAIR SPORTS COMMITTEE

GFA 12 MONTH MEMBERS AT 15/4/2014 - BY AGE GROUP

AGE	UNKNOWN	<20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75+	TOTAL
FLYING MEMBER	9	16	28	68	63	57	129	175	242	272	328	313	188	148	2036
STUDENT	2	320	76	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	411
TOTAL BY AGE	22	338	108	87	68	60	135	185	250	291	347	326	198	163	2578

SQUAD WEEK 2015 NARROMINE



Lisa Trotter organised this year's Squad week at Narromine. Naturally, the focus was on the upcoming Junior Worlds in December this year. In addition, the week was attended by Morgan Sandercock who will be flying the 13.5m competition in Lithuania, and Kerrie Claffey who will be representing Australia at the Women's Worlds in Denmark.

We were lucky with the weather as we were sandwiched between a cyclone to the northeast and a trough to the southwest. This allowed us to set tasks and fly on eight out of eight possible days. The days were long - starting at 8am with a debrief, a discussion topic, flying and then a debrief and another discussion topic often not finishing until 9pm. Discussion topics included the

Perlan project, Psych, De-hydration, SWOT, What is a Team?, Nuts and Bolts, and Glider Tuning.

We experimented with tasks and on one day when the weather proved to be better than expected, we sent the pilots round for a second lap.



GFA ADVOCACY

GFA sends representatives to many industry associations and forums. I plan to produce a regular column detailing these meetings and issues that we are currently discussing.

REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY FORUM (RASAF)

On 19 March Executive Manager Operations (EMO) Christopher Thorpe represented GFA at the RASAF meeting. Issues of interest to GFA were:

- An opportunity to meet the new head of CASA Mark Skidmore and hear what he had to say.

Mark Skidmore welcomed attendees and explained his new role as the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's Director of Aviation Safety. Mark humorously noted that Board member Anita Taylor would be pleased to know the GFA representative was in attendance. Mark gave a brief overview of his career in the RAAF and civil aviation as a test pilot, business development manager and company director. Mark also

explained that the Government's recommendations flowing from the Aviation Safety Regulation Review will be rolled into the CASA Corporate Plan.

- AvMed Review

Mark Skidmore explained that aviation medical concerns were among the more contentious issues raised in submissions to the Aviation Safety Regulation Review and continue to be the subject of industry stakeholder comment. CASA is undertaking a full review of its AvMed capability to ensure that the delivery of its functions are effective and efficient, and fully aligns with CASA's obligations under the Civil Aviation Act.

- Regulatory reform update

GFA queried when the new draft of Part 149 would be released for

One day we pretended there was bad weather approaching and drove them to start much earlier than they would have liked. On another day, Dylan had his first outlanding in anger and managed very well. See his photo, left.

We had Boris the interfering Eastern European who flew into thermals and dumped water on our guys while saying, "Australian pilots fly like chickens." Next day he turned up at briefing with a bottle of vodka he was keen to share - perhaps he took the role-playing a little too far.

Beryl provided her usual excellent catering service for the week and left us with more time to concentrate on the flying and training.

During the week we were lucky enough to enlist Shinzo to our cause and he agreed to donate his hangar space and briefing room to the team for the training period and the competition. This will be invaluable to the team and we thank Shinzo sincerely.

The JWGC is being held at Narromine from 1 to 12 December. We are expecting entries from all around the World. The Website is

www.jwgc2015.com/?contestID=5409

MANDY TEMPLE AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TEAM CAPTAIN

consultation, given the drafting was nearly complete in October last year. CASA advised it is still about two to three months away from consultation. GFA also asked to be included in the MOS 139 standards subcommittee. Graham Brown, GFA's National Airfields, Airspace & Avionics Officer has been accepted onto this subcommittee.

- Other business

GFA asked CASA whether there was scope for CASA to develop and fund online training modules around issues common to all Recreational Aviation Administration Organisations. CASA will look into this.

CASA AND AIR SERVICES AUSTRALIA (ASA)

On 24 March, GFA President, EMO and Drew McKinnie, Head of Operations, met with a delegation from CASA and Air Services. We discussed the granting of our exemption late in 2014 for gliders to carry Transponders in upper airspace to allow us to use

block airspace released for wave flying.

There was a general discussion about transponders and ADS-B going forward and an agreement that units are currently too expensive to mandate in gliders. We also raised the costs of calibration. The ASTRA group are working towards the development of a low-powered ADSB unit that would be more suitable to gliders and other recreational aircraft. CASA has previously informed GFA that the current transponder exemption that applies under CASA Instrument 316/98 is likely to be removed in 2020.

We informed CASA and ASA that GFA has been providing monthly bulletins of Increased Gliding activity to the airlines and other airspace users for the past two years, and that these bulletins have been well-received. Both CASA and ASA asked to be included in our distribution list.

We raised problems experienced by

our members in having NOTAMS raised through third parties that has led to errors and delays. ASA has since responded that all NOTAMS for recreational aviation must go through CASA. We are liaising with CASA to develop and document a mutually acceptable process.

SELF-ADMINISTERING SPORT AVIATION ORGANISATION SECTION (SASAO)

Following the meeting with ASA we met with Lee Ungermann from the CASA SASAO. We discussed:

- Part 149 implementation dates.
- Clarification of the CASA Carp 1 insurance for part 21M DAPM Designers and Engineers - awaiting a response.
- Auditor training provided by CASA.
- Fast tracking approval of MOSP parts 2 & 3.

- Push back on the \$80 fee charged by CASA for a replacement CofA - awaiting a response.

RAAF AIR CADETS - TERRY DELAHUNTY AM

On 24 March the GFA President, EMO and Head of Operations met with Air Commodore Terry Delahunty AM who is the Director General Cadets - Air Force. Terry told us that the RAAF commitment to the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) has led to an increase in cadet numbers from 7,000 to 10,000, and to the purchase of a further three aircraft.

We had a productive discussion about synergies between the two organisations going forward.

Several representatives of the AAFC will now regularly attend GFA meetings as observers - commencing with the combined Ops/AW/Sports/Safety meeting on the June long weekend in Melbourne.



The Australian Gliding Museum, with the support of the Victorian Soaring Association and the Gliding Federation of Australia, and 29 enthusiastic volunteers, ensured that gliding was well represented at the Avalon Airshow from 27 February to 1 March 2015. As well, this year considerable support was shown by the RAAF Cadets, who fielded a brand new ASK-21Mi and trailer as part of our display.

The display consisted of a marquee containing a welcome and information table, the Museum Cherokee II under restoration and at the mid covering stage, the Victorian Soaring Association mobile Flight Simulator, a video screen running vintage and modern gliding films, an information booth manned by Benalla Council supporting the World Gliding Championships, and colourful signboards and posters of gliding interest. On the grass outside, adjacent to the large outdoor eating area, were three rigged sailplanes on display. They

were the RAAF Cadet's ASK-21Mi VH-NQV, the Melbourne Gliding syndicate Grob 109B motor glider VH-GUM, and the Geelong Juniors' Standard Cirrus VH-GMG. John Callahan's Taifun motor glider was on display in the flight line. The ASK-21Mi won the Manager's Award for Gliders, and the Taifun won the best motor glider award.

Good weather and large crowds ensured the success of the display. There was a lot of interest in the RAAF Cadets, and often the queue to 'fly' the VSA simulator occupied every chair we had available.



There is no doubt that the project was well worthwhile, with many aviation enthusiasts seeing just what gliding has to offer at this important airshow. Hopefully seeds have been planted in the minds of many people, young and old, that will bring them to gliding in the future. Certainly the

volunteers felt that the responses shown by many visitors fully justified their time and efforts in assisting with our display. The Australian Gliding Museum would like to offer our sincere thanks to all volunteers and organisations who gave their assistance.

DAVE GOLDSMITH

NATIONAL CLUB AND SPORTS CLASS COMP LAKE KEEPIT NOVEMBER 2015



Photos S Novak

This year the National Club and Sports Class competition will be held at Lake Keepit Soaring Club from 8 to 20 November 2015.

Those who have flown at Keepit will realise what great competition flying can be had from this site.

The surrounding countryside provides a diverse range of terrain to fly over – flat land to the south and west, the Pilliga scrub further west which can cook up great powerful streets on a good day, river valleys to Barraba, Bingara and Warialda up north, and the great volcanic remnants of Mt Kaputar and the Nandewar ranges. The convergence line that runs early some mornings from Manilla to Kaputar can just be so much fun, and on a good high day you reach across to the New England plateau, Bruce Taylor's favourite country, where the sea



breeze convergence in the afternoon can take you from Kentucky to Glen Innes without turning.

In November, conditions are good before the stormy weather that can come later through summer. We've had some great November comp days in earlier years with convection to 12 to 13,000ft.

Keepit airfield is wide and

accommodating and irrigation of the launch area has kept grass on the field through recent dry spells.

New glider watering points have recently been installed in the tie down area for the Sports Class gliders.

For comp entry details, check the club website at www.keepitsoaring.com

WOMEN IN GLIDING WEEK AT LAKE KEEPIT



Last November the Women in Gliding week held at Lake Keepit was such a success that we decided to hold it there again in 2015. Many achievements were made and wishes fulfilled by the women who attended. The weather was good if not brilliant and the friendships renewed and made will last for a very long time.

The dates have been set, commencing on **Sunday 18 October through until**

the final day and dinner on Saturday 24 October. To all women and support crews who wish to attend, put these dates in your diary and organize your holidays now. Men may come to help their pilot partners and family members. Women, from ab-initio all the way to very experienced pilots, are most welcome. After briefing,

separate groups supported by experienced instructors will be formed depending on level of experience to discuss tasks applicable to individual skill levels.

Mentoring is another great part of the week. The more experienced pilots are more than willing to share their experiences and knowledge with those

needing a little help and encouragement.

If you are looking to attend or are just interested in what is happening in WIG, contact me with your e-mail address. If you are interested in helping the female members of your club with aircraft, coaching, instructing or crewing please contact me on wendymedicott@optusnet.com.au

As your new representative with the GFA, I would like to hear from you if you have an issue or ideas on how to improve WIG with marketing, mentoring or special needs for women, or if you just need some help.

The Lake Keepit club members look forward to welcoming all of you in October.

Wendy Medicott

54TH MULTICLASS NATIONALS BENALLA



Preparations for the 54th Australian Multiclass Nationals – also known as OzGlide - are progressing well. The event will be held at Benalla from 4th to 15th January 2016, and we are expecting a good list of entries from Australia and overseas.

Benalla will be hosting the Flapped World Gliding Championships the following year, so this is a chance for everyone – pilots and organisers – to gain experience and find out what works and what doesn't, well before the big contest.

This competition will be the final selection contest for the Australian team

and it is likely to be well attended and closely fought. Foreign pilots will be here in significant numbers to practice in the weather and task area that they will experience at the World Championships – and also to take care of logistic planning such as accommodation and transport for their teams.

The contest will be run to Australian Nationals rules, with minor exceptions to allow an increased number of entries. Because we do expect a crowd, pilots with lesser experience may like to consider their options – there are plenty of other opportunities for competition during the season.



The Multiclass Nationals is also the practice event for the World Gliding Championships in the Open, 18m and 15 m classes to be held in January 2017.

The website is up and running at www.ozglide.com and as I write there are 22 entries listed including five overseas entries.

Benalla has a full-time gliding operation from mid-October until the middle of March, so anyone who wants to come and practice earlier or to stay on later will be most welcome.

I look forward to welcoming all Australian and overseas entrants to Benalla next January.

**TIM SHIRLEY
CONTEST DIRECTOR**

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GFA CALENDAR

Use the Contact GFA menu at www.glidingaustralia.org to send events to the GFA Secretariat for publishing online and in GA

**BUNYAN WAVE CAMP
CANBERRA GC - BUNYAN
19 - 27 September.**

www.canberragliding.org

**WOMEN IN GLIDING
LAKE KEEPIT**

18 - 24 October 2015

Contact: Wendy Medicott

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SPEEDWEEK 15

1 - 7 November 2015

Contact Paul Mander, 0417 447 974

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**CLUB AND SPORTS CLASS
NATIONALS - LAKE KEEPIT
10 - 21 November 2015**

www.keepitsoaring.com

**JUNIOR WORLD GLIDING
CHAMPIONSHIPS
NARROMINE**

1 - 12 December 2015

www.jwgc15.com

**PRE-WORLDS AND
MULTICLASS NATIONALS
BENALLA**

4 - 15 January 2016

The Multiclass Nationals will be conducted in the usual four classes - Open, 18M, 15M and Standard. Provision will be made for an increased number of foreign entries, allowing for those wishing to practice for the World Championships. A website and entry details will be available shortly.

**50TH HORSHAM
COMPETITION WEEK
HORSHAM**

6 - 13 February 2016

This is perhaps the longest continuously running competition in Australia, and is a welcoming and friendly competition suitable for all levels including pilots entering a competition for the first time.

For details contact the Contest

Director Ian Grant at ian.grant.gliding@gmail.com or see the website at www.horshamweek.org.au

**NSW STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
LAKE KEEPIT**

28 February - 5 March 2016

Friendly comp at a great soaring site. All welcome. Enquiries Chris Bowman chris.bowman@pccce.net
www.keepitsoaring.com

BUNYAN WAVE CAMP 2015



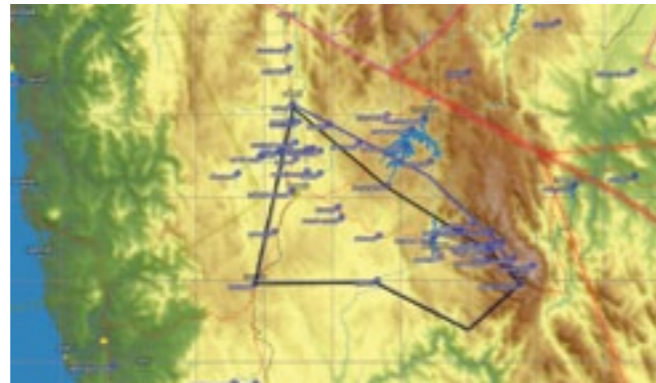
It's only early May and winter is already making its presence felt with early snow on the Victorian and NSW Snowfields, and while that is not expected to last, it lays a good cover preparing the ground for the winter snow falls.

The conditions that bring snow also bring us the conditions we require for Mountain Wave Flying at Bunyan, which is situated approximately 60km north east of the NSW ski fields. Initially, northwesterly pre-frontal winds produce our northwest wave and following the passage of the front we often enjoy southwest wave.

This year the camp will be held **19 - 27 September**.

Several years ago the camp introduced a competition in memory of

long time Canberra member and cornerstone supporter of the Wave Camp, Allan Armistead. When we struck a trophy for 'Best Height Gain' during the camp, and this has been hotly contested over the years. This year we are introducing a new trophy, which will be for 'Best Cumulative Climb' during the camp. This hopefully will be a thinking man's trophy as there will be limits to the number of flights a competitor can submit to allow competitors to take rest days. It will require pilots to



plan ahead, planning what days and even what time on those days to take a launch.

Other news is that the GFA operations team has successfully negotiated access for non-ADSB gliders above FL280 within the Snowy Mountains High Altitude Soaring Area. This will allow members with suitably equipped aircraft to make an attempt on the Australian Altitude Record that has stood for 19 years.

For those who require it, we can provide electronic airspace files for the Snowy Mountains High Altitude Soaring Area for both SeeYou and XCSoar.

Pilots interested in attending are requested to register their interest with Wave Camp Coordinator Stuart Ferguson sdf01@bigpond.com or 0419 797508 who can add you to the Wave Camp Email Group where you will be kept updated. Club House accommodation bookings are essential with limited spaces available. Wave Camp briefing material is available on the club web site

www.canberragliding.org

Follow the tabs: Pilot Info to Wave Flying

SPEED WEEK 15

SpeedWeek15, to be held again at West Wyalong 1 - 7 November 2015 SpeedWeek is a regatta-based training week whose aims are two-fold. On one hand, it provides a friendly entry into competition flying for those who are interested in putting their toe in the water. On the other hand, it provides a focussed program of self-improvement directed at high levels of performance. The two go together surprisingly well, and a good level of satisfaction and success has resulted from the earlier events.

This year will be the same, hopefully with the improvements that come with experience.

Coaching presentations each morning will be followed by met, followed by collective task setting. The AAT task is

flown during the afternoon, and in the evening we download the flights, appraise them, and do the scoring by the Wallington system.

SpeedWeek this year is followed by the Club Class Nationals, with a few days between them that allow for relocation. Several of our participants

are using SpeedWeek as a work-up to the serious contest.

Whatever your level of interest, we can accommodate you and we're pleased to have pilots from any state. There are limited positions available.

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