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## **RTO/SPORTS 2017/2018 (Matt Gage) – AUGUST 2018**

This has been a year of transition as the Soaring To The Future (S2F) systems get up and running.

- A new coach accredited, Matt Woodhouse at GCV.
- Two Silver C coaching weeks held at GCV. With minor updates, the format of these have been adopted by the GFA to be the S2F **Flying Further** Course.
- Horsham Coaching week was run again by David Meredith, Geelong GC..

## **GFA Review of Coaching**

In June, all RTO/Sports met together with Terry Cubley (EO), Jenny Thompson (Chair, Sports Committee) and John Buchanan (National Coaching Director). Outcomes were :

- RTO/Sports are now titled **Soaring Development Managers** to reflect their changed objective which is to focus on all cross country flying and not just competitions.
- MOSP4 to undergo a thorough review which will emphasise coaching as a priority.
- Three new coaching levels to be established:
  - **Silver Coach** to teach the early soaring and cross country skills
  - **Diamond Coach** for Silver C to Diamond and introduction to competitions
  - **High Performance Coach** to mentor very competent pilots achieve records and top competition results, etc. There will likely be only a few of these coaches.
- A common coaching curriculum for all levels, with the amount of detail increasing at each stage. This approach has been used to great effect by UK Sailing for beginners to racing through to the Olympic team all using the same structured approach.

## **2018/19 Goals**

- A 'Coach the Coaches' event at Narromine from 11th to 16th November 2018 to :
  - Confirm the Flying Further course structure and coaching materials.
  - Accredite new Silver level coaches from each region and I am looking for young candidates from Sunraysia ( as an S2F club), Bacchus and Ararat.
- At least two Flying Further mid-week courses to be run at Benalla
- VSA State competition at Benalla from 9th to 15th December
- Horsham coaching week from 27 Jan to 1 Feb. I would like to see this week used as an **S2F Flying Faster** course but we may not have the new GFA resources in time.
- Alpine coaching week at Mt Beauty from 9 – 17 March being organised by Phillip Volk, MGC. G Dale, the renowned Alpine coach, has been engaged as lead coach and will provide a 'Coach the Coaches' segment as well as the general coaching event.

## **RTO/AIRWORTHINESS (Phil Organ/Joe Luciani) 2017/18**

### Activity for the year

- Form 2 Engineering course in August 2017 with 13 participants
- Wood and fabric course run at Bacchus Marsh
- Several SDRs completed
- All club Airworthiness audits completed

### Coming up .

- Two Form 2 Engineering courses at Ballarat , 10 – 14 September, 17 – 21 September. Nine applications so far with capacity for three more.
- Minor composite repair course to be run in October at Ballarat
- A/W refresher briefings planned for later in the year .

## **REGIONAL MANAGER OPERATIONS VIC/TAS, Alan Payne**

- Our Flight Instructor Review Courses (FIRC) are scheduled to be completed prior to 2019 with 15 instructors remaining, although one or two may decide to retire from instructing.
- The future content of FIRC will change to encompass the needs of S2F instructors so we retain one style of FIRC for both S2F and non-S2F instructors.
- Only one Instructor training course is being held each year. This year there were five attendees for new Level 1 as well as Level 2 upgrades, all successful outcomes.
- All Safety Audits completed with the exception of two clubs. Once these two clubs have completed remedial actions we expect their follow-up audits will be successful.

### **VSA Regional Operations Meeting**

At this recent meeting major concerns were raised in regard to the new Basic Gliding Knowledge (BGK) publication and a unanimous decision was made that it would not be used by VSA clubs as there was too many errors and poor layout. Most believed it was not fixable and that there was nothing wrong with the previous version. They were advised by the RMO that new members need to be directed to the appropriate manual so as not to confuse the member/student.

### **GFA Operations Meeting**

At the recent 2-day GFA operations meeting there was interaction with both GFA Sports and GFA Airworthiness groups. Many positive outcomes can be expected as it was a very productive meeting.

### **AAAO Report, Chris Thorpe**

Chris is working with Grampians SC in the renewal of their High Altitude Wave LOA with Air Services. Melbourne Basin Study not yet released but YBSS clubs won't be getting additional airspace however D399 will stay. Avalon control zone likely to encroach on Anakie when 10nm ring included to the West.

VSA Regional Manager Operations