

“Birds Eye View”

Spring Edition

VSA AGM & Presidents Meeting

On Saturday 13th August, the VSA AGM and Club Presidents' Meeting was held at Bacchus Marsh Airfield Club Rooms. It was a very good attendance with 37 attendees recorded. It was great to see representation from Sunraysia and South Gippsland clubs as they had a long journey.

Ian Grant and Peter Buskens stepped down from their positions of President and Treasurer respectively and a sincere and heartfelt thanks to both of them for their long service to all the Victorian clubs and for ensuring that the VSA is represented at and receives funding from the Dept of Sport and Recreation Victoria to continue our programs.

The [VSA AGM 2018 Minutes](#) can be found on the VSA website along with the current and newly elected Committee members.

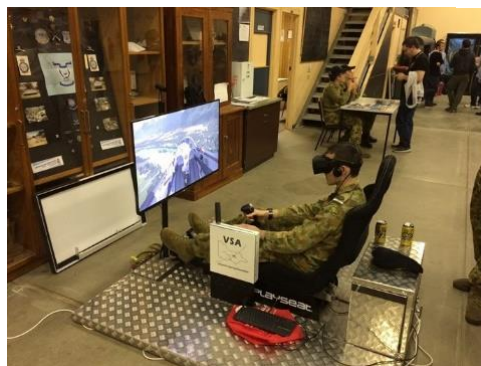
Not sure what the Victorian Soaring Association does? Then check out the VSA website under [Governance](#) for all the good oil!

Expressions of Interest

After many years as VSA Secretary, David Cleland has signalled his intention to vacate the position. If you would like to “pay it forward” and are interested in this volunteer role, please contact president@gliding.asn.au or David at DavidLCleland@gmail.com. See Position Description [here](#).

Simulator Update

Ian Grant presented an update on current [Flight Simulator](#) activity compiled by Roger Kreuger. There are presently four simulator projects within Victoria - three are established and functioning while another one is in development. Contact Roger Kreuger (Virtual Sim) and Vivienne Drew (Analogue Sim) at president@gliding.asn.au for information on availability of the mobile simulators at your club for training and events.



Virtual Reality Mobile Simulator



Analogue Mobile Simulator

Open Glider Network

Steve Trone presented a very interesting paper on the Open Glider Network (OGN). If you want to know more, contact president@gliding.asn.au to be put in touch with Steve.

VSA Strategy – 3 Year Plan

VSA are currently working on the next 3 year strategy plan in conjunction with Sport & Recreation Victoria and more will be forthcoming as the plan evolves.

Soaring to the Future (S2F) Update

Want to know more about the GFA Soaring into the Future (S2F) initiative, then have a look at the Participation Strategy to plan for your club's involvement.

<https://discoversoaring.com.au/stories/ParticipationStrategy.pdf>

This Girl Can – VicHealth Campaign

VSA has joined as a Supporter of the [#ThisGirlCanVic](#) campaign. Joining up as a supporter is free for all clubs and this gains you access to their Toolkit and Promotional Guidelines on attracting, marketing to women into sport. Once registered, all the marketing templates are available for use with the proviso that any of your photos must be approved by VicHealth. Easy!! Get to it and load your successes to their Facebook page!



VSA Presidents' Survey

A Survey of all VSA Clubs was sent to Club Presidents for their input with 7 clubs out of 14 clubs responding. The results show that clubs are interested in information on Strategy Planning, Marketing Planning, Gender Diversity, Customer Service and Community Social Responsibility. See the results [here](#).

Strategy Planning Model

Strategy Planning is essential for any organization. If you don't know where you are now, you don't know where you are going in the future. To assist clubs with Strategy Planning, a Not for Profit Club Strategy Planning Model is available on the VSA website. If you need some help to understand the document, please contact Vivienne on president@gliding.asn.au

Succession Planning

In line with Strategy Planning for your club, an essential component is Succession Planning and ensuring that there is a planned transition for any position on your Committee and adequate handover. Think about including this essential item in your planning phase.

Initiatives and Funding

The VSA runs a number of [support programs](#) for clubs and individual members. Follow the link for more information on what is available to your club.

Congratulations to Southern Riverina Gliding Club on their Open Day held on Saturday 14th July. It was a great success. SRGC utilised the Mobile Simulator for the day which was very well received, had all the fleet on display and Ingo available for flights. SRGC also partnered with Tocumwal Rotary who provided the catering services for the day. A number of members from other clubs came to assist which was greatly appreciated and a super effort by Judy and Ingo in bringing it all together.



Grants, Grants and more Grants

A lot of emails have been distributed to your Club Presidents and Secretaries recently in relation to [grants](#) and funding, especially in the areas of infrastructure and facilities upgrades that are available. It has been identified that improved facilities assist in attracting members to clubs and in retaining members and families, so consider getting involved in obtaining grant funding to help your club to upgrade.

Sports Community

Have you signed up for [Sports Community](#) yet? Sports Community have partnered with GFA in developing the S2F program and have invaluable resources in relation to obtaining grants, training programs for Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers and a host of other information to help grow your club. Individual membership is \$59 and a club membership is \$149 which allows you to nominate up to eight people who each get unrestricted access to the Sports Community website. Course prices are a separate cost.

Calendar of Events for [Victoria](#)

Sept

10 – 14th Form 2 Course Ballarat

17- 21st Form 2 Course Ballarat **NEW**

Oct

22 – 26th FRP Minor Repair Ballarat

29 Oct - 2 Nov FRP Minor Repair Ballarat

Nov

3 – 6th Vintage Gliders Bacchus Marsh **NEW**

4th Australian Gliding Museum Open Day **NEW**

11-14th Minor Wood Repair Aust Gliding Museum **NEW**

Dec

9 – 15th VSA State Comps

Feb

2 – 9th Horsham Week