

“Soaring Victoria”

VSA NEWSLETTER

Richard Callinan - ASH 31 MI

Photography: James Curry



Like our feature photo? Now our cover photo on VSA Facebook landing page. Thanks Richard and James!
Got a great pic? We will be featuring a new photo each month, so get cracking with those cameras and mobile phones!

VSA Facebook

If you have a fantastic gliding photo, please send to president@gliding.asn.au

VSA want to update their Facebook Cover page each month with your amazing photos, so please send to us. March FB features Richard Callinan flying his ASH 31 MI. Photography by James Curry. Many thanks - Top shot!!

You can't be what you can't see....

This slogan was coined at a recent Sport & Recreation Victoria forum recently attended in relation to sports and disabilities, now called “Access for All Abilities”. (More on this to come...) The slogan is very apt - if you are unknown to the public, how can the public participate? **Be seen, be known.**

Scouts Air Activities Victoria

VSA have been negotiating with Scouts Air Activities Victoria for them to have gliding as part of their air experiences and badge requirements for 11-15 year old Scouts/Cubs.

To this end, during the month of April, "Try Gliding 2019" has been initiated and will be advertised and promoted on the Scouts Air Activities Victoria website and which we are co-hosting on the [VSA Facebook](#) page.

Please click on the link or cut and paste the link below into your browser, for information.
<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/activities/air-activities/try-gliding-2019/>

The Program:

In essence, the Scout Leaders in your regions will contact your club directly via the directory information on the VSA website to arrange a Scouts gliding day, and as per your normal booking practice, you provide the details of your operation and co-ordinate a day with them that suits you both. *If you are unable to assist, please refer them to another club with contact details that is close to your region.*

To make it affordable for the them and to kick start the campaign, please consider what is the best discount you can provide for a 1500 ft flight as a minimum. Obviously, winch clubs will do very well!!

To give an example, the programs they have for fixed wing flying at Moorabbin Airport are subsidized by the operators who provide 20 mins flights for \$60.

Due the GFA levy, if you want to provide "hands-on" instruction, this will need to be factored into your flight costs. Your club may like to consider subsidizing also.

These are young people, specifically interested in aviation, and they only do these programs once or twice a year. They must do well to complete their badge criteria.

They provide an opportunity for our continued future as a sport and introduce more young people to gliding.

Addendum

Bacchus Marsh are ahead of the game! On Monday afternoon, 4th March, 20 Cubs and their supporters attended Bacchus Marsh airfield. They were given an explanation of aeroplanes, gliders and how they fly. They were shown the Slingsby T31, Duo Discus modern 2 seater and also visited the Australian Gliding Museum. The Cubs responded very enthusiastically and Dave Goldsmith is keen to arrange more of these visits. A fourteen-year-old (older brother of a cub) expressed interest in commencing gliding. A local Scouts leader who was present is arranging a similar visit for his Scout group. All three clubs were represented and no particular club was favoured during the visit.

Lovin' the teamwork. Well done to Dave and the team!



ASC Club Health Check

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION CLUB HEALTH CHECK

[HTTP://WWW.QLBS.COM.AU/ASCHEALTHCHECK/ASSESSMENT/ASCHEALTHCHECK](http://www qlbs.com.au/aschealthcheck/assessment/aschealthcheck)

The Australian Sports Commission has produced The Club Health Check which is an online self-assessment tool aimed at helping clubs examine how they are operating. The checklist looks at a number of different factors that are crucial to success at club level and together these factors are used to build an overall picture of the way your club carries out its operations.

The last assessment was completed in 2013. The assessment should take no more than 30 minutes to complete. Once you have answered all questions, a detailed report will be emailed to you which will identify improvements and growth areas for your club.

It is recommended that the assessment be completed together by 2 or 3 people from your committee and preferably “key” people who have an overall perspective of the operations and activities of the club. Please contact your VSA Committee Buddy Club member to assist.

A hard copy of the Club Health Check is also available on the [VSA Website / Documents / Club Health Check](#).

Succession Planning – Why?

Succession planning can be an important way to identify club members who have the current skills--or the potential to develop skills--that can help them participate in a club or association. A succession plan, in particular, leaves your club or association prepared to replace senior people. In addition, the process of succession planning can help to identify other areas where club or association volunteers can invest in training which could help to manage and improve your club or association.

Effective succession planning activities have a positive impact in terms of ensuring that key positions will remain filled with competent performers.

To this end, a Succession Planning template is available on the [VSA Website / Documents / Reference](#).

Sport & Recreation Victoria

On Tuesday 26th April, VSA will attend an information session on the new funding applications for Victoria and what that involves. The emphasis will be on Inclusion & Diversity and also Access for All Abilities. So, now is a good time to assess the health of your club and what program you may need to invest in or formulate to be part of these initiatives. Also, funding from VSA will cascade down based on these three main areas and your events will be assessed accordingly. More to come.....

Alpine Regatta – Mt. Beauty

The Alpine Regatta went very well and many thanks to Phil Volk for putting in so much time and effort into organising the event. The event suffered some smoke from the recent bushfires but not significant enough to hamper operations. The Regatta had the expertise of Gee Dale and also had 4 coaches flying 2 flights each day. By week's end they had about 50 coaching flights as well as 10 or so Coach the Coaches flights.

What's on next!!

Premier's Active April

Is your club participating in your region? So far once club has signed up. It doesn't take much. Go to [Premier's Active April](#), select [MyLocal](#) and add an event. All it needs is a bit of blurb, select 1/4/2019 - 30/4/2019, (bit hard in gliding to select just one day due to weather, unless you want to make it an Open Day) provide a discounted price for a flight, a photo and submit. See the screenshots below on what you will see to sign up.

The PAA team will approve and load your content.

Registrants (general public) who want to do the "Try It, Fly It" flight have to register to get a PAA Pass which they must advise to you when booking a flight with you and present the pass to you on the day to receive the discount flight.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Premier's Active April website. The URL is <https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/my-local/>. The navigation menu includes HOME, ABOUT, SPECIAL OFFERS, MY LOCAL (circled in blue), SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES, NEWS, and CONTACT. The main content area features the heading "WELCOME TO MY LOCAL" and a sub-heading "It's even easier to access Active April facilities, offers and events right where you live with My Local." Below this, there is a search bar with fields for LOCATION (Type suburb...), RADIUS (5km), and DATE (01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019). Two buttons are visible: "REGISTER Yourself and your club" and "ADD EVENT Share events in your community!" (circled in blue).

WELCOME TO MY LOCAL | PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL

HOME ABOUT SPECIAL OFFERS **MY LOCAL** SCHOOLS WORKPLACES NEWS CONTACT

Simply type in the suburb you wish to explore, set your preferred radius and choose your date range to begin planning your Active April. If you can't find what you're looking for, add your own community event to help others get active this April.

LOCATION: Type suburb... RADIUS: 5km DATE: 01/04/2019 - 30/04/2019

PAID EVENT

TRY IT, FLY IT - GLIDING OVER BENALLA
Samaria Road, BENALLA VIC 3672
[See More Info](#)

\$140

LOCATION: Samaria Road, BENALLA VictoriaVIC 3672

EVENT ORGANISER: Gliding Club of Victoria

[EVENT WEBSITE](#)

WARNING...Girl Toilet on the move

Jenny Thompson from Darling Downs GC flew 2.5 comps this summer and got so sick of being interrupted doing a pee behind the cars, she got this sign made up. Beware, see it soon at a comp near you!!! Now... let me see...why are women not interested in gliding? Would your daughter like to have to keep doing this? *Talk to your local Council about sourcing a facilities grant for airfield toilets. Feel free to use these photos in your application!*



Calendar of Events for Victoria

[Premier's Active April](#) (*clubs to individually register if interested to participate in their region*)

[Scouts Air Activities Victoria - Try Gliding 2019](#) (*contact by Scouts Victoria directly to clubs*)

20 - 27 May: VSA Form 2 Airworthiness Course1. (Information in [February edition](#))

27 - 31 May: VSA Form 2 Airworthiness Course 2 - *only if sufficient demand.*

Information can also be seen on the VSA Facebook page under Events.

Kind Regards

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VSA President