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## A Quick-Access Guide to

# JoeyGlide 2019

November 30 – December 7 2019



### What is the Australian Junior Gliding Club?

The AJGC is a decentralised (not in one place) body that represents and organises opportunities for all under-26 glider pilots in Australia. The committee is made up of a dozen motivated and capable juniors from right around the country. The AJGC runs events including junior instructor training courses, coaching weekends, various social events in major centres and *JoeyGlide* - the premier event for juniors in Australia!



### What is a *junior*?

In gliding, a junior is anyone under the age of 26. While GFA regulations specify that you must be at least 15 years of age to fly solo, we commonly have pre-solo juniors slightly younger than this attending our events. So to answer your question - anyone under the age of 26!

### What is this *JoeyGlide* thing?

As the name conveys - *JoeyGlide* is the name given to the Australian Junior National Gliding Championships & Junior Coaching Program. *JoeyGlide* moves around from site-to-site each year in the eastern states of Australia, and this year it is Queensland's turn to enjoy a short drive with the event being held at Kingaroy Soaring Club. While *JoeyGlide* is a 'national championship', trust us when we say it is much more relaxed than it sounds! Many juniors attending *JoeyGlide* are flying in one of their first competitions, so the event focussed on being an informative, enjoyable and sociable week of gliding.

### What does the single-seat Junior Nationals involve?

The single-seat competition is just that - a gliding competition where single-seat sailplanes race around a set task each day - the only difference being that at *JoeyGlide*, the average age is only about 20! The tasks at *JoeyGlide* are typically modestly set, as the focus is on safety, having fun and learning progressively.



### What about the two-seat Junior Coaching Program?

The coaching program is an element of *JoeyGlide* that is just as important. This is where the AJGC organises for some of the most friendly and experienced coaches/instructors in Australia to fly in a generally modern, high-performance two-seat gliders to offer advice and coaching to up-and-coming pilots on their cross-country flying. For the first time this year, we are also hoping to offer basic Aerobatic instruction as well! Generally, when someone first attends *JoeyGlide*, they will fly as a coaching participant - have a world of fun and learn how to fly like Ingo Renner in the process - and then come back the following year in a single-seater to clean everyone else up.



The coaching program is traditionally very affordable. Despite flying modern gliders and using quality equipment, both the AJGC and GFA adds subsidies to the program to reduce glider hire and support the travel and accommodation for the instructors or coaches so the participants don't have to. That way, the participant can enjoy the week's flying with little worry about expense – it will be cheaper than standard club flying.

### What else goes on at *JoeyGlide*?

As mentioned, *JoeyGlide* is intended to be a learning experience, but the social side is just as big. The awesome thing about the week is that you will have the opportunity to meet and get to know other people just like you - each with a strong interest in Gliding and Aviation

and often with very similar life experiences. Each night there will be opportunities to get involved in social events such as trivia, pub nights or speed dating... among others, and on rest days the group will generally go off to an activity together such as go-karting or bowling. We typically see some fantastic mateship fostered at *JoeyGlide*, and many life-long friendships being set in motion by a week of laughs in the sun and flies at a remote, country airfield.

### **How much money does this cost?**

Gliding can be an expensive sport, and that is why the AJGC works hard every year to minimise cost much as possible. The expenses to consider are as follows:

- Entry fee
- Travel (flights or petrol)
- Accommodation
- Glider hire
- Aerotows
- Food
- Spending money

There are numerous options available to reduce cost. For example, consider camping at the airfield (very common) or the very-affordable Kingaroy Soaring Club bunkhouse as accommodation options. If your club does not have a suitable or affordable single-seater to hire, consider helping a private owner with maintenance on their glider in hopeful return of being able to hire it at an affordable rate, or contact the AJGC for more affordable glider options. Also think about applying to your state gliding association for funding - many regions see great value in helping their juniors attend *JoeyGlide*. Funding may also be available externally via state government sporting grants or local sporting assemblies, you just have to be proactive!

### **I'm keen! Tell me more about JoeyGlide this year?**

In 2019, JoeyGlide is in its 16th consecutive running. Here are the key details:

- Location: Kingaroy, QLD
- Dates: 30 November - 7 December 2019
- Website: <https://www.joeyglide.juniorsoaring.org/>
- Entry details
  - Competition: <https://www.joeyglide.juniorsoaring.org/competition/pilot-registration>
  - Coaching: <https://www.joeyglide.juniorsoaring.org/coaching/coaching-registration>
- Organiser: Australian Junior Gliding Club, Inc.

### **I have some questions, who can I talk to?**

We are always very happy to help people with their JoeyGlide campaigns! If you have a query relating to the schedule, costing, entry criteria (we do make exceptions) or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact us:



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We look forward to seeing you at Kingaroy!

Kind Regards,

**The Australian Junior Gliding Club**