

FLIGHT LINES

GLIDING CLUB OF VICTORIA



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John Wharington and Andrew Blair working on GFC

No Flying this weekend

July Sat 20th – Sun 21th

The glider strips 08/26 and 17/35 are currently closed by NOTAM and are unlikely to be opened anytime soon, given the expected 90% probability of heavy rain on Friday night, leading into a 70% probability of some further rain on Saturday and Sunday.

The tarmac runway 08R is not available as an option; on Saturday a strong Westerly is blowing at up to 20kt. For Sunday, the cloud base is expected to be below 2,000ft for most of the day.

Greetings from the Duty Team - See you next month!

Events

For more information, please visit

<https://www.glidingclub.org.au/informationcalendar.html>

GCV at Mount Beauty
More information
August Sat 24th - Sun 25th

Get set for some memorable flying when Alpine Soaring Mount Beauty hosts us on the weekend of 24/25 August. It is planned to take a Tug and a club twin, hopefully the DG1000. If there is enough interest, possibly a K21 also.

ASMB has a syndicate IS-28 that will be available and a Winch for those who want to give that a go! Plan is to take Tug over around Monday 10 and return it by Thursday 29th so Launches will be available 9 days if anyone wants some midweek flying. A social Bonfire on Saturday Night will be a Highlight!

Flying will be performed under the auspices of GCV and Mark has prepared a set of briefing notes to ensure that operations go safely and smoothly. Briefing notes can be found [HERE](#).

Anyone interested is encouraged to get in touch directly with Mark as there is backpacker accommodation in Mount Beauty for around \$50/night and camping is also available at the airfield, to ensure that the accommodation is available, He needs to have expressions of interest ASAP – please email him directly at marklibelle@gmail.com

For more information, please visit [GCV event link](#)

Get involved

The club cannot operate without volunteers, and currently, we need more members to step up and assist with the numerous tasks around the club.

There are many opportunities to get involved in the club:

- Become part of a weekend crew.
- Arrange social events.
- Assist with glider maintenance.
- Handle various tasks around the airfield.

Volunteer opportunities will be regularly posted in this newsletter.

If you believe you can contribute in any way, please contact the GCV office at:

gliding@glidingclub.org.au

Fleet Status

K21 - GFZ	Available
K21 - GFQ	Unavailable, form2
DUO DISCUSS GCV	Available
DG1001 - PWG	Available
LS3A - WUS	Available
LS4 -XCL	Available
LS4 - ZBC	Unavailable
LS7 - XJJ	Available
JUNIOR -XOB	Available

Club Updates

YouthGlide Account Balance: \$20.70 [only] – from Tom Spiesser

No doubt, many Victorian members are already accumulating drinks containers at home for our YouthGlide Program. Remember, you don't have to be a Flying Member; Social Members and Junior and Student Members can also contribute, so long as you live in Victoria and have access to one of the many containers distributed across Victoria. Around 140 of our members live in Victoria – just imagine if 80 or 90 accept the challenge, the account balance would be growing, albeit in small increments, every day of the week.

The instructions for downloading the app and establishing the connection to the above YouthGlide bank account can be found in the **June edition of [Airflow](#)**.

Just do it!

Glider form2 inspections continue

John Wharington and Andrew Blair were working on ASK21-GFQ last weekend, and Sonja on the LS4-ZBC.

Thanks to all the volunteers assisting with glider maintenance!



Volunteer Opportunities

Task	Contact	Email
Volunteer to become a Duty Pilot	Jeremy Skuse	skuse_j@outlook.com
We're looking for members who would like to step up to help organise social events at the clubhouse or abroad	Andy Davison	andy@davison-family.com
Odd jobs around the club		
Gutters need to be clean	Office	gliding@glidingclub.org.au
Clean "LS" trailer mould	Office	gliding@glidingclub.org.au
Repair pie cart internal roof	Office	gliding@glidingclub.org.au
Service the pie cart: check wheels/oil and grease. Mallet required for tie down kit (where did it go?)	Office	gliding@glidingclub.org.au
Weed spraying around clubhouse building.	Office	gliding@glidingclub.org.au
Paint boundary bollards at the front entrance to the club house.	Office	gliding@glidingclub.org.au

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