

Gliding Club Annual Report to AGM 2020

We have had another successful year of flying with no major incidents. Many thanks to all club pilots, instructors, airworthiness inspectors, winch drivers and tug pilots who have contributed to our safe flying operation and our many helpers and volunteers who have contributed so much.

The competition side of the club is continuing to grow. I represented Australia at the Women's World Gliding Championships at Lake Keepit in January and achieved a third place/podium position on one day of the competition. Members have represented the club at the Nationals and Junior Nationals, F1 Grand Prix and State Championships in SA and NSW.

We were again asked to host the SA State Championships and ran it again in Grand Prix format which allows for a wide range of handicaps to compete. It was well attended despite the drought which has left the airfield very dusty and saw competitors disappearing into a cloud of dust on launch. Congratulations to our own Leigh Stokes for second place.

In order for the club to grow and hold higher level competitions, we need to find a way to seal at least one of the strips. The committee is exploring options in line with the clubs development plan.

The club is continuing to work with Sports Community with the GFA's Soaring to the Future program (S2F) as the only Gold Club meeting targets for youth and female participation.

A great O'Week with approx. 150 new members was tempered by us being unable to join them on the spot on The Blacks website. We collected their details and permission to join them later but unfortunately there seems no way we can do this retrospectively.

The current COVID crisis has seen all the carefully planned new members activities put on hold. We are unsure what the future holds as many students fund their activities with hospitality industry jobs.

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