

GLIDING AUSTRALIA

The 'exclusive' BENEFITS of Membership...



Gliding is like a blank canvas, and to each participant, it's a different masterpiece. It's the freedom of soaring silently through the air, a launch pad into a world of aviation, an affordable ticket to the sky, or a competitive game of tactical precision. Importantly, it is also Fun!

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Safety and Liaison

Gliding Australia maintains close relationships with government agencies, including CASA, Air Services Australia, and the Australian Transport Safety Bureau. We work on issues related to operations, safety, airspace access, and occurrence investigations. Your membership means you have access to a support network that promotes safety and advocates for gliding interests and the adventure it offers.

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Pilot Certification

Gliding Australia is responsible for the establishment of glider pilot certificates (GPC), which are highly regarded by CASA and the aviation industry. These certificates serve as a substitute for licenses and enable you to fly gliders both in Australia and abroad.

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Operational Support

Gliding Australia serves as the liaison between its members, affiliated clubs, and government agencies like the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). We handle regulatory issues related to pilot training, licensing, and airworthiness. Your membership ensures that you are part of a community that has a voice in shaping the regulatory framework for gliding in Australia.

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National and Regional Structure

Gliding Australia operates as a tiered structure with regional associations based on gliding clubs. Your membership in a gliding club affiliated with Gliding Australia connects you to a vast network of like-minded individuals, events, and resources.



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Club Development Assistance

Gliding Australia is committed to empowering every affiliated club, including yours, with comprehensive support. Our offerings include strategic planning guidance, grant application assistance, and pre-planning support. We also provide essential resources like club handbooks, general development advice, and policy documentation. Additionally, we facilitate club connections, offer marketing materials, and share the latest in gliding technology to ensure your club's growth and success.

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Promotion of Gliding

Gliding Australia actively promotes the sport of gliding and soaring, helping to raise awareness and attract new enthusiasts to the sport. As a member, via your fees, you contribute to the growth and sustainability of gliding in Australia.

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Technical Support

Gliding Australia is involved in technical matters and technology development within the gliding community. Your membership ensures that you stay updated with the latest advancements in gliding technology.

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Recognition and Record-Keeping:

Gliding Australia is responsible for awarding FAI badges and managing Australian gliding records. Your membership supports the recognition of your achievements and provides access to a centralised record-keeping system.

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Competitions

As a member you can dive into competitions across regional, national, and international skies, challenging your skills and connecting with fellow enthusiasts. Our global connections open your horizons to international events, integrating you into a worldwide community of gliders. And with Australia's legacy of hosting events like the 2023 World Gliding Championships in Narromine, seize the chance to be a part of or witness world-class competitions.



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10 Comprehensive Liability Insurance

We've got you covered! Via our insurers, we provide a broad range of liability insurance options to all our members, affiliated clubs, and regional associations - ensuring your peace of mind during every gliding adventure. The coverage includes Board Based Liability for all members, clubs, and regional associations; a Hangar Keepers Liability Scheme Group Policy; an Administration Liability Policy that also extends to State Regional Associations; a Contingent Liability Policy specifically for inspectors, instructors, and coaches engaged in training and certification; Associations Liability, and more. This extensive insurance coverage is designed to protect you comprehensively in various gliding activities.



11 Magazine Subscription

Members receive a subscription to a digital version of the "Gliding Australia" magazine, keeping you informed about the latest news, events, and stories within the gliding world.

12 Influence and Advocacy

Through your membership, you have a collective voice in shaping the direction of gliding in Australia. The organisation works to drive greater organisational efficiencies, improve safety standards, and advocate for the interests of its members.



Gliding Australia membership offers a wide range of benefits and value. It provides you with regulatory support, safety measures, insurance coverage, access to competitions, technical insights, learning pathways and mentoring, reciprocal membership, and importantly a sense of community within the gliding world.

Whether you're an experienced glider pilot or a newcomer to the sport, your Gliding Australia Membership contributes to the growth, safety, and enjoyment of all involved in gliding across Australia.

We sincerely appreciate your membership support! It's crucial in enabling us to advocate for and enhance the sport of Gliding across Australia, directly benefiting you and the entire gliding community.

