



SOUTH GIPPSLAND Gliding Club Inc.

LA TROBE, SOUTH GIPPSLAND AND VSA JUNIOR GLIDING SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The Gliding Federation of Australia Inc (GFA) is the national body regulating the sport of gliding and soaring in Australia. Its mission is "*to drive the development and promotion of the sport of gliding and foster excellence in safe, accessible and enjoyable soaring*".

The South Gippsland Gliding Club has a 50 year history of gliding and in its time has trained many pilots who have gone on to enjoy the thrill of gliding in particular and aviation as a profession. The La Trobe Valley Gliding Club was established in the same period and flew from the La Trobe Valley Airfield. This Club has now ceased operations and has dedicated its remaining funds to South Gippsland on the proviso that the money be used for *ab initio* gliding training. An annual gliding scholarship aimed at encouraging new people into the sport of gliding by providing scholarship holders with low cost *ab-initio* gliding training. The La Trobe and South Gippsland Scholarship is administered by the South Gippsland Gliding Club and will be awarded to suitable applicants.

In partnership with Victorian Soaring Association (VSA) the aim of this scholarship is to encourage young people to take up gliding. Applicants must have had no previous hands on flying training. The funding from VSA is on the proviso of a commitment from the successful applicants as shown below in Conditions 6 and 8.

The value of this scholarship for 2019/20 is up to \$1500, for gliding training costs. The scholarship does not include GFA or South Gippsland Club membership costs. Detailed scholarship conditions and application process are summarised below.

Applications are now sought for the 2019/20 Gliding Scholarship, for the period December 2019 to 30th June 2020. **Applications are to be received no later than midnight on 30th November 2019 to the La Trobe, South Gippsland and VSA Scholarship Committee, South Gippsland Gliding Club, PO Box 475, LEONGATHA, VIC, 3953**
OR EMAIL TO: owenkr86@gmail.com

La Trobe, South Gippsland and VSA Scholarship Conditions

The award of the scholarship will be subject to the following conditions:

1. The name of the scholarship is the "La Trobe, South Gippsland and VSA Scholarship".
2. The scholarship will run from December 2019 to 30 June 2020 and will be open to applicants who have reached the age of **15 years by 30th November, 2019 and who will be no older than 21 years by 30th June, 2020.**
3. The scholarship will be administered by a committee of the South Gippsland Gliding Club and awarded at the discretion of that committee.
4. Persons with any flying experience in any aviation discipline are ineligible to apply.
5. Applicants will be required to submit a written explanation describing their suitability for the scholarship. The document should explain their goals (both in gliding and in aviation generally), why they are deserving of the scholarship, and what benefit they believe they will bring to the sport of gliding.
6. The scholarship funds are not for GFA or Club membership. These must be paid independently by the scholarship holder prior to any flying. GFA Student Membership is \$166.00 and a specially discounted Club Membership is \$75.00. The successful applicant will be required to contribute \$250.00 to flying costs as well.
7. The scholarship amount will be placed into the scholarship holder's flying account held by the Club.
8. The scholarship funds (for flying training only) are made up as follow:

La Trobe, South Gippsland	\$750.00	
VSA	\$500.00	
Scholarship Recipient	\$250.00	Total \$1500.00
9. All instructor tuition, flying log book and training aids are provided free. South Gippsland Gliding Club glider hire rate will be discounted to 80%. Launch fees for winch and aero-towing will be at the standard rates and are the major costs covered by the Scholarship.
10. The Scholarship will end on 30 June 2020 and unused funds returned to the Club's general account for use in later Scholarships. The investment policy for the scholarship funds is to be in accordance with the Club's general investment policies.
11. Unused scholarship funds after first solo remain available for subsequent post solo gliding and gliding training until their withdrawal after the end of the scholarship period on 30th June, 2020.
12. The intention is to run a one week course at the Leongatha Airfield in January or February 2020 at a date to be mutually agreed. This maximizes and consolidates learning greatly.
13. Applicants must be aware that gliding clubs are volunteer organizations and team work is required on the airfield to keep flying operations running smoothly. It is a requirement of the recipients to be punctual and prepared for each day's flying tasks and to actively participate in all general flying routines as directed.

Scholarship Application and Award Processes

Applicants must complete the attached pro-forma letter, with required information. The letter must cover a supporting submission, titled "Why a gliding scholarship is important to my future". Attention is drawn to para 5 above of the scholarship conditions. The submission should be a written work with optional graphics or photography, forming a combination of written and graphical expression. Applications and supporting submissions should be the original work of the applicant and must be certified as such.

In preparing the submission, applicants should describe why gliding and flying is important to them. This could include descriptions of what gliding related experiences or research have affected them, their appreciation of soaring flight or the fellowship of aviators. It is important to describe future aspirations, and what benefit they will bring to the sport of gliding in Australia. Submissions may also describe circumstances that affect their ability to learn to glide or get access to gliding facilities. Submissions might also be supported by a referee statement, if desired.

Applications will be judged by a Club Judging Committee. The considerations of that committee are confidential and final. Judging criteria are merit based and include:

- Quality and originality of the written work and any artistic expression.
- Intrinsic motivation and aptitude of the applicant, including evidence of commitment, research and effort.
- Strength of aspirations in gliding and flying, and
- Assessed future benefit to applicant and the Australian gliding movement.

The Judging Committee may also consider any special social, economic, distance and opportunity factors, and Referee comments (if provided).

The Judging Committee will judge the most deserving applicant, in terms of their effort, commitment, aptitude, motivation and aspirations, cognizant of any special social, economic, distance or opportunity factors, as most likely to benefit from a scholarship and grow within the Australian gliding movement. A personal interview with applicants will be a part of the judging process.

Two gliding scholarships will be awarded for 2019/20. Successful applicants may be requested to attend a modest awards ceremony, with accompanying photography and post-award publicity. Applicants are encouraged to make personal contact with members of their local gliding movement, particularly junior members.

Further information is available from a number of sources:

Gliding Federation Australia: <https://glidingaustralia.org/>
Victorian Soaring Assn: <https://www.gliding.asn.au/>
South Gippsland Gliding Club: <https://sggc.org.au/>

President South Gippsland Gliding Club: maxspeedy@dcsi.net.au
Secretary South Gippsland Gliding Club: owenkr86@gmail.com

To: La Trobe, South Gippsland and VSA Scholarship Committee,
PO Box 495, LEONGATHA, VIC, 3953

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[DATE]

**APPLICATION FOR 2019/20 La Trobe, South Gippsland Gliding and VSA
SCHOLARSHIP**

Please accept my application for the 2019/20 award of the La Trobe, South Gippsland and VSA Scholarship.

My personal details are as follows:

Full Name:

Residential Address:

Age: Date of Birth: Gender:

Email Address:

Telephone Contacts:

I certify that the attached submission titled "Why a gliding scholarship is important to my future" is my own original work, and any material sourced from other people or resources is acknowledged in references or footnotes. I also certify that I do not have any flying experience in gliding or other flying discipline.

[AS APPLICABLE] I also enclose a referee statement from [NAME / ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS]

Yours sincerely,

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Parent/Guardian Consent to the Application (For applicants younger than 18 years):

I,.....(Print Name) hereby consent to the above named
applying for the La Trobe, South Gippsland and VSA Scholarship.

Signature:..... Date:.....