



## **President's Report**

**Presented to AGM Sept 18 September 2020**

### **1 Participation**

Covid-19 has restricted gliding activities somewhat, at least for a number of months earlier this year.

There have only been a few Gliding Queensland meetings held, and on two occasions, there has not been a quorum.

I have closely read the Queensland Gliding Association (Gliding Queensland) Rules and note that clubs are the members of the Association. Each club is to provide 2 delegates who vote on behalf of their clubs. There are no rules associated with Affiliation, as long as the club is affiliated with Gliding Australia. Sadly, we have a number of clubs who never participate or respond to correspondence. We may have to review what obligations come with being affiliated.

We didn't hold a President's Meeting this year due to Covid-19 but will hold a Zoom President's meeting later in the year.

### **2 Website**

The GQ Website is up and running but for efficiency purposes, we will move to making it a sub-set of the new Gliding Australia website.

### **3 State Championship**

The State Championship will be run at DDSC later this month. This year, physical trophies have been purchased, as there has not been a champion trophy.

GQ established a policy on costs and contribution to Gliding Queensland as this had not been documented and there was not a shared understanding of how GQ received money from a competition. It has been agreed that there will be \$25 fee for each competitor that will become the Comp Fund. The Fund will accumulate and be used to underwrite comp losses for clubs in the event that rain, or another issue that causes the competition to suffer or not go ahead.

### **4 YouthGlide**

One success is the continued support of YouthGlide. So far, all events have been held at DDSC as the host club. The YouthGlide report is provided.

If you don't have young members in your club you are missing out on enthusiasm, vitality, and fun – they are the future of the sport. If you have young members (14-18) please let them know about YouthGlide.

## **5 Future Work**

I have been in touch with Qld Sport and Recreation Department. We are currently not recognised as qualifying for grants and funding, so I have obtained the information we need to submit in order to participate in state grant applications. There is a bit of work in doing this, but some of the GFA material can be used.

The Queensland Gliding Association (Gliding Queensland) Rules are problematic and don't adequately cover our activities or structure. In the next few months I will draft changes to the Rules for input from members.

## **6 Working Together**

Gliding as a whole in Australia is continuing to face falling membership, but Queensland and Western Australia are relatively stable. Clubs all have their own identity, niche and challenges, but if the sport is to stay alive, we all need to work together to deliver value to members, provide opportunities and make club environments a place for members to feel welcome. We recognise that not all members will stay in the sport (>50% leave in the first year and around 20% leave in the second year) but it is important we all try to make the sport offer the best it can.

## **7 Courses**

An Airworthiness Course was held again this year at DDSC and despite Covid-19 was well supported. (see Airworthiness Report).

I am hoping we can run Instructor Courses and Coaching Courses in the future.

## **8 Financials**

The Treasurer's report outlines the financial situation. Our only source of income is from GFA (based on numbers of members). The GFA deferred membership policy due to Covid-19 has resulted in less revenue. We still have a healthy bank balance and welcome requests for funding worthwhile events and projects.

## **9 Thanks**

Thank you to the members who support the activities of GQ and thanks to the Committee for their work over the last 15 months.

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*President*