

Draft Minutes

Gliding Queensland

Management Committee Meeting

Online

19th May, 2026

730pm – 9pm

1. Meeting Open, Welcome and Introductions

President opened the meeting at 730pm.

Attendance: Jim Crowhurst, Jeremy Thompson, Ivor Harris, Jeff Simpkins, Jane Eyrie, Matt Sternberg, Ray Stewart, Denis Nolan, Miles Gore-Brown, Sarah Thompson, Denis Lambert

1.2 Apologies

Management Committee and invitees	David Jansen
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3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous Minutes	27 th January 2026		
Moved	Jim	Seconded	Jeff

4. Business Arising/ACTIONS from Previous Minutes –

- GA documents – 1. Affiliation MoU 2. Regional Assn. and Club Affiliation
ACTION: Jim and Jeremy will meet with GA on 22nd October and provide feedback to the Committee. Jim explained the purpose of the MoU and drivers at the national level in the gliding movement. Members of the committee need to have done the relevant online training mandated by Gliding Australia. Jeremy to send around the table listing the training requirements. It was agreed that Gliding Queensland should sign the MoU Moved: Jim Crowhurst Seconded: Denis Lambert. Carried. **ACTION: Jim to expedite signing and returning the MoU to GA. Done.**
- Denis Lambert explained he would like to return \$500 of unexpended funds from recent training.
ACTION: Jeff to provide GQ bank details to Denis. Denis will retain the funding to be used to assist an instructor to travel from Bundaberg to central Queensland once a month in order to keep the club flying. Moved Denis Seconded Jim. Denis to send around a description of the audit process. Denis is still holding the funds which remains unspent. **ACTION: Denis Lambert to return \$500 to GQ, for the specific purpose of funding travel by an instructor to support operations at Bundaberg club. Done.**

- There are currently two nominated signatories, Zac and Jeff Simpkins. GQ banks with Bendigo Bank. Jim agreed to become a new signatory. **ACTION: Jeff to facilitate Jim becoming a bank signatory.** Jeff to forward relevant forms to Jim to become a bank signatory. **ACTION: Jim to go to the bank. Done.**
- RMO Report – The committee noted the appointment of the new RMO Ivor Harris following Denis’ discussion with Qld Level 3s. Denis’ time finishes in January 2026. **Update on progress.** A process is currently underway to advertise and select a replacement RMO. Closing date for applications is 20/11/25. The RSDM position is coming vacant in August and will be filled by a national process. Done. Ivor has been officially elected as the Queensland RMO following a formal GA selection process. **Ivor has been elected RMO.**
- GQ Constitution update – needs updating. Jeremy to send around the revised draft constitution. **ACTIONS: Jeremy to resend the constitution. Jane to report on progress toward amending the national constitution. Constitution has been amended.**
- **Moved to open a separate bank account and seed it with \$3000 – moved Jeff, seconded by Jeremy. CARRIED.** Matt to provide the coordination as Soaring Development Manager. There needs to be a fair process of inviting participation by all clubs in Queensland. Potential candidates must be no older than 22 at the moment in order to participate, but there is some flexibility around this in order not to discourage people and bring young people along on the journey. **Will be expedited.**

5. Treasurer’s Report			
Verbal report. Total bank account totals \$????			
Payments to be ratified			
<i>It be resolved that the organisation is not insolvent and budget and expenses approved.</i>			
Moved	Jeff	Seconded	Jane

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| 6. General Business | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President’s report – see attached report. Report accepted Moved – Jim, Seconded - Jeff • Ops Report – verbal report. Report accepted Moved Ivor, Seconded - Jane • Airworthiness Report – nil report. Action: Ivor to check with Steve Griffin whether he has an advanced Advanced Weight and Balance rating. Also, may be possible to get Anthony Smith back to train someone to have the advanced W&B rating and deliver general training at the same time. • SD Report – verbal report • New GAus Constitution and GQ regional rep. Jane described the transition arrangements under the new Constitution until the next AGM in November. Jane is no longer the State rep and new | | | |

arrangements are still being clarified. There will be a subcommittee of regional reps and Qld will need a rep on that committee. Further information on the new arrangements can be found on the GAus website.

- State Comp – DDSC will be holding the State Comp this year, possibly in early October. What more can we do to promote the event? The comp would be a good opportunity to invite non silver coaches to sit in a two seater to encourage them to get the qualification. Kingaroy will promote a flying week prior to the comp.
- Statewide discussion of proposed budget for 2026/27. Jane gave a brief outline of the budget particularly the women in gliding. Managers feel confident the funds can be spent. **Action: Jeremy to share a potential funding pathway.** Can the funding for women be spread across a broader range of programs? **Action: Jane to liaise with Matt to discuss a redistribution of women's funds to more programs.**
- Future additional roles of GQ? Should GQ be more of a facilitator between clubs? At present there aren't formal mechanisms to help collaboration between clubs and get the clubs getting to work together better. Regular meetings with clubs will help in this direction. Continued emphasis on xcountry will help retain members over the longer term. Four brainstorming meetings a year with Presidents and CFIs would be a useful approach. These sessions could lead to more intensive courses supported by all clubs and this would help accelerate interest in the sport.

7. Meeting Close 915pm - next meeting date (not on Wednesday nights)

Meet 23rd June for the next meeting including Presidents/Club reps.

Gliding Queensland President's Report

19.05.2026

It has been a few months since our last meeting.

- I think that it is great that this meeting has opened out to include the club presidents and I would like to see if there is a greater opportunity to make this a permanent feature.
- The ops panel has met and I look forward to Ivor's report.
- I attended the GQ safety meeting which was very informative and was well attended. I particularly enjoyed Sidney Dekker's talk. Clearly a very accomplished speaker. Sophie's talk was also very eye opening and improving gliding airfields for families is something to take seriously to facilitate a broader membership.
- Mariana's talk was also along similar lines and her experience from running soccer clubs, whilst different in demographic showed us that we may need to consider how we approach running our clubs.
- Is there the potential for a forum like this to be of interest in the winter months at a state based level?
- The vote to change the constitution was well attended online and was a solid result to change GQ's constitution to enable GQ to be recognised as an official sport by Sports Australia.
- I am concerned about the potential increase in costs associated in the future to meet federal government regulations that may come.
- What does the change in constitution mean for the role of GQ and is this an opportunity to change our focus?
- The recent federal budget has mentioned a fee for Australian registered aircraft and I await an announcement as to what that means for Glider owners in Queensland.
- I have also been flying my ASW20 again after several months out of the air. Everything works well and looking forward to the comp. season.

Jim Crowhurst

GQ president 19.5.26

RMO(QLD) Report to GQ meeting 19/5/2026

I held a meeting of the Qld Region Ops Panel (L3 instructors, CFI's and DCFI's) on Saturday 16/5/26 at Caboolture. We had 21 attendees. All clubs were represented except Central Qld GC. We discussed a range of matters which will be on the agenda for the national Ops Panel meeting on Melbourne on 30/31 May, and items raised by the regional panel for me to take to that meeting. Total cost was \$812, including a subsidy of \$500 to Andrew Hurst from NQGC as a partial subsidy for his travel expenses.

Additionally in the last 3 months, I have undertaken the following activities:

- Two ops safety audits (Darling Downs SC and Boonah GC with Jenny Thompson)
- Attended the G AUS Safer Skies Stronger Clubs two day seminar
- Instructor revalidation at Byron Bay GC
- Visited Caboolture motor gliding group to follow up on a SOAR report from the morning glory last year.

Future activities:

- Attend the national Ops Panel meeting in Melbourne 30/31 May 2026
- Organise upcoming OSA's(Warwick, AAFC, Byron Bay, Caboolture)
- Work with Caboolture GC to resume operations after 12 month lay off
- Organise FIRC activities at Clubs for rest of 2026 (commencing Warwick 24/5/26)
- Instructor training course planned for Kingaroy 15-19 August
- Organise assistance for struggling CQGC.

Ivor Harris RMO(QLD)

GLIDING QUEENSLAND COMMITTEE MEETING **SOARING DEVELOPMENT MANAGER: QLD REPORT** **Miles Gore-Brown/Matt Sternberg**

Silver Coach Training

At the completion of the 2026 soaring season a total of 11 new Qld Silver Coaches had achieved their Silver Coach credential with Queensland reaching a total of 48 Silver and 7 Diamond coaches. It is expected that the majority, if not all, coaches will be renewed in August 2026, see Appendix A, for the list of current Qld Silver and Diamond Coaches.

A dedicated Silver Coach event was completed in Q3 of 2025 at Kingaroy Soaring club where 9 pilots successfully achieving their Silver Coach credential. In addition, two coaches received their Silver Coach credentials after completing Silver Coach training at an NSW coaching event at Narromine in late 2025. Four keen candidates for Silver Coach accreditation have been identified at Boonah. a smaller targeted course is planned to support these candidates in achieving their Silver Coach credential. This Silver Coach course is scheduled for the weekend of June 20–21, this course will bring the total number of Silver Coaches in Qld to over 50.

It is not intended to hold specific Silver Coaching events after the June event as these specific course are very resource intensive and the number of instructors requiring Silver Coach training is reducing, further Silver Coach training will be available at future instructor's course events.

As a follow up to the 2024 attempt to integrate the Silver Coach syllabus into the instructor's course syllabus, it is intended to develop this initiative further for the next Qld instructor's course planned at Kingaroy in August 2026. It was evident from the 2024 Instructors course that more time is required to cover the Silver Coach GPC training elements during instructor training as the material was relatively new to many pilots. Moving forward it is expected that Silver Coach training will be fully integrated into the instructors' course as part of the normal instructor training syllabus, the Qld 2026 instructor training course will trial this further.

It was evident that there are still gaps in the general awareness that instructors cannot sign off the Silver Coach GPC elements unless they have the Silver Coach credential. It is recommended that this is emphasised with the Operations Panel so that all instructors can be reminded that unless they have the appropriate credential, they cannot sign off those GPC elements. There have also been several comments from instructors who are not Silver Coaches that they have been training this material for years so why can they not continue to train these elements; there is still an element of push back on this issue.

There is also continued debate related to the intent of the GPC Training syllabus and training authorisation table where L1,2,3 Instructors according to the table are approved to train and sign off the Silver Coach elements, i.e. Unit 11, Unit 22 etc can be signed off by instructors without being Silver Coaches. The table needs to be revised or there needs to be clarity that the Silver Coach elements can only be signed off by a Silver Coach. The table needs to reflect the initial intent in that all instructors need to have the Silver Coach credential.

Qld Coaching initiatives – coaching at competitions

Coaching at competitions is an excellent opportunity to expose pilots to the wide array of experience that can be gained in the competition environment. Competitions provide detailed experience in dealing with time pressures, cross country planning, weather assessment, knowledge of rules, setting up nav computers, setting up the glider and assessing the result at the end of the day.

Competition flying can be tiring and as such there needs to be a balance so that the student does not become overwhelmed to the point where the experience becomes negative training.

In the past few years, as SDM QLD I have volunteered to coach two pilots at the 20m Two Seat Nationals, using the Kingaroy Duo. The format I follow is with two coachees, they fly on alternative days while I coach in the Duo every day. I recommend the pilots bring a single seat glider that can be flown on the day they do not flying in the two-seater. This provides an excellent opportunity with sharing the flying in the Duo, flying the single seater, providing enough crew to assist with retrieves. Flying the single seater provides excellent opportunity for the pilots to put into practice the lessons learnt from the coaching experience.

In the 2025-26 soaring season I focused on Junior development and as such made two seats available at the 20m Class Nationals for Juniors. Millie Williams and Lachlan Kudzius both Juniors from Warwick /Kingaroy clubs flew with me in the Duo. Funding to the value of half of the flying charges approx. \$2000 was provided by GQ and I sponsored the remainder of all flying charges etc, the Juniors had nothing to pay except their accommodation expenses. We flew over 35hrs in the 10 days including the Narromine 20m Nationals which was excellent as the pre comp days provided practice and the opportunity to identify each pilot's strengths, weaknesses and discuss protocols to be followed at the competition the following week.

At the end of the 10 days of flying both Juniors had considerable exposure to very mixed flying conditions and were both able to fly the Discus and achieve several personal goals, including 300km , 5hrs etc. This has been good preparation for those two Juniors providing confidence to fly any level of competition with the aim to compete for possible selection for the Junior Worlds.

We should encourage all clubs that have two seat gliders to attend the 20m Two Seat Nationals and bring members along for an excellent coaching opportunity for up-and-coming cross county pilots. The Two Seat Nationals should also be promoted as a coaching event - no Duo or DG1000 should be sitting in hangars during the period of the Two Seat Nationals.

Lastly it is recommended that consideration be made during the two- year lead up to the JWGC that the SDM's discuss the need to provide competition dates taking into consideration school holidays to further assist the Junior pilots having relevant competitions - both State and National championships, available for preparation leading up to the JWGC.

This could be raised at the State and Club levels.

General Queensland coaching initiatives 2025-2026

Over the reporting period, a key focus has been on improving visibility and engagement with junior pilots across Queensland clubs. An email was distributed to all club secretaries requesting identification and reporting of junior members. Responses were mixed. Darling Downs Soaring Club (DDSC) provided

comprehensive and well-structured data, already maintained in a usable spreadsheet format. Kingaroy and Boonah clubs also responded constructively. However, the majority of other clubs did not provide the requested information, limiting the completeness of the statewide picture. In the case of Warwick, junior participation data has been supplemented through existing personal knowledge.

Progress has also been made in pilot development pathways, through work on the Advanced Circuits Endorsement. This initiative is aimed at filling in the pilot competencies that are not documented in the syllabus and progression, and development work has continued with Pete Temple collating this with his Competition Syllabus.

At a strategic level, a Junior Development Fund has been successfully established within Queensland. This framework is designed to be replicated across other states and provides a structured mechanism for supporting junior pilots. An annual funding allocation of \$3,000 has been secured, with the specific objective of supporting participation in the JWGC. The initiative has been positively received within Queensland and has since been raised at the national level. It is recommended that a similar funding model be adopted in other states, with the National level distributing funds (quantity to be discussed) to each state proportional to junior participation levels, into their respective secured development funds. Overall, while there have been challenges in achieving consistent engagement across all clubs, meaningful progress has been made in junior development, funding structures, and coaching pathways. Continued focus will be required to improve statewide participation and reporting consistency. On a final note, the "Come and Get it" Trophy has appeared after not being contested for many years. It is encouraged that this could also be incorporated into clubs coaching initiative.

Lastly I am standing down as Qld SDM after many years, in the role, Matt Sternberg has volunteered to take over the role as SDM Qld.

Thank you for all your support over the many years I have been involved with the SDP.

I am more than happy to provide Matt and Ray with assistance where necessary as I have considerable corporate knowledge across many domains of the SDP.

Miles Gore-Brown and Matt Sternberg
SDM QLD
25th May 2026

Silver Coach Status Jan 2026 Qld Initial issue and Renewal

Total	Pilot	GFA Num	Issued	Initial	Silver		Diamond
					Renewal	Cancelled	
1	Matt Sternburg	18526	Y				
1	Kevin Roden	13093	Y				
1	Eddy Kerkhofs	23013	Y				
1	Stuart Adinell	22616	Y				
1	Wes Mc Iver	11009	Y				
1	Denis Lambert	12281	Y				
1	Brian Allerby	13530	Y				
1	Ivor Harris	13767	Y				
1	Andres Miramontes	7657	Y		Y		
1	Tim Hood	17517	Y		Y		
1	Anthony Scarlett	13613	Y		Y		
1	David Villiers	13582	Y		Y		
1	John Tucker	10808	Y		Y		
1	Peter Brunton	18452	Y		Y		
1	David Jansen	12470	Y		Y		Y
1	Leon Moran	13473	Y		Y		
1	Bob Flood	11806	Y		Y		
1	Ken Mc Anally	11997	Y		Y		
1	Pavel Kalenov	22420	Y		Y		
1	Grant Davies	8878	Y		Y		
1	Erich Wittstock	8164	Y		Y		
1	George Brown	12956	Y		Y		
1	Justin Sinclair	10916	Y		Y		
1	Jo Davis	11657	Y		Y		Y
1	Sarah Thompson	10062	Y		Y		
1	Neil Dunn	13583	Y		Y		
1	Greg Schmidt	119944	Y		Y		
1	Jenny Thompson	12347	Y		Y		Y
1	Andrew Hurst	22417	Y		Y		
1	Lisa Turner	13412	Y		Y		Y
1	Miles Gore-Brown	12076	Y		Y		Y
1	Alan Ing	13562	Y		Y		
1	Michael Codling	12572	Y		Y		Y
1	Maurice Pontt	21910	Y		Y		
1	Kim Houghton	12626	Y		Y		
1	Zachary Simkins	15149	Y		Y		
1	Martin Hurst	12869	Y				
1	Jeremy Thompson	19014	Y	Y			
1	Grant Dodd	24374	Y	Y			
1	John Preimonas	9870	Y	Y			
1	Milan Sejka	10944	Y	Y			
1	Brian Gilby	13581	Y	Y			
1	Todd Edwards	11371	Y	Y			
1	Mark Dalton	9704	Y	Y			
1	Al Sim	12734	Y	Y			
1	Mark Wah	18768	Y	Y			
1	Michael Mc Lachlan	12114	Y	Y			
1	Sophie Curio	22591	Y	Y			Y
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