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Newsletter of Vintage Gliders Australia

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F R O M T H E E D I T O R

Thanks for the feed back on the last issue of Vintage Times. In this issue :

January was our National Vintage Glider Rally Time and we have a report from our president JR.

Gerry Elliott has reached a milestone in his restoration of his ES60 Boomerang and I have included some scoop photos of its first rig post painting.

VGA AGM minutes for you to look at.

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Vintage Gliders Australia Annual National Rally 2026

The Presidents View

Firstly, Happy New Year everyone, and a safe and enjoyable soaring season.

We had 21 people attending this year's annual rally. There were a number of aircraft at the rally, Boomerang (mk2), Kookaburra's (both shortwing, and Longwing), BG12b, Hutter 17, K8, K7, Olympia, Pipistrel sinus, Tigermoth, and Stampe sv4b. There were about 50 flights for just short of 9 hours of flying. Some memorable moments from the rally, Nick Marshall went solo, congratulations Nick, (in a vintage glider too), and Peter Raphael cracked 2,600 feet on the launch. Yes, it was a winch launch. The evenings and non-flying days were generally filled with laughter, and mischief, and model flying for entertainment, and the employment of Rena's karaoke machine.

At the AGM it was decided to roll 2 positions into one, and Rosie Howse has taken on the role of Treasurer/membership registrar, and Secretary. Thanks, Rosie, for doing this for us. A huge and heart felt thankyou must go out to Ruth Patching for looking after the treasurer/membership registrar role for so many years, it has been a pleasure working with you. And while I'm thanking people, thanks to Dave Howse for being the Vintage Times Editor, and Peter Raphael for looking after the website. I would like to ask all the Vintage Gliders Australia members to send any photos and articles into Dave for inclusion in the Vintage Times, (projects, rallies, etc.) it's good to know what is going on around the country. We also have trophies up for grabs, some to be won at the National Rally, but there is the Geoff Gifford Trophy for the best distance flown in a vintage glider between rallies, so please let me know of your gliding achievements, you could win the trophy, but only if I know about it. 2027 National Rally is going to be at Stonefield, this is a milestone event, 50 years of Vintage Gliders Australia. Why Stonefield? because V.G.A was started in Blanchetown S.A, but that strip doesn't exist anymore, and Stonefield is the closest to it. Please let me know if you are going to make it there January 2nd to 9th 2027. It will help with the catering. It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention all those who help make Vintage Gliders Australia what it is, to all of you that organize and run vintage rallies, look after and keep vintage gliders flying, Thank you.

Cheers and Regards JR

One of the highlights of this years rally was the first solo of Nick Marshall in the Millicent Gliding Clubs Ka7..



While the IVGC may ring in the rally with a cow bell, we have a internationally acclaimed Triangalist ring in our rally!

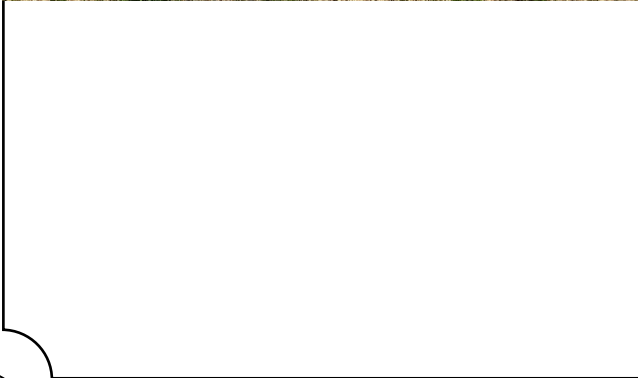


George Buzuleac attended and flew his vintage glider models all week

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Gerry Elliotts Boomerang VH-GDU on its first rig and weigh post rebuild .



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Minutes of 2026 AGM, 7th January, 2026

Meeting opened 13.35

Apologies from Bob Hickman, Ruth Patching, Dave and Jenne Goldsmith

Minutes of 2025 AGM presented and accepted. Moved Michael Renehan, 2nd David Howse. Carried without dissent.

Business arising from the minutes: Confirmation of the next VGA Rally to be held at Stonefield SA. Dates were discussed either 2nd to 9th January 2027 or the 2nd week in January. Decided that the original dates are agreed to – 2nd to 9th January 2027. Winching will be the launch option and hangarage is available.

Correspondence: Nil

President's Report presented by John Marshall. Moved David Howse, 2nd Brett Renehan/Michael Renahan. Carried without dissent.

Treasurer/Membership Registrar Report Read by John Marshall.

Outlining a healthy financial position for VGA. It was noted Treasurer and Membership Registrar, Ruth Patching has resigned her position. Treasurer Report accepted - Moved by Brett Renehan, 2nd David Howse. Carried without dissent.

Election of 2026 Office Bearers:

Chairperson: Michael Renehan

Only one nomination was received for each position.

President: John Marshall elected unopposed

Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Registrar: Rosemarie Howse elected unopposed

MOTION: David Howse moved a Motion to combine the 3 roles of: Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Registrar as one position. 2nd Brett Renehan. All in favour. Carried without dissent.

Michael Renehan nominated Rosemarie Howse to fill the new position of Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Registrar. There were no other nominations. Rosemarie Howse accepted. All in favour. Carried without dissent.

Webmaster: Peter Raphael elected unopposed.

Newsletter Editor: David Howse elected unopposed

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Place and Date of the 2027 VGA National Rally 50th VGA Rally

Discussion was held for the 2027 VGA National Rally site. As this will be the 50th VGA Rally it will be held at Stonefield SA (The first was held at Blanchtown but is no longer in operation). Stonefield is the closest operating field.

Dates are January 2nd to 9th January 2027.

John Marshall will confirm the details with the number of people and gliders attending with Stonefield Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Outgoing Treasurer Ruth Patching received a letter from the Westpac bank where our accounts are held. We need to provide them with details of what our organisation is set up as.

Discussion was held as to what our organisation should be. Whether we become an incorporated organisation, or remain as an unincorporated not for profit organisation.

A decision was made to remain a Not for Profit organisation of like minded people contributing minimal funds to enable collective activities to be carried out which excludes public risk.

We operate under the auspices of the host clubs and the Gliding Federation of Australia (trading as Gliding Australia).

Motion:

Newly elected Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Registrar (Rosemarie Howse) to complete the following on behalf of Vintage Gliders Australia:

Westpac Bank to remain the financial institution for our two accounts (cash reserve account 6128 & Solutions One Account 6101)

Remove Ruth Patching (outgoing treasurer) and Bob Hickman as signatories for both of our current accounts (as detailed above) with the Westpac bank.

Signatories for the current accounts (as detailed above) for Westpac Bank will be John Marshall (President), Rosemarie Howse (Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Registrar) and David Goldsmith (Past Treasurer).

Moved: Rosemarie Howse Seconded: Brett Renehan All in Favour: Carried without dissent.

Discussion was held regarding our current Website or whether we operate a Facebook page. It was decided to continue with the current Website as well as trial a Facebook page. Brett Renehan agreed to be the Administrator. Peter Raphael will continue as the Website administrator.

Discussion was held regarding a Rally on the long weekend in March 2027 to be held at Ararat Gliding Club. Dates are 7th, 8th and 9th March 2026.

VALE: It was sadly noted that Alan Delaine (Life Member) had passed away.

Meeting closed 14.22

FOR SALE

Duster VH-HDT

Duster 13m Sailplane VH-HDT

Basic Instruments

Max Pilot 98kg

My logbook says I last flew
2006.

Any offer will be considered.

Peter Raphael

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Remember to call J R Marshall for your GFA
Form 2 concession approval on 0407 417 747

Vintage Gliders Australia was formed to help and promote the flying and maintenance of older gliders. With their unique flying characters and individual airworthiness problems this group sets out to assist anyone interested in these wonderful flying machines.

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Upcoming Events

March 7 / 8 2026

- Ararat Gliding Club Vintage Rally Vic. Labour Day weekend.

April 2026

- Hunter Valley Rally - Singleton NSW, will be held over the Easter long weekend.

November 2026

- Australian Gliding Museum AGM and open day. Melbourne cup day
- Weekend.

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