



Gliding Club of Western Australia (Inc)

PO BOX 87, Cunderdin, WA 6407

To the Prospective Club Member

We thank you for your inquiry about gliding and GCWA and trust that the following information is helpful.

The Club's flying/training operation are carried out at Cunderdin airfield 156 km east of Perth on Great Eastern Highway on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, weather permitting. Occasionally during the soaring season we may undertake some weekday flying by special arrangement.

Club facilities on the airfield include a clubhouse equipped with cooking essentials, cutlery, crockery and refrigerators. The member caravan park has an ablution block with showers, toilets and a laundry. There are a limited number of airconditioned club rooms for hire which have basic furnishings. If staying over you will need to bring your own food (limited stocks of frozen food, drinks etc. can be purchased at the clubhouse) and your own bedding.

Aircraft owned and operated by the club range from two-seat training gliders to single-seat high performance gliders, suitable for cross-country and competition flying.

FLYING MEMBERSHIP COSTS are made up as follows:

An annual subscription is payable to the Club – the member year runs July to June. Depending on when you join in a member year you will either pay a full year's subscription on joining, with a credit towards the following year for those joining part way through the year, or if joining in the last half of a year you will be charged pro rata.

All flying Members must simultaneously maintain a membership of the Gliding Federation of Australia (trading as 'Gliding Australia'). You will need to make an online application for membership direct with the GFA on their website at <https://glidingaustralia.org>

FLYING COSTS involves two separate charges, one to cover "launching" and one to cover "glider hire".

LAUNCHING

Aero-tow charges are based on the height to which the glider is towed before release is made. The average launch height is approximately 2,000 feet above the ground.

GLIDER HIRE CHARGES.

Two alternatives are available

1) "Minute Rate", that is the rate per minute for the use of the glider from the time of take-off to touch-down. Currently there is a 2-hour cap on charges (you don't pay for minutes beyond 2 hours).

2) The "Bulk Flying Scheme" where the member pays a sum in advance at the beginning of the membership year which entitles them to up to 35 hours flight time before they pay the minute rate thereafter.

- 3) The "Bulk Flying Scheme" applies to all club owned and operated gliders except the DG-1000s VH-GTO.
- 4) The "Bulk Flying Scheme" is not available for trainee pilots. It is available to post-solo pilots wishing to fly club aircraft.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate members are entitled to all normal membership privileges except flying, training, or voting at club meetings. Flying members unable to take part in flying activities for one complete year may transfer their membership to associate for that year. They may transfer their membership back to flying membership at any time by paying the full flying membership fee.

A separate sheet showing current Fees and Charges may be found here:

<https://glidingclubofwa.org.au/activities/membership/>

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The club attempts to provide flying for its members at as low a cost as possible, consistent with the safe operation of modern gliders. Most of the work involved in Club operations is performed by the members. These tasks are many and varied and range from cleaning the club house buildings and grounds to maintaining the aircraft to a safe standard of airworthiness. Many tasks require common-sense only, while others demand special skill and expertise. After a period spent becoming familiar with all the various aspects of gliding operations, members will find opportunities available for developing skills in any of these special fields which interest them.

CO-OPERATION and COMMITMENT

It is essential new members understand that all Club work is done completely on a voluntary basis and all Club officers, such as Committee Members, Instructors, Tow Pilots and Maintenance Technical Personnel, etc, donate their time and expertise voluntarily. They pay the same fees as all other members and therefore expect, in addition to the tasks they undertake, to have the opportunity to enjoy their own personal gliding along with everyone else.

Not all members can donate as much time to the club as they wish. Very occasionally, flying activities may be curtailed because of lack of key personnel available, or some other urgent club work that takes precedence. However, we are a gliding Club and always plan to minimise the effect of non-flying activities on club flying operations. Joining the Club and paying the fees entitles members to a fair share in the pleasures, workload and disappointments which arise from club activity.

We ask members to fairly consider the total effort that needs to be put in to make the club operate, the effort they personally can contribute, and the amount of satisfaction they derive from being part of GCWA.

This information sheet should be retained for your reference. Your completed Membership Application and Self-Declaration Medical forms (and a Consent form if appropriate) should be sent by email to secretary@glidingclubofwesternaustralia.org

We thank you for your interest in our Club and gliding activities and trust that, should you decide to commence gliding, you will experience the exhilaration which fascinates thousands of glider pilots globally.

Yours sincerely
GCWA Club Secretary

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