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Instructor training at GCV

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Instructor training at Benalla this week.

It has been a special week at Benalla, as GCV hosted its first instructor course for many many years. During the course, we minted six new Air Experience Instructors (Ethan Blunt, Charlie McKay, Pete de Haan, Andy Blair, Javier Rebage and Leonard Freitag from Bacchus Marsh), one new Level 2 (Graham Adams), one new Level 3 (yours truly), and there's one new Level 1 instructor well on the way (Paul Dealy) whose training continues as I write.

Instructor training requires a significant commitment, but is infinitely rewarding. When a rating is awarded it is well earned, reflecting a pilot who has reached not just a high standard of flying but also able to pass on those skills.

We're indebted to our imported course instructors David McIlroy, Jenny Thompson, and Rod Ferrier, who ran an accessible but challenging course, providing our new instructors with space to learn.

Well done again to our new instructors, you'll see them in the back seat of a two-seater in the near future!

Course photos

David McIlroy, Jenny Thompson, Graham Adams

David McIlroy, Rod Ferrier, Matt Woodhouse and Jenny Thompson

Remembering Ralph Walker

We are saddened to share the passing of Ralph Walker after a long battle with cancer.

Doug Robinson recalls the close association between Tumbarumba Gliding Club and GCV, particularly in the 1970s. Ralph, Jan and other Tumba instructors helped run GCV summer courses during a busy period for gliding.

Tumbarumba's Easter gliding camps were also well attended by GCV members.

Service
Monday 2 November, 10 am
76 Copland Street
Wagga Wagga

Benalla Soars - A Festival of Flight

Saturday 7 November
10 am-2:30 pm

Help showcase gliding at the GCV clubhouse, with a glider display, activities and flights available for purchase. Volunteers are needed - please let the office know your availability on (03) 5762 1058 or use the form.

Click on Volunteer Application Form

This weekend and Cup Day

Saturday 31 October - 7 pm

Mains

Beef schnitzel with mushroom sauce, chat potatoes and vegetables
Eggplant parmigiana with chat potatoes and vegetables
Vegetable lasagna

Dessert

Apple turnover & ice-cream
Watermelon

Kids - under 12

Ham & pineapple pizza and chips
Small beef schnitzel with mushroom sauce, chat potatoes and vegetables

Adults $28 | Children under 12 $15
Prices include a main and dessert; children's price applies to the kids options.

Book by 9 am Friday 30 October

Book via the **Glide app**. If you have any issues, contact the office to book: **(03) 5762 1058** or gliding@glidingclub.org.au.

Email the office

Office closed Tuesday 3 November

The office will be closed for Melbourne Cup Day. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday opening hours are unchanged.

BBQ & board games

Tuesday 3 November
11 am-4 pm
GCV clubhouse

Room at the Table hosts a Benalla Festival event. All members are welcome to play board games and enjoy a **free BBQ**.

Set-up from 10:30 am; pack-up until 4:30 pm.

Glider and tug availability

Gliders not available
GFZ: life extension; unavailable until mid-November.
WUS: tailplane delamination requiring major repair; AAO arranging to borrow a replacement.
GCV: at Khancoban.

Available with restrictions
XOB: needs a handheld radio.
XJJ: must be flown **with no water** due to leaking wing water bags.

Tugs away: 30 October-5 November, tug at Khancoban; 5-13 December, BXP at the Victorian State Competition, Corowa.

Events

Coming up

30 October - 3 November
Khancoban flying camp.

31 October - 7 pm
GCV Saturday night meal. Book by 9 am Friday 30 October.

3 November - 11 am-4 pm
BBQ and Board Games by Room at the Table. GCV clubhouse; everyone welcome. Office closed for Cup Day. Set-up 10:30 am; pack-up until 4:30 pm.

7 November - 10 am-2:30 pm
Benalla Soars - A Festival of Flight, GCV clubhouse.

14 November - 7 pm
GCV Annual General Meeting. Possible working bee (to be confirmed). Connect 9 students' replacement date.

14-15 November
Junior Racing.

16 November
Midweek operations commence.

21 November - 10 am
Vic Rotary Caravan Club talk at GCV clubhouse. Peter White organising; 72 visitors.

9-10 January 2027
Junior Racing.

25 January - 4 February 2027
Club Class Nationals at Benalla.

6-7 February 2027
Junior Racing.

Saturday night meals

November: 7, 14, 21, 28
GCV clubhouse meals.

December: 5, 12, 19, 26
19 December: Clubhouse Christmas Meal.

Courses

18-20 November
Gliding Intro 1

21-27 November
Flying Start 1

28 November - 4 December
Flying Start 2

7-11 December
First Feathers 1

14-18 December
Flying Further

6-8 January
Gliding Intro 2

9-15 January
Flying Start 3

20-22 January
Gliding Intro 3

23-29 January
Flying Start 4

1-5 February
First Feathers 2

6-12 February
Flying Start 5

13-19 February
Flying Start 6

24-26 February
Gliding Intro 4

3-5 March
Gliding Intro 5

10-12 March
Gliding Intro 6