FLIGHT LINES

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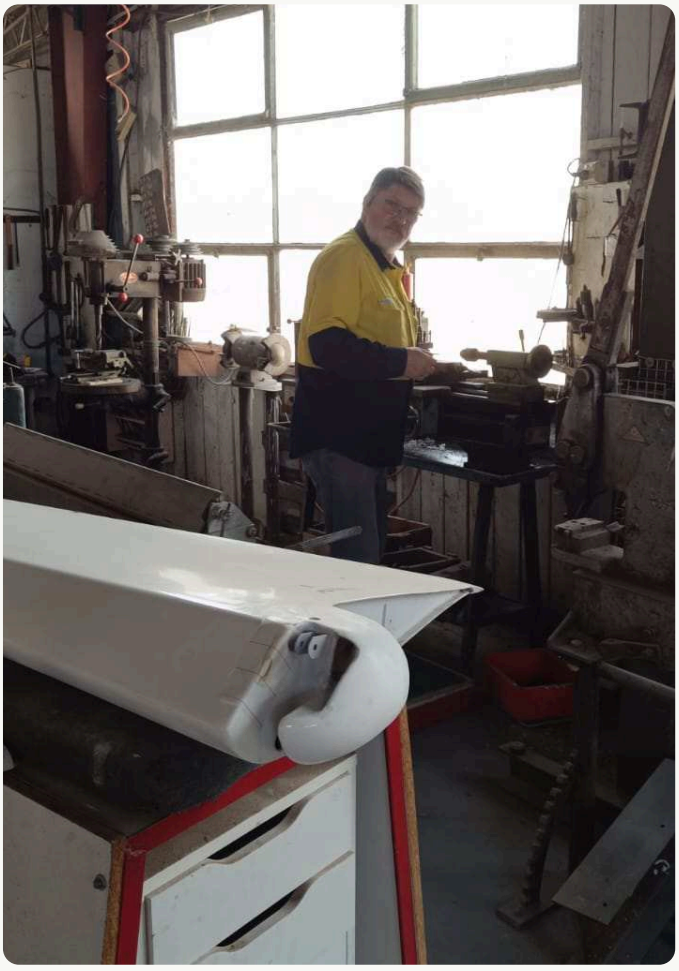
The hard yards in the workshop

A shout-out to Graham and Dennis



Graham working on the K21 life-extension.

A big shout-out to **Graham and Dennis** for doing the hard yards getting the **K21 life extension** sorted! The photos offer a glimpse of the work happening behind the scenes.

Thank you both for the time and effort you are putting into this project.

Congratulations, Michael!

Michael Bolland goes solo - Sunday 11 October

Michael at the launch point for his first solo on Sunday.

A few GCV members watching Michael's first solo.

Congratulations to **Michael Bolland** on his first solo at GCV on Sunday 11 October! A few GCV members were there to watch and share the moment. **Well done, Michael!**

A great night of music at GCV

Saturday 10 October brought a wonderful evening of music, fun, laughter and great company! Thank you to **Mick and the team**, and to **Martin** for flying them in.

Thanks also to our GCV musicians: **Angus and Greg** on guitar, **Louise** on flute, **Russ** on guitar and saxophone, and **Viv** on vocals. Thank you to everyone who made the night so enjoyable!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Benalla Come 'n Try Community Day

GCV shared the excitement of gliding with the local community.

What a fantastic turnout from our local community! Children and adults were eager to try the flight simulator. It proved so popular that the team had to manage the crowd to give everyone a turn.

The day was a chance to answer questions, spark an interest in aviation and introduce gliding to people of all ages. A big thank you to **Russ, Andrea and Viv** for helping make it such a success. Some of those young simulator pilots might be future glider pilots!

Working bee - Saturday 17 October, 9 am

Meet at the 9 am briefing. Morning tea and evening BBQ are provided. **Please let the Office know if you are coming to plan for catering.**

Jobs: commercial kitchen exhaust fans, rear entry and ceiling fan; pressure-wash the BBQ area, clean benches and outdoor tables; empty and clean the club freezer, fridge, shelves and counters; remove clubhouse cobwebs inside and out. In the garden: weed the north bed, spray paved areas, prune, mow, whipper-snip, clear drains, tidy bins, repair the boundary fence and replace the tap washer outside the south wall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Class Nationals at Benalla

27 January - 4 February 2027

Registrations open!

Entries are now open via **Dust Devil** for the Australian Club Class National Championships at GCV Benalla.

Entry fees
$500 early bird on or before 14 November 2026; $550 after that date.

Junior pilots
20% entry discount for pilots under 26 on 5 February 2027.

DHT included
The inclusion of DHT opens up the appeal to more gliders, including non-flapped racers.

Off the airfield
Free welcome dinner and closing celebrations with entertainment!

Stay on site
Camping $25 per night; huts $45 per night, with twin singles and doubles available.

Click here to register on Dust Devil

Khancoban: send your details

Coming on 30 October - 3 November? Send Mark Goodley your name, glider and registration. Visiting pilots must submit temporary membership forms in advance; these cannot be completed at Khancoban.

Email Mark Goodley

Benalla Festival volunteers

Help showcase gliding at the clubhouse on Saturday 7 November, 10 am-2:30 pm, with a glider display, activities and flights available for purchase. Let the office know your availability on (03) 5762 1058, or use the form.

Click on Volunteer Application Form

Mt Buller airspace proposal - feedback closes 20 October

A proposed temporary restricted area would support drone operations beyond visual line of sight around Mt Buller. Members are invited to read the proposal and provide feedback.

Click here to read the proposal and provide feedback

PLAN YOUR NEXT VISIT

Events

October

17 October
GCV working bee. Meet at the 9 am briefing.

25 October
Connect 9 flights.

30 October - 3 November
Khancoban flying weekend.

31 October
GCV Saturday night meal; menu to be confirmed.

November

3 November - 10:30 am-4:30 pm
Clubhouse hired by Room at the Table for a Benalla Festival event.

7 November - 10 am-2:30 pm
Benalla Festival event at the GCV clubhouse. GCV Saturday night meal follows.

14 November - 7 pm
2026 Annual General Meeting. GCV Saturday night meal also scheduled.

14-20 November
RooGlide at Narromine: social cross-country flying, learning and friendship. Everyone welcome.

21 November - 10 am
Vic Rotary Caravan Club talk at the GCV clubhouse. Peter White organising; 67 visitors. GCV Saturday night meal also scheduled.

28 November
GCV Saturday night meal.

Courses

24-25 October
Flight Instructor refresher course for current instructors.

26-30 October
Instructor course for AEI, L1 and L2.

28-30 October
Gliding Intro course.

18-20 November
Gliding Intro course.

21-27 November
Flying Start course.

28 November - 4 December
Flying Start course.

7-11 December
First Feathers course.

14-18 December
Flying Further course.

December meals

5, 12, 19 and 26 December
GCV Saturday night meals.

Tugs not available

9-19 October
MCF at Bacchus Marsh for tow pilot training.

30 October - 5 November
Tug at Khancoban.

5-13 December
BXP at the Victorian State Competition at Corowa.