Gliding Club of Victoria

P.O. Box 46, Benalla 3672. Phone 03 5762 1058
Incorporated Association No. A0033547P
ABN No. 58 092 889 983

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2026-2027

All amounts in Australian Dollars and include Australian Goods and Services Tax.
The Club reserves the right to vary all charges without notice.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Member Category	Annual Fee	Periodic Fee *Payable in Jul, Aug and Sep*
New Members *Includes full flying priviileges*	$625	$208
Junior *For pilots under the age of 26.*	$210	n/a
Volunteering Flying Members	$625	$208
Non-Volunteering Flying Members	$1,245	$415
Social Members	$80	n/a
Volunteering Social Members	$50	n/a
Life Flying Members	$445	n/a

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Visiting Pilot Memberships *Also required for reciprocal Pilots In Command of GCV gliders*	$125	$250	$400

A current Gliding Australia(GA) membership is required before you can be a flying member of the Gliding Club of Victoria. See https://glidingaustralia.org/membership/ for details of annual and 3-month memberships. Therefore, a GA Membership number is required on application.

Our annual membership fees fall due on 1 July of each year, and you are current for a financial year, i.e. from 1 July till 30 June. New members who join the club at any time during the financial year pay a pro rata membership fee for the period remaining till 30 June. If you join by participating in one of our Flying Start courses, this fee is covered by the course fee.

AIR EXPERIENCE PACKAGES – *Discounts may be available from time to time*

Air Experience Flights		Price
Deluxe *4000 ft aerotow launch, up to 40 minutes flight*	Single Group of 4	$315 $1,015
Standard *3000 ft Aerotow launch, up to 30 minutes flight*	Single Group of 4	$285 $950
Economy *2,000 ft Aerotow launch, up to 20 minutes*	Single Group of 4	$245 $850
Top Gun Experience *Aerobatic manoeuvers added to Standard and Deluxe experience flights*	Additional	$30
Tri-This *Three flights for the same person, aerotows to 3,000 ft above ground, up to 30 mins/flight*		$495

Notes

- Duration is subject to weather conditions and is not guaranteed.
- Maximum weight is 100 kg.
- Aerobatic flights are subject to suitable weather and strict weight conditions.

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CLUB CHARGES

***Note**: Junior members (under the age of 26) receive a 20% discount on all flying costs*

Glider Hire[a,b,c,d,e]	Member Pilot			Visiting Pilot		
	Hourly	Daily	5-day	Hourly	Daily	5-day
ASK-21	$65	$260	$1,100	$80	$295	$1,495
DG 1001	$80	$320	$1,375	$95	$395	$1,850
Duo Discus	$80	$320	$1,375	$95	$395	$1,850
Junior	$30	$120	$495	$55	$220	$1,000
LS3	$55	$220	$900	$90	$350	$1,550
LS4	$55	$220	$900	$90	$350	$1,550
LS7	$55	$220	$900	$90	$350	$1,550

Pilot Instruction	Hourly Rate
Flying Members	Free
Visiting and Reciprocal Members	$50

Pilot Courses (see course details for inclusions)	
Flying Start ***(for Early Bird Discounts call 03 5762 1058)*** *7 day beginners course (Sat-Fri)*	High Season – January: $4,095 Shoulder Season – Nov/Dec & Feb: $3,895
Gliding Intro *3 day beginners course (Wed-Fri)*	High Season – January: $1,650 Shoulder Season – Nov/Dec & Feb: $1,495
First Feathers *5 day beginners course for full time students only (Mon-Fri)*	$900

Notes

- Limited number of courses available, from mid-November to end of February only

Launch Fees[g,h]	Member Pilot	Visiting Pilot
Aerotow Launches (Pawnees)	$10.50 per minute	$12.00 per minute
Winch Launches	$25 per launch	$30 per launch
Club Vehicle Retrieve (Club utility)	$1.10 per km travelled	$1.25 per km travelled
Aerotow Retrieve Launches (Pawnees) #	$7.50 per minute	$9.00 per minute

 # Every tug flight (i.e. aerotow or retrieve) incurs a 'Movement Fee' of $5.00.

Hangar Fees -subject to availability	Member Pilot	Visiting Pilot
Daily	$15	$25
Weekly - short-term	$50	$75
Weekly – long-term (max. 1 year)	$30	n/a

Accomodation Fees	Member Pilot	Visiting Pilot
GCV Bunkroom in Aeropark *2x single or Double beds available, subject to availability*	$45 per night	$55 per night
Linen (if required)	$30 per visit	$35 per visit
Campsite	$25 per night	$35 per night

Fee Notes:

a) Gliders may be booked for full day use during Monday to Friday only; they cannot be booked for weekend days.

b) For international visitors, a 25% deposit is payable at the time of making a booking. A Cancellation Fee of $100.00 will be retained unless a booking is cancelled at least 2 weeks in advance. The full fee is payable on arrival, prior to the first flight.
c) During a longer stay, international visitors are required to pay any outstanding charges on a weekly basis.
d) An insurance excess of $3,000 applies to all members. International visitors are required to provide a credit card authority to cover the insurance excess. This credit card authority will be applied to any outstanding charges at or following a visitor's departure.
e) A pro-rata credit will be given for glider hire on any "No Fly" days, defined as when no non-motorised glider remains airborne at Benalla for over 40 minutes.
f) **International visitors**, who are members of an approved international gliding organisation or have an international gliding licence, may purchase international visitor membership in one month blocks. There is no limit to the number of blocks purchased or how often these are purchased.
g) Aerotow Launch times are recorded when the tug airspeed is greater than approximately 40 knots from the start of take-off roll to end of landing roll
h) Aerotowing rates depend heavily on fuel prices and are varied in line with prices paid by the Club
i) Equipment hire is subject to prioritization for club members

Tom Spiesser
HONORARY TREASURER
1st July, 2026
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MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE

GCV provides a two tiers of club membership to accommodate members' varying interests and levels of participation in club activities. Members who actively engage in supporting club activities may qualify for the ***Volunteering Membership***, which is offered at a discounted rate to acknowledge their contributions. Those who are unable to or select not to volunteer may opt for the ***Non-Volunteering Membership***.

INTRODUCTORY FLYING MEMBERSHIP

New members are offered a chance to explore the world of gliding at GCV in a supportive, flexible, and low-pressure environment. For a modest initial cost, this fee provides access to the club and its facilities, allowing individuals to experience the thrill of gliding firsthand and learn about how the club operates.

To welcome and encourage new members, anyone joining the club during a financial year pays the same rate as a Volunteering Member, on a pro rata basis, until 30 June of that year. For new members who join by participating in our Flying Start course, this pro rata fee is covered by the course fee.

This introductory phase is ideal for those who are curious about the sport but not yet ready to commit to a full membership. It provides the perfect opportunity to discover if gliding is the right fit for you, both in the air and on the ground, gain a better understanding of club life, including the operations, culture, and community.

VOLUNTEER FLYING MEMBERSHIP

This reduced membership fee is available to members who are actively contributing to the club through regular volunteering. It recognises the value of hands-on support in areas such as operations, maintenance, administration, events, instruction, and any other contributions that helps to keep the club running smoothly and affordably.

Recognition of volunteering status for the next financial year is made by the Committee of Management through consultation with other members leading up to the end of the current financial year. A contribution of approximately 50 hours per year (or an equivalent thereof) is considered sufficient to receive this benefit.

NON-VOLUNTEER FLYING MEMBERSHIP

This membership category is intended for individuals who wish to enjoy the full benefits of club flying but are not currently in a position or willing to contribute volunteer time. This helps ensure continued support of the club's operations and infrastructure through a financial contribution alone.

RECIPROCAL MEMBERS

Members of other GFA clubs may launch their own aircraft or fly Club twin-seaters with a Club Instructor at Member's Rates, without membership charges, for up to 3 visits totalling 14 days in any one financial year. To fly as "pilot in command" of any GCV aircraft a pilot must be either a Temporary or Flying Member of the club.

VISITING MEMBERS

Visiting pilots who stay less than 6 weeks may join GCV as a Temporary Member paying Temporary Member (Visitor) Rates. After 6 weeks they must join as a full member.

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TRAINING COURSES

FLYING START
Seven-day beginner's course (Sat-Fri)

Progress varies between students. Some cases, the first solo flight is achieved during the course. The minimum age for Going Solo is 15 years.

The course includes:

- Detailed instruction of theory and practice
- GCV Flying Membership until the end of the current financial year
- 3 month's Gliding Australia membership
- Glider hire
- 60,000 ft of towing height, which equates to ca. 30 aerotows
- A GCV bucket hat
- A Gliding Australia logbook

GLIDING INTRO
Three-day beginner's course (Wed-Fri)

This course offers a shorter introduction to gliding, with less theory, to see whether Gliding is for You. The minimum age for Going Solo is 15 years.

The course includes:

- 3 months GCV Flying Membership
- One month's Gliding Australia Introductory membership
- Glider hire
- 24,000 ft of towing height, which equates to ca. 8-9 aerotows
- Weather permitting, some flights will be extended thermalling flights to familiarise you with the joys of soaring.

FIRST FEATHERS
Five-day beginner's course (Mon-Fri)

This is a special offer, restricted to full-time tertiary students at Australian universities and colleges. Minimum group size of 3. ***Put together a group of 4 or more students for a reduced rate of $800 per student.***

The course includes:

- A greater emphasis on the theory of flight, conveyed in group discussions
- Weather permitting, up to two flights per day, including one extended thermalling flight
- One aerobatic flights, if you would like to do this.
- 3 months GCV Flying Membership
- One month's Gliding Australia Introductory membership
- Glider hire
- 30,000 ft of towing height, which equates to ca. 10 aerotows