



# Gliding Club of Western Australia (Inc)

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## 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.

Facilities in the clubhouse on the airfield include cooking, cutlery, refrigerators, showers, toilets, beds, etc. You will need to bring your own food (frozen food, drinks etc, can be purchased at the clubhouse) and when staying overnight supply your own bed sheets pillows, blankets, etc.

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 paid to the Club , running from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. A full years subscription is payable on joining, with a credit towards the following year for those joining part way through the year. Membership of the Gliding Federation of Australia. A fee to cover this is initially collected by the Club and forwarded to the Federation for each member unless the member has already paid the fee through another gliding club.

**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.

Payment of the launch fee is made each day. Other launch methods, when used, are charged at a flat cost per launch.

### **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.
- 2) The "Bulk Flying Scheme" where the member pays the sum at the beginning of the financial year and then pays no further glider hire for the remainder of that financial year.
- 3) The "Bulk Flying Scheme" applies to all club owned and operated gliders other than DG-1000s.
- 4) The "Bulk Flying Scheme" is not available for a trainee pilots.  
Members must nominate at the time of joining the club or at the beginning of each financial year, how they wish to pay.

## **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 is included here:

[http://www.gildingwa.com.au/How\\_to\\_join\\_The%20GCWA.htm](http://www.gildingwa.com.au/How_to_join_The%20GCWA.htm)

## **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 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 commonsense 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 an honorary 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 every one 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 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 are able to contribute, and the amount of satisfaction they derive from being part of GCWA.

This information sheet should be retained for your reference and the accompanying forms completed as necessary and forwarded to the Secretary at the above address, or given to any club member at the airfield.

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

Yours faithfully

SECRETARY

P.S. Should you wish to visit the club as a prospective member or to view our operation please contact the Secretary or any other member to arrange a date.

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