

Annual Report
Queensland State Gliding Association
Regional Technical Officer: Sports

Queensland Competitions:

Queensland held two completions in the last season. The Multi Class National Championships at Kingaroy Soaring Club and a State Championships held Darling Downs Soaring Club. Both competitions were very successful with good participation.

Queensland Pilot Competition Results:

Queensland has the highest number of pilots qualifying from any state for World Championship team positions. This is the result of pilots excelling at the National competition level

The Benalla World Gliding Championships held in January 2017 had two pilots from Queensland competing. Both Andrew Georgeson and Stephen O Donnell competed very admirably in what was considered a very challenging competition. Unfortunately, Stephen was involved in a mid-air collision, miraculously escaping the destroyed glider with minor injuries.

Queensland pilots excelled at the national level in the 2016/17 soaring season to the extent that in each of the classes 15m 18m, Open, and Open Sports class Queensland pilots were placed within the top three places.

The Multi Class National Championships were very successfully held at Kingaroy Soaring Club where Queensland pilots and Kingaroy members Adam Woolley and Jim Crowhurst in 15m and John Buchanan and David Jansen in 18m and Open Class were placed 1st and 2nd respectively. In Standard Class Peter Trotter was placed 2nd and in Open Class Greg Kolb and Andrew Georgeson were placed 4th and 5th respectively.

As a result of the excellent performance of the Queensland pilots we have two pilots who have been selected to represent Australia at the next 15m and 18m world championships in 2018 - Adam Wooley in 15m and John Buchanan in 18m Class. These two pilots have secured their world team position by competing in the Pre-World gliding championships in July this year.

Coaching

John Buchanan from Kingaroy soaring club has been appointed as the Australian National Coach.

A Queensland coaching event was planned for November 2016 with G Dale. The event unfortunately had to be cancelled due to work commitments.

It is expected that another coaching event will be planned for the coming soaring season in coordination with John Buchanan.

Coach Revalidations:

After considerable difficulty in contacting all previously validated Coaches, 22 coaches were revalidated. Of the 22 coaches validated Kingaroy soaring Club has 15, Darling Downs has 4 and three others from three other clubs. Please find attached the current list of QSA coaches.

The revalidation process identified the necessity to try and train up more coaches for those clubs without a coach and clubs who could benefit with more coaches such as Warwick and Caboolture.

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