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Operations Advice Notice

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Gliding Events- NOTAMs- Significant Gliding Activity Notice to Industry

Purpose: Gliding Australia (GAus) sends out a Significant Gliding Activity Advisory (SGAA) each month to various aviation stakeholders, including RPT operators, emergency services, flying schools, and CASA. The recipient list is growing, and the advisory is well received. Our goal is to send it on the last Monday of each month, covering activities for the upcoming month. This helps demonstrate that GAus is a responsible member of Australia's aviation community.

NOTAMs are also issued for significant events—see the NOTAM section below.

What is a Significant Gliding Event?

- An event is considered significant if it includes one or more of the following:
- More gliders or tow planes than usual
- A competition or club regatta
- A cross-country or training week
- Instructor training sessions
- Intensive pilot training
- Any activity beyond normal daily operations

If unsure, contact your GAus Airfield, Airspace & Avionics (AAAO) state officer.

A week as mentioned above could be a series of days. It is easier to consider an event as significant when it is different from normal day to day operations.

How can you help?

1. Start early. GAus looks ahead at the months ahead to gather data, ensure NOTAMs are created and produce the SGAA
2. Please place your events on the Gliding Australia website Calendar. Do this by contacting the Gliding Australia office via returns@glidingaustralia.org
3. Place the event on your state gliding association website
4. Provide:
    a. Event start and end date
    b. Name of the event
    c. Clubs involved
    d. Contact person or organiser

NOTAMs

For each event CASA has been checking that we have a NOTAM in place. CASA now requires that the Executive Manager Operations (EMO) or Chair of Operations (COP) sends NOTAM requests to CASA Sport.

The previous method, using the PDF form has been retired. GAus has implemented a system using Microsoft (MS) Forms. This system returns a copy of your input to the originator, a copy to the EMO and COP. The EMO/COP checks the data and contacts the originator for clarification, if needed. The request is then sent to CASA Sport.

The URL for the MS form is:

https://glidingaustralia.org/NOTAM

The MS Form asks for:

- **Request Date**
- **Competition or Event Name**
- The **Event Organiser's** name/phone/email
- The event **Operations contact** name and mobile. This is the person who will be named in the Significant Event email as well as in the NOTAM
- **Event Start Date and End Date**
- **Daily flying start and end times as well as time zone**
- **The event location and coordinates**. I have put in the common gliding locations and their coordinates. Choose the correct one. If the location is not on the list add it in the next question "Other airfield location"
    - If the strip is not easily known via CASA maps you can use something like this: Bunyan Airstrip (YBUY) bearing 339 magnetic 9NM from Cooma Polo Flat (YPFT)
- **Provide list of aerodromes bounding the area of operation** (Provide full aerodrome name and ICAO code eg: Beverly (YBEV), Wongan Hills (YWOH), Merredin (YMDN), Lake Grace (YLGC), Katanning (YKNG), Beverly (YBEV). - don't supply an aerodrome and a radius (eg: YTEM 150km radius). Airservices has not been accepting an airport with a radius. Have a look at the VNC for your flying area and choose the nearest airports to the area you will be flying in.
- **The number of gliders** attending the event and the **number of tow planes**
- **Aerotow or Winch Launch** and the expected altitude (AMSL) and distance from aerodrome of launches? (eg: up to 3000FT within 5NM from Temora (YTEM)
- Other operations information (eg: Gliders operating from grass strip adjacent to runways)
- **Frequency monitored in vicinity of aerodrome**? This is usually the aerodrome frequency and 122.7 within a distance say 5NM.
- **Frequency Monitored outside 10NM of CTAF** (eg: glider frequency 122.7 and Area Frequencies for Class G and E airspace)
- What **class of airspace** will you be operating in: Class G or Class G and E airspace
- **Ceiling of operation**. This could be a Flight Level (FL125 or could be G & E airspace within defined area

If you are not sure what to enter in a field on the form, please contact your GAus AAAO or the EMO/COP. The system will send the originator a copy of the data being sent to CASA Sport. If there is an error, please contact the EMO/COP.

The EMO/COP will check the information and send to CASA Sport. CASA Sport will enter the information into the Airservices portal.

Private airfields do not appear in the location briefing. YBBB and YMMM which are the Brisbane and Melbourne Head Office Notam areas is where they will appear. Some electronic flight bags are collecting this information and presenting it all to pilots. Pilots are required to read all NOTAMs in their

planning. Practically we know this does not happen. The EMO has been working with CASA and Airservices on how this problem can be addressed.

Significant Gliding Activity Advisory (SGAA) entries

An example of what the recipient of SGAA see is:

Name:	Date	Description	Base Aerodrome Location	Gliding Frequencies	NOTAM	Contact
Darling Downs SC – Easter Flying	17th April – 20th April 2025	#No of Gliders 20 # of Tow Planes 2	McCaffrey Field; (Private) Warrego Hwy, at 8km W of Jondaryan, turn S down Mason Rd 27° 21.0' S, 151° 30.9' E	CTAF 126.85 122.7	Yes	Operations Contact: Sarah Thompson 0403 569 993
1		Gliders aerotow maximum launch height Gliders will also Self Launch	Aerotow to 3000' AMSL within 5NM of airfield			
2		Task area bounded by: Gliders operating in class G and E airspace	McCaffrey Field, Miles AD (YMLS), Wondai AD (YWND), Warwick AD (YWCK) AND Goondiwindi AD (YGDI), McCaffrey Field			
3		Frequency monitored in vicinity of aerodrome (10NM)	126.85 122.7			
4		Frequencies monitored outside 10NM of CTAF	122.7 and area frequencies in Class G and Class E airspace			
5		Ceiling of Operation	G and E airspace within defined area			

The resulting NOTAM will be like below (these are different entries)

Here is what you will get back from CASA Sport.

NOTAM for YBBB approved by NOTAM Office with number C1842/24
Summary: INTENSE GFY WI 100NM OF YBOK AD
C1842/24 NOTAMN
Q) YBBB/QWGLW/IV/M/W/000/120/2728S15103E075
A) YBBB
B) 2409210030 C) 2409290830
D) DAILY 0030-0830z
E) INTENSE GFY (APRX 30 GLIDERS/3 TUGS) WILL TAKE PLACE
OPR FM MCCAFFREY FIELD (YMCF) BRG 276 MAG 12NM FM OAKEY AD (YBOK)
GLIDERS AND TUGS PERFORMING AERO TOW UP TO 3200FT AMSL WI 5NM FM YMCF
GLIDERS OPR WI AREA BOUNDED BY MILES AD (YMLS), KINGAROY AD (YKRY),
WARWICK AD (YWCK), GOONDIWINDI AD (YGDI) AND YMLS.
GLIDERS OPR IN CLASS G AND E AIRSPACE,
GLIDER WILL REMAIN CLEAR OF RESTRICTED AIRSPACE
GLIDERS WILL BCST AND MNT ON GLIDER COMPETITION SAFETY FREQ 122.025
AND COMMON TFC ADVISORY FREQ (CTAF) 126.7 WI 5NM OF (YMCF) OTHERWISE
APPLICABLE CTAF OR AREA FREQ AND GLIDER COMPETITION SAFETY FREQ
GLIDER TASK DIRECTION AND DISTANCE CHANGES DAILY
CTC OPR ON DAY FOR LATEST TASK INFORMATION
OPR CTC TEL: 0403 569 993
F) SFC G) FL120

NOTAMs follow an ICAO format as below:

Elements of the ICAO NOTAM

Q) A qualifier line, which contains coded information, coordinates, and radius for area for the automated filtering of NOTAMs
A) The ICAO location indicator of the aerodrome or FIR in which the facility, airspace, or condition being reported is located
B) Effective date/time (UTC)
C) Expiration date/time (UTC)
D) Schedule (optional)
E) NOTAM text field is the condition in which the NOTAM is being issued or put into force.
F) Lower altitude limit (Used with Airspace NOTAMs)
G) Upper altitude limit (Used with Airspace NOTAMs)

NOTAMs are usually delivered within a few days. Please allow 3 days minimum. If you need assistance with a NOTAM request, please email emo@glidingaustralia.org

The easiest way to check NOTAMS is to use Airservices Australia's NAIPs website: https://www.airservicesaustralia.com/naips/

NOTAMs can also be accessed via the AvPlan and OzRunway systems.

Tip: Keep your previous NOTAM requests and NOTAMs received. It makes it easier to recreate the request again for next year's event.

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