



Return to Gliding – Dual Flying

The Good News

- Two seater flying will resume from 4 July
- The Caravan Park will open for overnight stays from 4 July
- Club Single Seater flying, and Private owner flying, continues for in-check pilots

The Limitations

- **The clubhouse, including the shower block, accommodation and catering remain closed.**
A visit to the club may be an impractical proposition for those members who live some way distant from the club. Significantly this includes a number of instructors and winch drivers. It also results in ...
- **No resumption of trial lessons or courses**
Some may see this as good news(!), but the loss of revenue means that ...
- **For the time being we will continue to operate primarily on a voluntary basis**
Which in turns implies ...
- **No return to full seven-day operation**
At this stage, we just cannot muster sufficient duty teams
- **Not all instructors are willing / able to instruct**
Personal risk assessments and the practicalities of living distant from the club, with club facilities still closed are the reasons
- **Instructors will only fly with a maximum three students per day**
BGA guidance, the need to avoidance cross-contamination and the wishes of our instructors to minimise their personal exposure to risk, make this inevitable
- **Weather not looking great for the weekend!**
Just when you thought it might decide to give us a break!

So, putting all this together, what do we have...?

The Plan

- **We will be open every weekend and on selected days during the week.**
Weather will be the most significant factor, but also demand and instructor/winch driver availability
- **We will aim to have two full / assistant rated instructors on duty each day we are open**
We don't have a big enough instructor pool to offer more

- **Pre-Booking will be required for dual instruction**
We have a hard limit of three students per instructor per day. We don't want anyone to have a wasted trip, but equally, if there is little or no demand on a particular day, neither do we wish to waste the scarce and valuable resource that is volunteer winch drivers and instructors
- **Club Single Seater and Private Owner Flying**
Available on any day we are open, for in-check pilots, just turn up, rig or put your name on the list, and fly

Can I just turn up and Fly?

- **I am solo and in check – no problem.**
Put your name on the list for a club single seater, or rig and fly your own
- **I need dual flying.**
To avoid the very real possibility of disappointment we would ask you to
***** PLEASE PRE BOOK *****
The club has set a maximum of three students per instructor per day. An individual instructor may decide to take FEWER students (the booking system accounts for this), but MAY NOT decide to take more – there is a growing cross-contamination risk to the community at large which is outside his hands

So How Do I Book For Two Seater Flying?

- **By email to mgcbooking@gmail.com**
- **Give a list of dates on which you would be available to fly**
For a one or two week period, looking forward. We are used to allocating winch driving, instructing and launch director duties, on an equitable basis, respecting individual availabilities. We intend to extend this to cover P2 flying during this interim period. We hope this will result in everyone getting a more equal opportunity to fly and the best instructor / P2 ratios
- **Look out for your name on the standard MGC Rota page.**
<https://www.midlandgliding.club/rota/MGCBookings.htm>
there should also be an email reminder. Then just turn up on the day and fly
- **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN'T MAKE YOUR BOOKING**
In good time, so that we can reallocate it
- **You can re-apply with more dates as appropriate**

We hope you understand that these steps are being taken to ensure the maximum fair and equal access to flying to you all over this continuing transition period. It should also help to ensure that you are rewarded with a decent day's flying when you turn up to the club.

We will, of course, keep this plan under continual review and be prepared to amend and improve it as experience dictates.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club, and in the air, soon!

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