



Sunshine Coast Free Flyers Purpose

The purpose of Sunshine Coast Free Flyers is to promote the safe and enjoyable operation of all forms of sports aviation while acting in the best interests of its members. The club aims to advance its operations and activities by arranging agreements to provide access to land and airspace suitable for launching and landing aircraft. It will affiliate and liaise with the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia (SAFA), adopting its rules and policies to further these objectives. The club will consistently apply and enforce its own rules and those of SAFA, always keeping the public interest in mind.

Sunshine Coast Free Flyers Plan to Achieve the Purpose and Objects of the Club

SCFF plans to achieve its purpose and objects by:

1) Encouraging participation in flying activities:

SCFF aims to actively promote and encourage members to participate in free flying, inclusive of all free flight activities. This will be achieved through:

- a) Informal and formal mentoring of junior pilots
- b) Encouraging senior pilots to mentor less experienced pilots
- c) Organising regular flying events
- d) Posting positive flying-related content in appropriate online communities
- e) Providing ongoing support and resources to members

2) Fostering Inclusivity:

Welcoming pilots from all disciplines managed by SAFA and representing all SAFA pilots who fly in the Sunshine Coast region.



3) Developing a fit for purpose Constitution

Operating as an Incorporated Association under the "Model Rules" Constitution as per the Act, until a new Constitution with objects and purposes aligned with SAFA is developed and presented to members for ratification by vote. SCFF will operate under principles of Democracy.

4) Retaining known sites:

SCFF intends to ensure the continued access and availability of existing flying sites. This will involve:

- a) Liaising with relevant authorities
- b) Maintaining good relationships with landowners, Councils, Government Authorities, and site managers
- c) Complying with any regulations or agreements in place for the use of those sites
- d) Expanding flying access to support a growing membership base

5) Development of new sites

SCFF seeks to explore opportunities to expand the number of flying sites for its members and establish new flying modalities for the club (such as a Tow Launch capability). This will involve:

- a) Identifying potential new locations
- b) Conducting site appraisals to assess their suitability
- c) Working towards obtaining any necessary approvals or permits required to establish new sites
- d) Negotiating with stakeholders to obtain access, including but not limited to: Verbal Agreements, Written Agreements, Purchasing Easements, Purchasing Land allotments, Leasing Land, Other leasing agreements, access payments, access permits to Crown Land, State Forest, and National Parks

6) Compliance with SAFA Site Appraisal and Registration procedure

- a) All sites administered by SCFF will be appraised for suitability for both unsupervised and supervised flight operations.



- b) All sites under operational control of SCFF will be detailed within links in the designated section of our website freeflyers.com.au so that pilots preparing to fly sites understand site aerology, launch wind direction, preferred landing zones, local rules/regulations, required pilot skill level and other pertinent information
- c) SCFF will implement QR Codes / check-in facilities at sites where/when required

7) Communication and engagement with the Regional Association

SCFF will engage with Queensland Sports Aviators Inc. in a timely and appropriate manner. All relevant correspondence will be circulated as appropriate and retained for the statutory period.

8) Communication and engagement with other regional clubs and their members

Communication methods that will be employed include:

- a) SCFF Facebook page
- b) WhatsApp and other Social Media Groups affiliated and/or referencing SCFF
- c) SCFF will advertise, encourage, and participate in combined activities (e.g., State of Origin, Wicked Wings, and Canungra club events) and invite fellow clubs' members to SCFF events as appropriate.

