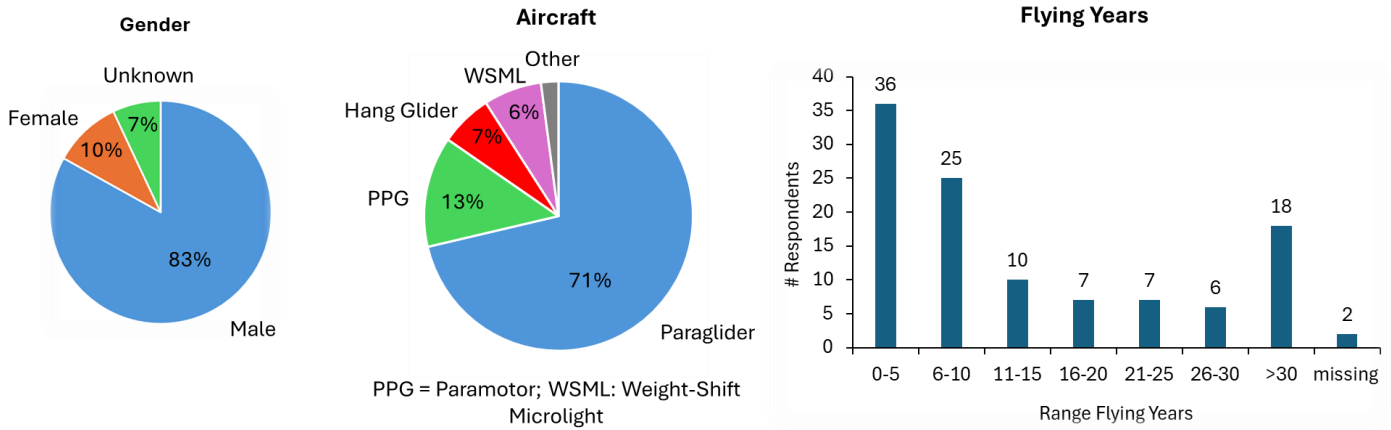


Summary of QSA Survey (June 2025)

1.) Demographics:

We had valid responses from 111 SAFA members, out of 550 SAFA members listed in S-QLD (20% response rate). Most respondents were male (83%), paragliding pilots (71%) and had been flying for less than 10 years or more than 30 years. The majority of respondents were affiliated with a club.



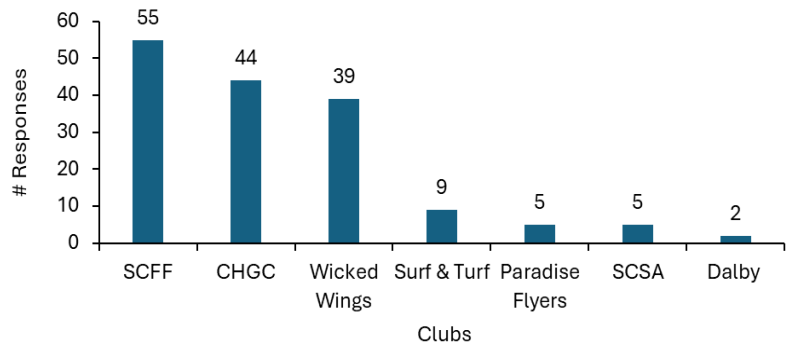
2.) Sites and Clubs

A vast majority of respondents (92%) indicated that their favourite flying site was associated with a club. Many pilots were members of multiple clubs and fly more than one site.

Top Ten Sites (by # Responses):

	Sites	#
1	Teewah Beach	23
2	Rainbow Beach	17
3	Mt Tamborine / Tambo	17
4	Ma Ma Creek	15
5	Beechmont / Beechies	11
6	Gerrard's / Buchy's	11
7	Killarney	8
8	Hinchies / Hinchcliffe	8
9	Widgee Mountain	7
10	880 / Turf farm	5

Club Memberships



3.) Reasons for not joining a club

Most respondents were members of a club. The ones who were not members of any clubs reported that they try to avoid club politics or their members (6.3%), followed by personal reasons such as being too far away from clubs (2.7%), or just having moved to the region (2.7%).

4.) What people appreciate about their club

When we asked what pilots appreciate most about their club, we had 206 responses in total. Pilots reported that they appreciated (1) Camaraderie, (2) Securing access to flying sites, (3) Supervision and Training, (4) Committee Leadership and (5) Launch Maintenance.

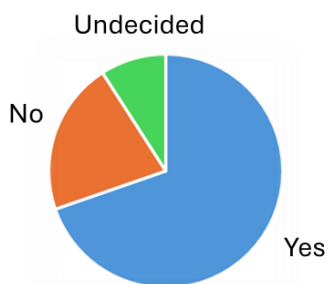
5.) Areas of Improvement

When we asked what the clubs could improve, we had significantly fewer responses in total (87), which is a positive result, reflecting that the clubs are mostly engaged in highly appreciated work. The top three items on the wishlist were to (1) Acquire more Flying Sites, (2) Foster Supervision and (3) Be more supportive or inclusive. (Results were capped at 6 responses; please see the full report for all responses).

6.) Feedback on QSA Aviation Grants

In 2025, QSA for the first time offered a \$2,000 project grant that pilots could apply for to benefit the sport in the region. All SAFA members in our region (S-QLD) were eligible to apply for the grant, and in the survey we asked whether members would like QSA to continue offering these grants.

Several respondents mentioned that the grants should be reviewed and decided on a case-by-case basis to make sure they serve valid causes and benefit many pilots. This is the case: The project grant applications are reviewed by the QSA management committee on a case-by-case basis and are decided via majority vote. See the QSA website and download the form to learn more about eligibility and selection criteria of project grants (www.qsa.asn.au/grants).



Result: We had 96 responses to this question:

Yes: 69% (67 votes)

No: 21% (20 votes)

Undecided: 9% (9 votes)

7.) How should the \$22 RDL be spent?

The majority of respondents asked that (1) RDLs are spent to continue to support their clubs, followed closely by (2) requests to reduce club membership fees and/or adopt a similar system to NSWHPA. (3) Some respondents asked QSA to spend funds on securing or acquiring flying sites that can be used by all pilots. For more details, please see the full report.

8.) Feedback to the Survey and Thanks

The feedback to the survey was overwhelmingly positive, with pilots thanking QSA for engaging with the community, and many praising the design of the survey. Some pilots raised questions in providing feedback, which we addressed in a Q&A section in the full report.

If you have any questions about QSA or the survey, please send an email to president@qsa.asn.au.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the survey and hope that we can count on your support in future initiatives to support the sport in our region! ✨

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