



Wednesday 12 August

What does SARSIG stand for?

Dear Peter,

In this newsletter update from your HGFA we want to simply and clearly explain the SARSIG model as we are hearing of members being unclear as to what the SARSIG is all about and indeed why we have to have it at all?

SARSIG stands for State Associations, Regions and Special Interest Groups. These are the groups that, once affiliated, are eligible for funding from the HGFA under the new model.

What is the SARSIG project?

The SARSIG project aims to clarify roles and responsibility of State Associations and other bodies that receive funding from the HGFA. The SARSIG project is also introducing a new way of allocating funding from the HGFA.

Paul Coffey (HGFA Secretary) and
Stephen Clark (Board member)
SARSIG project co-ordinators

Why was change necessary?

The previous State Association based funding model where HGFA funds were passed to the various State Associations without any accountability for the funds received was unsustainable and, ultimately, illegal.

Unsustainable - because the Auditor made it clear that the HGFA was accountable for all funds passing through HGFA bank accounts. However, with the so-called "State Levies" or "State Fees", the HGFA had no idea what those funds were used for or how they were disbursed as the State Associations refused to provide their annual reports.

Illegal - in that it is not allowable for members of one organisation to be deemed to be members of another (albeit affiliated) organisation and to have a part of their membership fees passed to that secondary organisation. By joining the HGFA, a member only joins the HGFA. If that member also

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In other news

Cairns Hang Gliding Club is having a fly-in/competition

Cairns Hang Gliding Club is having a fly-in/competition at Eungella on the **26th and 27th September**.

Entry fee is \$20. All pilots are welcome.

We are also going to do some maintenance to the ramp while we are there.

For all the details please visit our website

www.cairnshangglidingclub.org

or email

flyng@cairnshangglidingclub.org

Nominations due for the next board

As you are all aware the nominations will be closing on **14 August 2009 for the 2010 - 2012 Board**.

wishes to join a club or State Association, they must agree to do so by voluntarily signing a membership form and paying the appropriate fee for joining. There is no compulsion for any HGFA member to join any secondary organisation.

What changes are being made?

To clarify roles and responsibilities, a new affiliation form has been developed that details what is expected from SARSIGs. Also the method by which funds are passed to the States is being changed from the previous head-count model to a project-based model.

Regional and Special Interest Groups are included with the traditional State Associations to widen the range of member groups eligible to receive HGFA funds for their legitimate projects.

How is funding accessed?

The only requirements are that each group must officially affiliate with the HGFA and submit a funding request form. The fund request form requires the SARSIG to provide details of the purposes for any needed funding and the group must provide annual financial reports outlining how the funds were used – all very straight-forward.

What are the benefits?

This widening of the range of groups eligible for funding has meant that the SARSIG project has provided an avenue for funding to groups of pilots who previously found it difficult or impossible to get funding under the old state-based funding model. This allows these groups to better support their members and grow their aspect of the sport. In turn, this should contribute to retaining/building HGFA membership, benefiting all HGFA members in the long run.

Who is affiliated for the coming year?

Currently, SARSIGs representing more than 80% of all HGFA members have completed the paperwork and formally affiliated with the HGFA for the coming year. These SARSIGs are now eligible to apply for funding for their individual projects.

A list of nominees will be included in the September *Soaring Australia* issue, along with their profile and contact details for members to make direct enquiries on views, visions, etc to those standing.

Ballot will be sent also in the September issue with a closing date to be received by the **HGFA Office by 2 October 2009**

Any member nominating for the Committee of management position should read all the latest issues of *Soaring Australia* on the recent direction changes initiated by CASA for sport and recreation aviation administration organisations.

Successful candidates of this election will be in the seat to ensure that these CASA initiatives are carried through.

Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding Championships 2010

Forbes is on again next January bigger and better than ever. 10 days of competition flying, \$10,000 worth of cash and prizes.

WHEN: Practice day Saturday 2nd January, 2010
Competition Days Sunday 3rd – Tuesday 12th January, 2010
WHERE: Forbes Airport, Forbes NSW Australia (8 kms from town)

LAUNCH: Aerotow Only

SANCTIONING: HGFA AAA and FAI WPRS

REGISTRATION & PRACTICE DAY: Saturday 2nd January, 2010

ON-LINE REGISTRATION:
Reserve your place by entering online at www.moyes.com.au/Forbes2010
Pay your entry fee before the 25th November to receive a competition T-shirt free.
Entry Fee \$250 Includes Welcome party BBQ and presentation dinner. Pay by direct deposit or credit card. Phone or email your card number and expiry date.
Direct deposit into account.
BSB Number: 032-251
Acc No: 110-905
Acc Name: Moyes Delta Gliders Pty. Ltd.
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