
Airwaves



HGFA Airwaves
September 2010

Greetings!

Welcome to the September edition of the HGFA Airwaves Newsletter.
If you have any articles that you would like to see sent to the HGFA members then please email them to newsletter@hgfa.asn.au

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HGFA Operations Manager Position



Mark Campbell, the Operations Manager we appointed in June, suffered a family crisis necessitating his return to the England for the foreseeable future.

Mark could only give us one weeks notice and his unplanned departure has required the appointment of an interim Operations Manager.

John Twomey offered to fill the position and, after discussion of alternatives, was appointed subject to his standing down from the Committee for the duration of his appointment.

The Committee have resolved to advertise the position in the next available issue of Soaring Australia to ensure all HGFA and GFA members are aware of the opportunity.

All previous applicants are encouraged to apply for the position which is

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Melbourne office based with a salary of \$85k (plus super).

We anticipate being in a position to appoint our next permanent OM in early November.

Alex Jones
HGFA President

Notice of Annual General Meeting



Please be advised that the HGFA AGM for 2010 will be held at the following time and place.

9am - 5:30pm
Saturday 9th October 2010

"Somerton Room", Holiday Inn
10-14 Centre Road
Melbourne Airport (ph: 9933 5111)

All HGFA pilots are welcome to attend.

FAI Licenses for HGFA Members



The procedure for HGFA members to maintain their FAI license will be simplified. For the last few years pilots have been required to fax a membership form to the office each year to maintain their FAI license. This process has ceased. In future pilots will simply check a box during their yearly HGFA membership renewal to indicate they would also like an FAI license. It will take some time to implement this change and they it will be a full 12 months of the membership cycle before we catch everyone so please note the following for summer 2010/11:

If you are an Australian pilot competing in an FAI Cat 2 sanctioned competition in Australia, then do nothing. Your details will automatically be added to the FAI license database.

If you are an Australian pilot competing in an FAI Cat 2 sanctioned competition overseas but not competing in any Australian Cat 2 comps, please contact benn.kovco@hgfa.asn.au to be added to the FAI license database.

Any questions regarding this process please email benn.kovco@hgfa.asn.au.

Bright Open 2011



Bright Open - Comp Coaching Week - Feb 5th to 12th - 2011.

A meeting of around 20 pilots was held during the Bright Open comp earlier this year. The larger part of the discussion was around the dwindling numbers attending competitions in recent years and how to encourage pilots back to organised events. Further debate continued on the Oz paragliding forum and through both these discussions many good suggestions were made such as shorter tasks to get more pilots in goal, holding the comps at different times (general consensus was that the back to back AAA's had a negative impact on pilot attendance overall) and providing more value to pilots who are new to competition or chose to fly in competition for reasons other than making the national team (the majority of pilots).

To this end, in February 2011 the Bright Open will run as a coaching and competition week with the following structure:

- 2 separate tasks will be set each day, one 'AAA' task and one 'Serial' task.
- The AAA task will be set at the highest level for pilots wanting to gain maximum ladder points and train at the highest level possible in Australia.
- The Serial task will be a shorter, more easily achieved task for pilots looking to improve their skills, get to goal or simply go racing with friends.

Before the first day of competition, pilots must choose to fly either the Serial or AAA task as each will be scored separately and trophies awarded according in each class. The two tasks will essentially run as one competition with a separate committee for each task. All pilots will launch together and tasks for each group will be set in the same general area so that pilots from both groups will be crossing paths and flying together.

The week will also focus heavily on pilot development and encouraging new and intermediate pilots in several ways:

- Providing mentoring to any pilots who wish to sign up for the program. The idea is to

assist pilots in any aspect of competition in order for them to get the most from attending this and other competitions.

- Daily lectures from Australia's most experienced pilots on numerous topics
- A general focus on helping intermediate pilots to get the most they can from each flying day

You can register for the competition now at www.ozparaglidingcomps.com and further information will be available soon at www.brightopen.org. Any questions please email bennkovco@gmail.com.

HGFA Forums back online



The HGFA Forums are back online and can be seen via the "Forums" link on the HGFA Web Site - <http://www.hgfa.asn.au/>

Volunteer Web Developer (ASP.NET)



The HGFA is currently seeking the help of a volunteer ASP.NET Developer to assist in creating a simple web page to integrate with our Membership Database.

If you've got a bit of spare time, want to make a contribution to your fellow pilots and know your way around Windows IIS and ASP.NET then please send an email to newsletter@hgfa.asn.au.

Upcoming PG Events & Competitions



- * [Canungra Cup](#) (Canungra, Qld) : Oct 2010
- * [Queensland Paragliding Championships](#) - Various
- * [Not The Vic Open](#) (Bright, Vic) : 30 Oct - 2 Nov 2010
- * [Weekend Warriors](#) (Manilla, NSW) : Various Dates
- * [XC Open](#) (Manilla, NSW) : Jan 2011
- * [Bright Open 2011](#) (Vic) : Feb 5th - 12th 2011
- * [State of Origin](#) (Manilla, NSW) : Easter 2011
- * [Ozone Corryong Open](#) : Mar 2011

* [Online Cross Country Comps](#) : Anytime!

Paragliding competitions registration can be done online at:
<http://ozparaglidingcomps.com/>

Please send details of other events to: newsletter@hgfa.asn.au

Upcoming HG Events & Competitions



- * [Ride the Spiral](#) (Mount Beauty, Vic) : Oct/Nov 2010
- * [Canungra Classic](#) (Qld) : Oct 2010
- * [Gulgong Classic](#) (NSW) : Nov 2010
- * [Corryong Cup](#) (Corryong, Vic) - Jan 2011
- * [Bogong Cup](#) (Vic) - Jan 2011

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About 'Airwaves'

'Airwaves' is the e-newsletter of the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia. It is scheduled to be sent out monthly but actual delivery dates may vary depending on events and circumstances.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments about 'Airwaves' then please send them through to: newsletter@hgfa.asn.au.

That's all Folks!!!

For further details or questions regarding HGFA Operations or Management please email the HGFA Committee (committee@hgfa.asn.au).

Sincerely,

The HGFA