

Airwaves August 2018



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Welcome to the **August** edition of Airwaves; the bi-monthly e-newsletter of the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia!

In this edition:

- **2018 Pre-World/Hungarian Open:** We celebrate the achievements of our skilled Aussie pilots who dominated the skies over Macedonia and proudly flew the flag high for our sport. ([see results here](#))
- **Founding fathers of the hang gliding world, Pat Crowe:** We look into the life and passion behind one of the founding fathers of the hang gliding world, Pat Crowe who was recently awarded the FAI Hang Gliding Diploma award at Grafton Airfield ([read more](#))

- **Club Success:** We take a look at the successes and positive growth of the Sydney Paragliding and Hang Gliding Club ([read more](#))
- **Highlight a new exciting role in our team-** Safety Management Officer ([read more](#))

2018 Pre-Worlds/Hungarian Open

Out of 137 competitors, our Australian pilots flew sky high at the recent Pre-World/Hungarian with Alex Yaschenko's stellar performance, winning him 1st place, while Wally Arcidiacono took out 3rd place. A special mention also goes to our team Gin Australia, who also came first in their category.

We couldn't be prouder of our Aussie pilots, whose total respect, commitment and dedication to their sport was highlighted throughout the competition.

The complete ranking of our pilots were:

- Alex Yaschenko - 1st
- Wally Arcidiacono - 3rd
- Peter Slade - 10th
- James Thompson - 13th
- Steve Nagle - 14th
- Brian Webb - 31st
- Zane Priebbenow - 33rd
- Eddie Kumsuz - 35th

The complete list of winners can be seen [here](#).

Team results can be seen [here](#).

Pat Crowe's history-making moment for the sport of Hang Gliding

Recognised as one of the founding fathers of the hang gliding world, Pat Crowe was recently awarded the FAI Hang Gliding Diploma award at Grafton Airfield. His skill and love of aircraft has helped shaped the sport that it is today. From his humble beginnings as a young 12-year-old in the air cadets to later joining the Air Force- where he built on his already strong knowledge of aerodynamics,

Pat's skill, determination and love of the sport should be commended and celebrated.



Read more about Pat's history- making moment for the sport of hang gliding [here](#).

Skies the limit for Sydney Paragliding and Hang Gliding Club

The Sydney Paragliding and Hang Gliding Club (SPHGC) are spreading their wings further afield from their Northern Beaches skyline, catering and even mentoring a variety of pilots across various Sydney locations.

For more than 20 years, the club has been fostering Paragliding, Powered Paragliding, Hang Gliding and Weight-shift Microlighting, on Sydney's northern beaches.





Club President, John Brassil says to create an even more inclusive and growing club, the Club Committee of Management (CoM) has decided to break out of its Northern Beaches centric outlook.

Read more about the Club's growth and successes [here](#).

We are hiring!

The HGFA are on the hunt for an experienced Safety Management Officer who will be responsible for the administration of the HGFA Safety Management System program and functions as the Chairman of the Safety of Operations Committee.

Part 149 has now been past into legislation. As such, all RAO's will need to implement the required regulatory change- This involves the employment of a Safety Management Officer.

To learn more about the role, visit [here](#).

Until next time, safe, fun flying

- Paul Green, President, HGFA





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