

Airwaves November 2018



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Welcome to the **November** edition of Airwaves - the bi-monthly e-newsletter of the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia.

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- **Altitude with Attitude:** Celebrating the success of the very first Altitude with Attitude Women's Fly-In, that took place at Rainbow Beach, Queensland in September, another exciting female Fly-In has been organised in Bright, Victoria.
- **Ningaloo Reef through a microlight:** take a 'Birds Eye View' of the

- **Ningaloo Reef through a microlight.** Take a Bird's Eye view of the renowned and world-heritage listed Ningaloo Reef and talk to Microlight pilot, Gavin Penfold on his plans to expand his flying capabilities to waterborne operations - the best vantage points to explore and marvel at this pristine stretch of coastline.
- **Forbes Flatlands:** Renowned as being the biggest competition on the Australian circuit and playing host to some of the world's best pilots, we look at the exciting itinerary of this year's Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding Championship - taking place from December 27-January 5.
- **International Associations Forum:** We look at how our recent initiative to reach out to other international hang gliding and paragliding associations, is the first and important step in helping to evolve and grow our sport around the globe.

Altitude with Attitude

Bright paraglider pilot, Kirsten Seeto's passion for flying and her ability to empower and motivate other female pilots to take flight has resulted in the first successful, nationwide Altitude with Attitude Women's Fly-In at Rainbow Beach, this September.

Great weather conditions and fantastic hospitality and support of the local club saw seven women take to the skies over the beautiful stretch of Queensland coastline.

Kirsten said following the success of the first Women's Fly-In at Rainbow Beach, the second event for the season will be held in Bright from November 16-18.

"Bright is one of Australia's favourite paragliding sites, known for its alpine landscape- which is home to many outdoor sports including cycling, mountain biking, hiking and climbing. Not to mention a delectable choice of cafes and



restaurants,” she said.

“Bright is a great place to hone your cross-country flying skills with a range of routes that extend from short flights to the Wandii Pub to technical triangles that cross multiple valleys. This event is an awesome way to be introduced to the area regardless of your level of skill.”

Places are limited and filling up fast, so don't leave it to the last minute to secure your spot.

Ticket price includes all accommodation, food and retrieves. See altitudewithattitude.info and <https://www.facebook.com/altitudesass> for more information on both past and future events.

Marvelling at the iconic Ningaloo Reef through a microlight

According to Chief Flight Instructor and microlight pilot, Gavin Penfold, taking a 'Birds Eye View' of the renowned and world-heritage listed Ningaloo Reef is the best and only way to experience the beauty of this growingly popular tourist hot spot. The company, fittingly called 'Birds Eye View', is the first microlight operator to be licensed by CASA to use microlights for commercial aerial spotting.



Tourists who flock to this pristine stretch of coastline in WA, are offered a rare and exciting vantage point with Gavin's microlights, being able to soar sky high as they marvel at the Whaleshark and Humpback Whales, as well as being able to take in the spectacular sights of the world's longest fringing coral reef. Gavin explains where his passion of microlights came from and his exciting future plans to extend the business into waterborne operations. [Read more here](#)

Forbes Flatlands set to break records this summer

The upcoming summer sizzle and recent dry spell across central-west NSW could make for some record breaking conditions at the 2018 Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding Championship - held from December 27 - January 5.

Renowned as the biggest competition on the Australian Circuit and hosting some of the best pilots across the world, more than 60 experienced pilots are set to take to the skies in the hopes of setting another record task - last year



saw the record task of 3888.8km North to Manila with 16 pilots making goal and another 7 pilots flying over 300km. [Read more here.](#)

To register for this exciting competition, visit:

<https://www.forbesflatlands.com/register/pilot-registration>

International Associations Forum

The HGFA recently hosted the first of what are to be ongoing, online hook-ups with the USA, Canada and New Zealand hang gliding and paragliding Associations. The initiative was driven by HGFA Treasurer Brian Webb and covered a range of agenda items, some strategic and some operational. It's intended that future meetings of this type will include additional International

Associations. It's evident from the forum, that there is a general appetite for these meetings to continue and they can be a significant networking opportunity to evolve and grow our sport and recreational flying activities around the globe.

HFGA Member Code Of Conduct Reminder

Recently we have been made aware of some negative comments made by a member towards another fellow member. This member is understandably upset by these inappropriate remarks.

Even though we may at times share different views, as members of the HGFA we're all part of the same community and it's important for us to treat each other with respect. We appreciate that most of our members do this.

Nevertheless, we would like to ask members to read the [HGFA Member Code of Conduct](#) so we get back to enjoying our sport and the lasting friendships we make in our flying community. Thank you.

Until next time, safe, fun flying

- Paul Green, President, HGFA



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