

Airwaves August 2019



Hi << Test First Name >>

Welcome to the August edition of Airwaves - the bi-monthly e-newsletter of the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia. In this edition:

- All the highlights from the 16th FAI World Championships in Macedonia
- What to expect from this year's Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding Competition – the biggest hang gliding comp on the Australian Circuit
- Nanolite pilot, Mark Rindel shares his incredible flying achievement, an Australian-first for a lightweight aircraft

Kari Wins Bronze at FAI Paragliding World Championships

Congratulations to Kari Ellis for winning Bronze in the Women's category at the 2019 FAI

Paragliding World Championship, held in Macedonia this August.

The air sports extravaganza saw most of the Worlds' best race paragliding Pilots competing for the much-coveted World Champion title, as well as National Team Championship accolades. After two weeks of gruelling, non-stop action, with over 1000km flown and with over 30 hours in 10 individual tasks, Kari managed to nab third place overall in the Women's ranking. [Read more here.](#)



(L to R) Yael Margelisch, Merryll Delferriere and Kari Ellis

Forbes Flatlands 2020

Excitement is building for the world-renown Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding Championship, to be held from Friday 3rd through to Saturday 11th January. It is expected to be a great turn out with over 60 pilots from Australia and across the globe set to take part in this thrilling event, that has been running for nearly 30 years.

Event organiser, Vicki Cain said the appeal of Forbes lies in its consistent flying conditions, the great hospitality shown to the hang gliding fraternity and the competition organisation from the local community. [Read more here.](#)





Australian-first feat for nanolite pilot

Flying across our great country, witnessing the vast, rustic red desert of WA to the crystal clear coastline of Byron Bay, was all in memory of legendary weightshift pilot, John Oliver – a tribute flight flown by friend, Mark Rindel from Mount Waverley.

Achieving an Australian first feat (the lightest aircraft to ever cross the country) as well as flying from the most western point at Steep Pt to the most eastern point in Byron Bay, Mark Rindel flew around 6000km in his nanolite aircraft - an average of four hours in the air each day. [Read more here.](#)





Image courtesy of Monash Leader

Best Wishes to Steve Blenkinsop

Champion HG pilot Steve Blenkinsop is on a long road to recovery following a quite serious accident whilst out riding his bike recently. Steve is a long time Australian HG team member and one of our very best HG pilots.

We wish Steve and wife Liz and family all the best for a full & speedy recovery and hope to see him fit and back in the skies again, as soon as possible.

Manilla Rivergums Caravan Park

The following information is for the benefit of any pilots who may be travelling to Manilla NSW. This caravan park facility is under new management. They have written to us to dispel any rumours among our aviation community that the park is closed. They have asked us to convey the message that the park is definitely open and available for visitors to stay at.

Flying Stories

If you have a great flying story you would like share, please send them to editor@hgfa.asn.au

Until next time, safe, fun flying

- Paul Green, President, SAFA



@safaus is also now on Instagram! **Follow us** [here](#) and tag us for a share!



Copyright © 2020 Sports Aviation Federation of Australia, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email as a member (or past member) of the SAFA.

Our mailing address is:
Sports Aviation Federation of Australia
21 / 54 Commercial Place
Keilor East, VIC 3033
Australia

Add us to your address book

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.