

# Passing Of Neil Mersham

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## **Passing of Neil Mersham in a Hang Gliding Accident, Lennox Heads NSW**

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of Neil Mersham, a well-respected Chief Flight Instructor and member of the Sports Aviation Federation of Australia.

Neil tragically died in a hang gliding accident while flying at Lennox Heads in NSW on 30 October 2019. His passenger was also critically injured in this accident.

Neil, who resided in Byron Bay was an experienced pilot and well-respected in his local flying community.

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SAFA Operations and local Police investigations were immediately mobilised and are now assisting Coronial authorities.

It is too early to determine the cause of the accident and until the investigation is complete, we cannot comment. Members will understand that this process will take some time before firm conclusions can be made and findings shared.

Our sincere condolences are with the Neil's family and the local flying community at this sad time.

Our thoughts are also with the passenger and his family during this difficult time.

**- Brett Coupland, Chief Operations Officer, HGFA**



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