



Tuesday 18 August

Open letter from Bill Moyes

Dear Members of the HGFA

I have been flying a long time and seen many changes over the years. We have grown from just backyard flyers who took their lives into their own hands every time we went flying, to certified pilots who can soar the heights for hours and travel hundreds of miles.

After so many years, and many positive changes to our sport we now have a possible upheaval that could ruin hang gliding in Australia.

In just a few weeks there is to be a vote. A Special General Meeting (SGM) has been asked for by some members of the HGFA. I believe that the motions put forward to be voted on have the potential to damage the HGFA to the point where we may no longer be able to fly.

I believe our sport is currently going in the right direction. I believe that the Board is taking the right steps to assure the future of hang gliding in Australia. As an organisation we need to meet our obligations to both insurance and the law, as well as our fellow members. This means changes that come at a cost. Yes, there was an increase to the membership fees, but without the changes.....

Having been on the Board for many years I can tell you that there is work being done for the benefits of members that few appreciate.

The HGFA is much more than just a jumped up club. In today's world it needs to keep pace and adhere to many laws and satisfy its obligations to its members. It caters for many disciplines and all this takes money. To reduce spending would be just sticking our heads in the sand. But it wouldn't take long before we would all pay dearly for that type of negligence.

The wrong decisions now could mean the end of hang gliding in Australia.

I believe that the board are pushing HGFA in the right direction. I support the board and will be voting against the motions put forward in the SGM. I would urge you all to do the

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Forbes is on again next January bigger and better than ever. 10 days of competition flying, \$10,000 worth of cash and prizes.

WHEN: Practice day Saturday 2nd January, 2010
Competition Days Sunday 3rd – Tuesday 12th January, 2010

WHERE: Forbes Airport, Forbes NSW Australia (8 kms from town)

LAUNCH: Aerotow Only

SANCTIONING: HGFA AAA and FAI WPRS

REGISTRATION & PRACTICE DAY: Saturday 2nd January, 2010

ON-LINE REGISTRATION:
Reserve your place by entering online at www.moyes.com.au/Forbes2010
Pay your entry fee before the 25th November to receive a competition T-shirt free.

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I sincerely hope that I will see you all in the air for many years to come.

Bill Moyes
Patron of HGFA

2010 Board Nominations are in

Nominations for the next board are now closed and we are pleased to announce that 21 members have placed their nomination for the 2010 - 2012 Board.

Once the list is confirmed we will release the names and contact details so you can communicate further in order to make your informed voting decision.

All nominations will be in the next Soaring Australia which will be out at the end of August and early September along with all the voting forms.

Entry Fee \$250 Includes Welcome party BBQ and presentation dinner. Pay by direct deposit or credit card. Phone or email your card number and expiry date. Direct deposit into account. BSB Number: 032-251
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