

# HGFA



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## This HGFA eNewsletter could use a new name

It is \$50 off your next membership renewal for the member who comes up with the best name for this eNewsletter (Judged by the Board). Send in your thoughts to [Raef](#).

The new email newsletter is the first step in streamlining and lowering costs at the HGFA. Soon you will be able to request that all your correspondence from HGFA is received via email and getting a direct reduction in your fees. You will be able to: vote, receive ops manual updates, membership renewal, HGFA material, etc.

We are open for stories, comp updates, notices from all fields so if you have something you want to share send it in to the [HGFA newsletter editor](#). If you would like to take advantage of the advertising spaces have a chat with the [HGFA newsletter editor](#) and secure your spot.

## New HGFA fees made simple

[Alex Jones](#) sends:

### Membership Fees and Member Recovery

#### Membership and Fees

HGFA membership decreased from 2732 in September 2007 to 2250 in September 2009 - a decrease of 482 members.

The fee increase on 1st September 2008 contributed to the membership loss. To some members cost is not an issue, but for many it is and fees need to be kept as low as possible to retain members for the long term and attract new members.

The previous Board's HGFA Full Membership fee of \$350/\$390 introduced on 1st September 2008 was a flat fee across Australia. Due to the variation in State/Region levies, this system caused an inequity whereby all members paid the same but did not receive the same value in return. A member in Queensland had \$22 returned their to their State in support of their regional activities and paid \$328 to the HGFA, while a member in Tasmania had \$62 returned and paid \$288 to the HGFA.

To redress the inequity and to re-empower our State and Regional Associations in assisting with managing regional operations we have decided that the annual HGFA membership fee will again comprise a base HGFA fee plus a State levy. Though far more

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## In other news

### 14,000'

[Vicki Cain](#) has received official permission to have the upper limit of "hang glider specific air space" lifted from 10,000' to 14,000' for the [Forbes Flatlands](#), January 3rd - 12th. [Phil Schroder](#) has asked CASA to raise class E corridor from 8,500' to 10,000', raise class C 8,500' LL to 10,000' (south of CTR), raise class C 4,500' LL (over Beechworth) to 5,500' for the [Bogong Cup](#). Phil is not hopeful.

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### HGFA BOD reverses decision

The HGFA BOD revoted to send Heather to the CIVL Plenary in February. They initially turned her down and she resigned her position and from the HGFA (or at least threatened to do so.) More [here](#).

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### HGFA Office closed

HGFA – NATIONAL OFFICE  
CLOSURE over Xmas

24th December 2009 – Closed – 1pm  
to 4th January 2010 – Re-open.

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### Comp coverage

The [Forbes Flatlands](#) and the [Bogong Cup](#) will be covered with daily reports in [Jonny's blog](#) and the [Oz Report](#) (which will link to other blogs).

equitable than SARSIG3, this model will be need to be adjusted in the future to ensure the needs of special interest groups are met.

The HGFA fee from 1st February 2010 will be the HGFA fee as of 1st July 2008 (\$261) adjusted for inflation to \$270. This will be added to a State levy bringing the full membership fee to that shown in Table 1. Though far more equitable than SARSIG3, this model will be adjusted in the future to ensure the needs of special interest groups are met.

Table 1: Full Membership Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

State / Region	HGFA Fee	State Levy	HGFA Full Membership Fee
NSW	270	38.5	\$308.50
Vic	270	44	\$314.00
SEQld	270	22	\$292.00
NthQld	270	22	\$292.00
WA	270	27.5	\$297.50
SA/NT	270	55	\$325.00
ACT	270	55	\$325.00
Tas	270	62	\$332.00
OS	300	0	\$300.00

Members whose renewal is prior to February 1st 2010 and members who join prior to 1st February 2010 must pay the \$350/\$390 fee.

With the previous fee change on September 1st 2008, all members who renew between September 1st 2009 and January 31st 2010 will have paid the \$350/\$390 fee twice.

**This will be redressed by a credit on their next renewal equal to \$350 minus (\$270 + State levy) as per Table 2.**

As each member renews their membership between September 1st 2010 and January 31st 2011 the credit will be applied, thus ensuring all renewing members will have effectively only paid the \$350/\$390 flat fee once.

Table 2: Credit if Membership renewal is due between 1/9/2010 – 31/1/2011

State / Region	NSW	Vic	SEQld	NthQld	WA	SA/NT	ACT	Tas	OS
Credit	\$41.50	\$36.00	\$58.00	\$58.00	\$52.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$18.00	\$50.00

This credit will also be applied to members who joined the HGFA between September 1st 2009 and January 31st 2010 to ensure all HGFA members have paid the same fees since September 1st 2009.

A renewing membership credit is the only manageable way of adjusting for the retrospective refund as a credit is universally applied to all renewals in a fixed period.

### Recover Lapsed Members Project

We recognized before the SGM which replaced the HGFA

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Executive that there were a significant number of members who chose not to renew their membership because of the high fees, centralization and the culture change of HGFA management.

To encourage these members to rejoin we made a commitment to the membership to offer all members who did not renew membership between 1st January 2006 and 30th June 2009 a discounted \$100 full membership covering the balance of this financial year.

In the near future we will attempt to contact these ex-members and invite them to rejoin the HGFA. They will be required to have a skills check before their Pilot Certificate is reinstated.

We set the cut off date of 30th June 2009 to exclude those who may have sought a financial advantage by not renewing at \$350/\$390 but calculated they would renew for \$100 (IF the five SGM motions were passed and we stood by the commitment we made prior to the SGM). Memberships whose renewal was due after June 30th 2009 will have to renew at \$350/\$390. They will be eligible for a membership renewal credit in 2010/2011 when renewing between 1st September 2010 and 31st January 2011.

We hope to see many experienced (and not so experienced) pilots rejoining our ranks.

The HGFA Committee

## Thanks from the HGFA

Raef writes:

A big thanks goes out to the members who have contacted us with pledges of help with the different fields we advertised in the last news letter. Martin Kidd of [Powercom Pacific](#) has already done an analysis and estimates a saving of \$2,900 on our phones. Thanks Martin.

And thanks again to all the others that have offered their help. We have had offers in IT, Legal, Insurance, CASA, Safety and others. It is a slow process getting going, but with the help of the membership it should be smooth sailing from here. When you see these guys on the hill give them a pat on the back as it's great to have members willing to contribute.

If you were feeling a little shy and unsure of weather we could use your help don't be shy drop us an email we may be able to find something for you yet.

## On Line promotion opportunity

Mazda is offering us an online promo opportunity.

Hayley Pawley writes:

Very basically, Zoom-Zoom magazine (Australia) is going to have an online presence from the next issue. Here is the Canadian version that exists HP> already if you would like to take a look:

<http://www.zoomzoommag.ca/2009-01.html>

One of the features we are producing for the e-zine is about 'gas free thrills' - environmentally friendly adventure sports.

We were hoping to include a short 20-30 second video of someone hang gliding so that readers can get a 'feel' for how exhilarating the sport is.

If you have anything we can use (it can be longer than 20-30 seconds, we can edit material here) would you be able to upload it to our ftp site?

<http://dropbox.yousendit.com/NikBerg1234057>

Please let me know how you/your photographer would like to be credited if you have anything we can share.

## Fifty Years of "modern" hang gliding

Graeme Henderson writes:

On September the 8th, 2013 it will be 50 years since the first Modern Hang Glider was flown. I invite any individuals, or organisations, wishing to arrange any event in relation to this milestone in aviation history, to contact me with their ideas, requests, or proposals, for our consideration. Offers of help are also very welcome.

While the focus of our Celebrations will be at Grafton, it is envisaged that events marking this occasion will occur around the globe. I will soon be inviting aviation groups from around the world to participate, we will be welcoming sponsorship for events, competitions, and seminars.

## Upcoming Competitions

The HGFA Competition Calendar (numerous errors)



[Corryong Cup 2010](#), B, 3rd Jan - 9th Jan, Corryong, NSW, [Wendi Herman](#) (Organiser)



[Victorian Serial Series](#), 26th to 29th Dec, Melbourne, 23rd to 26th Jan, Corryong, VIC, [Colin Page](#)



[Forbes Flatlands 2010](#), AAA, 3rd Jan - 12th Jan, Forbes, NSW, [Vicki Cain](#)



[Bogong Cup 2010](#), AAA, 16th Jan - 23rd Jan, Mt. Beauty, Vic [Phil Schroder](#) (Organiser), Wes Hill (Director)



[NSW State Titles, \(Manilla\) 2010](#), B, 14th Feb - 20th Feb, Manilla, NSW, [Monica Barrett](#) (Organiser)



[Manilla XC Open 2010](#), 30th Jan - 10th Feb, Manilla, NSW, [Godfrey Wenness](#), CAT2



[Dalby Big Air 2010](#), 14th - 20th March, Dalby, QLD, [Darron Hodder](#)