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# Airwaves



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## New HGFA Membership Database - Live

Hello All Members!

After a long period of sustained effort by the HGFA Office (Special thanks to Trene), the Committee of Management (CoM) and especially the database programmer Rolf Shatzmann (HGFA #64301)(patience of a saint!), I have the pleasure to announce that the HGFA database is now live!

### Background

HGFA had been using the IMIS database system for several years now and it more or less served the office well. However, the costs were mounting and the forward costs were looking astronomical. IMIS only supported usage within the office and was going to be mega-bucks to migrate to a system that would support the Membership online (~\$40K to make the required changes and over \$10K / year!!). IMIS still had very limited functionality and the consulting fees on top of all the other fees were very scary.

IRIS (the now dis-continued incident reporting system) was also going to start costing us tens of thousands...

Some ~18 months ago the CoM decided to go down the perilous path of the HGFA building its own bespoke system which would better meet the needs of our organisation. We've had our fun, and some cross words have been said, but we stayed the course and now here we are - going live to the Membership!

The new database has been in use for several months now in the office, gradually ironing out the inevitable bugs.

The new system is 100% owned by the HGFA, owes us nothing and we are in the position of now being able to consider selling the database system to similar organisations, thereby recouping some of the costs of design and implementation (that being less than one years subscription to IMIS!). Total cost of the new database? ~\$16K

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## Just Some of the Features

### For Members

- Members can log in and see / modify their account details.
- State Associations / Clubs can download current membership lists.
- **AIRS (Accident / Incident Reporting System)** - Members can log / review accidents / incidents online. IRIS is now discontinued.
- Members can look up new / visiting pilots to check their qualifications.
- Members can view their account / qualification history.
- Members can renew their membership totally online.
- Members can nominate their club memberships
- Manage their wing registrations (WSM)
- Renewals and other notifications sent out automatically

### New Members

- Can establish and transact a new membership online before attending a training school.

### For SSO's

- Issue endorsements / ratings
- View membership lists

### For Instructors / Schools

- Instructors can submit qualifications electronically on behalf of students / members. (Either as fillable PDFs, scans, or still just submit the old fashioned way by fax or post)
- View a Members training records (for check-flights etc.)

### For the HGFA Office

- Faster response to Member enquires
- Print Membership cards direct from the system
- Process applications / forms faster
- Manage all aspects of memberships
- Generate required reports for internal use and CASA
- Manage financials
- Manage wing registrations
- Manage school facility audit schedules
- Access / process information from the field

## Using it

Members are invited to access the system. The system is accessible from the main HGFA website ([www.hgfa.asn.au](http://www.hgfa.asn.au)). Use the email address that you receive this Airwaves on to be sent a new password. That's it, simple.

**Note:** This is a brand-new online database and there may still be bugs lurking in the system. We've tested it in every way we could imagine, but the system is yet to be tested under full-load (like when this Airwaves goes out)

There is a "feedback" button built into the system. If you have problems, please use that first, and only then, if you need to, contact the office. :o)

A big thanks to Rolf at [www.lampdatabase.com](http://www.lampdatabase.com) for all his efforts!

Regards,

Sun  
#64245

## HGFA Committee of Management - Nominations

ELECTION of HGFA Committee of Management (CoM) for 2013-2015  
As per the HGFA Constitution nominations are called for election of the 2013-2015 CoM.

Nominees must be current full or family members of the HGFA. Voting rights will be for current Full or Family members.

Nominations for election to the 9 positions must be received by 4.30 pm on 21 June 2013 at the HGFA National Office at 4c/60 Keilor Park Drive, KEILOR PARK VIC 3042

Nominees are requested to prepare a statement declaring their interest in holding a



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position on the HGFA Committee of Management and to include a brief resume outlining their history with the HGFA, their professional skills, their working experience and to give a vision statement of what he or she would bring to the Committee of Management. Experience in Administration and an understanding of the processes of Government would be an asset.

The nomination and optional nominee statement can be posted as above or emailed or faxed (faxing can be unreliable) to the National Office as follows:

Email: [office@hgfa.asn.au](mailto:office@hgfa.asn.au)  
Fax: 03 9336 7177

The Nominees and their Resume will be published in August'13-September'13 Skysailor. The Electoral Ballot Paper will also be included and is required to be returned via Australia Post into the Office no later than days end on 2nd September 2013; pre-paid postage will be provided.

The constitution permits self-nomination.

The current HGFA Committee of Management (CoM) two-year term of office expires at the 2013 Annual General Meeting 2013. The new Committee will take office at that time.

Please direct any complaints re: this late notice to [secretary@hgfa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@hgfa.asn.au) (CoM and Operations Manager had sent me this text earlier, but I'd missed it - Sun)

## WM / Rotax Maintenance Courses

The HGFA will be running maintenance courses throughout the country at various venues. These will be 2-day courses and will contain both classroom and practical work on 2-stroke and 4-stroke Rotax engines and Trikes.

WM/Rotax Maintenance courses - QLD  
Venue: Chevallum, SE QLD  
Date: TBA

WM/Rotax Maintenance courses - NSW  
Venue: Ballina, NSW  
Date: TBA

WM/Rotax Maintenance course - WA  
Venue: Exmouth, WA  
Date: TBA (September or October 2013, if sufficient interest)

Please contact Kev MacNally (HGFA WM Technical Officer) via email: [kmacnally@bigpond.com](mailto:kmacnally@bigpond.com) to register your interest for any of the above courses, or to be added to the waiting list.

## Change of HGFA Office Hours

Office Hours are now 10:00am to 4:30pm - Mon to Fri - for phone, email and Fax.

## About 'Airwaves'

Airwaves is intended to communicate pertinent notices in-between the printed magazine editions.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments about 'Airwaves' then please send them through to: [secretary@hgfa.asn.au](mailto:secretary@hgfa.asn.au).

## Feedback

Questions and or feedback regarding HGFA Operations or Management are welcome! Please feel free to email the HGFA Committee ([committee@hgfa.asn.au](mailto:committee@hgfa.asn.au)).

**Sincerely,**

The HGFA