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Welcome to the **November** edition of AirWaves the bi-monthly e-newsletter of the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia.

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- Welcome new National committee members
- Top Tips from Flight instructors
- Favourite Flying destinations for Christmas from gliders

WELCOME OUR NEW COMMITTEE

In November 2017, we held elections for four positions on the National Committee of Management.

Today, I am delighted to announce the four successful candidates are Brian Webb, Mark Rossi, Chris Noye and David Wainwright. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all candidates who participated in the election.



Mark Rossi**Brian Webb****Chris Noye****David Wainwright**

There are also two new state and regional representative committee members. We welcome Brodrick Osborne (North Queensland) and Alistair Dickie (ACT).

The complete HGFA Committee are listed on our website [here](#). Their contact information is available [here](#). As we all volunteer our time please allow us some time to respond to your emails.

FLYING SAFE THIS SEASON

As we approach the summer season and with all the thrilling flight potential that brings, it's always a good idea to check in with some safety precautions for good measure.

Recently we asked some of our notable flight instructors, from a range of different disciplines and from around the nation, for their top safety tips for pilots. Here's a selection of some of the tips they came up with:

A 'SAFETIPITCH' Pre-Flight Checklist for Paramotoring by Chief Flight Instructor Andrew Polidano:



Hang Gliding Emergency Tree Landing advice:

“If you land in trees and a safe descent is not possible, don’t attempt to climb down and self-rescue,” suggests David Cookman, Chief Flight Instructor for WM Trikes and hang gliding.

“Sadly, in past situations these attempts have caused death or injury. Don’t panic as you have survived the tree landing. Instead think about securing yourself in the tree with the aid of your parachute and then making contact for help with either radio or mobile phone and state your position and current situation [...] The tree has probably been there for decades and is unlikely to fall over in the next 24 hours...and there is a strong possibility that you will be rescued within this time frame.”

Using BOM (Bureau of Meteorology) for flight preparation.

“It allows us as aviators to make more informed decision for safer and more enjoyable flights,” says Chris Boyce, Instructor at the Sydney Hang Gliding Centre.

“With Summer on its way and unstable atmospheres to be expected, one of the most valuable steps to include in your pre-flight check is to look at your favourite weather sites for approaching fronts and storm cells immediately before take-off.”

GLIDERS’ FAVOURITE FLYING DESTINATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

SONYA FARDELL

Paragliding pilot **Sonya Fardell**, who is the secretary of the Toowoomba/Killarney Paragliding and Hang Gliding Club in Southern Queensland, says:

“For ‘big air’ XC flying, get a group together and spend a Christmas / New Year break at Godfrey's farm (or River Gums camping in Manilla), flying Mt. Borah.”

“For a more laid back, beach holiday cruise I would suggest the gorgeous coast line of Rainbow Beach.”



(Rainbow Beach by Denis Leboeuf)

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Renowned number one pre-world cup winner **Jonny Durand Jnr** has an array of choices including the following:

Manilla, NSW: “This place has record potential and you can go up one hill and fly nearly every day as it hosts four launch sites on the one hill.”



(Manilla West launch at Mt Borah by Godfrey Wenness)

Bright, VIC: “One of the more scenic places to fly, you have sites such as Mount Buffalo, Mystic, Mount Emu and Tawonga gap. These take-offs offer great flights!”



(Bright, Mystic launch by Shaun Archer) (Bright Pre-PWC 2016 by Jo Hjortshoj)

Corryong, VIC: “Just up the road is a more relaxed place to fly and they also hold a competition in early January. There’s a small area by the river where you can camp but some very scenic flights can happen from here.”

Rainbow beach, QLD: “This is one of my favourite coastal sites, where you take off from the amazing sand blow! A North-East wind normally arrives most afternoons in the summer months.



(Corryong Vic Photo: Jo Hjortshoj)

(Canungra by Dave Gibbs)

(Canungra via, 1 Nov. 2017)

(Canungra by Dave Gibbs)

Canungra, QLD: “My home site! It hosts lots of great flying around this time of year. Many flights of 3-500km have occurred here around this period. It has two main take-offs for general wind direction and it is close to the Gold Coast with lots of fun activities if the weather is not flyable.”

Until next time, safe, fun flying

- Paul Green, President, HGFA



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