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I ask for your vote and my re-election in the upcoming election of the next HGFA Committee of Management.

The HGFA Committee of Management requires some degree of continuity in its membership so it can avoid reinventing the wheel and does not lose its way in progressing those developments and improvements which are in train to better our administration, our member service and cost efficiency.

I joined the HGFA Committee of Management through the Special General Meeting held in September 2009 and became Secretary. I was again voted on to the Committee for two years at the subsequent Election and occupy the office of Treasurer at this time.

I was HGFA Operations Manager for the period from 24 August 2010 to 24 December 2010 taking up the position when the previous occupant resigned with one week of notice. I stood down from the Committee for this period. I hold an Advanced Hang-glider rating and a Restricted Novice Paraglider rating.

I am a past President and Secretary of the VHPA serving on the Committee for 3years in the 90's and 4years in the 00's.

I believe the first responsibility of the HGFA is to administer a high standard of training for those would be pilots attracted to our sports and to encourage and support their development into knowledgeable, capable and self sufficient decision makers. To achieve this we have to first attract them and then retain them and to do that we need to provide grass roots supportive structures. This comes from developing a culture of involved participation, an interest in belonging and community. We have to encourage our pilots' active participation in Clubs, State and Regional Associations, HGFA Sub-committees and the HGFA Committee of Management.

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