

2012 - 2014 HGFA Board of Management Resume

Personal Details:

- Mark Sun Mitsos
- 12th October 1948
- Divorced, two children
- HGFA Number: 13894
- Financial member since 1978

Previous Positions Held:

- PG and HG Regional Examiner for southern NSW
- PG Representative on National Coaching Committee
- Member of the National PG Committee
- PG Representative on Certification Committee
- Current Committee member SPHGPC, assisted in drafting local site procedures
- Previous HGFA Treasurer 2008-2010

Professional Experience:

- **1979:** Skyland Kites, Queensland: HG Manufacturer.
- **1980 - 1984:** Skyland Sail Gliders, Byron Bay. HG design and manufacture (Orion, Pulsar and Altair series)
- **1984 - 1985:** Worked for Austflight Aviation, Ballina NSW, ultralight manufacturing and servicing
- **1985 - 1987:** Founded Enterprise Wings. HG design and manufacturer. (Foil Series, GYRO II and the Aero)
- **May - November 1987:** Airwave Gliders, UK, HG designer. (KISS and Calypso)
- **1988 - Present:** Started Future Wings Pty Ltd. Airwave importer and manufacturer of HG and PG harnesses and accessories. Now Future Wings Pty Ltd sits above The Sydney Paragliding Centre.
- **1990:** PG Instructor Certificate, started Future Wings Paragliding, and now operating under the name, Sydney Paragliding.

Flying Experience:

- **1978:** Learned to Hang Glide (Byron Bay)
- **1982:** Qualified as a HG Instructor
- **1989:** Learned to Paraglide (U.K)
- **1990:** Qualified as a HGFA PG Instructor
- **1995:** Attained PG CFI Certificate.
- Advanced pilot rating in both HG and PG
- Towing endorsement for HG and PG
- Tandem endorsement for PG
- Motorised endorsement for PG
- Extensive flying experience both HG and PG in Europe, including UK, and have flown in many parts of Australia.

Comments:

I have run my own school and taught PG since September 1990. Most of my teaching is on the coast, and I have developed specific ground handling and take off techniques for moderate to strong wind conditions. Running a flying school has increased my knowledge and experience in many areas. I am dedicated to the sport of PG.

I have had experience working on a number of HGFA committees, sometimes in a difficult political environment. I have been involved in the sports of HG and PG from club to national levels for more than 30 yrs. I have extensive knowledge of design, manufacturing and certification of HG and PG, plus a good working knowledge of motorised HG and PG.

I am well known within the HG and PG communities in Australia and overseas, and have played a major role in the development of the sport of HG and PG in Australia.

Vision:

I am concerned with the direction the HGFA needs to take for it to grow and prosper. Board members need to understand and work with the current changing bureaucratic environment. We must work with and support each other as a team to ensure the sports survival and growth.

We must look for new funding sources and new ways to promote the sport, through the WWW as well as through the general media. The HGFA represents a unique group of sports aviation enthusiasts in the community.

As a board member representing this group, I will work actively for the promotion and safety of the sport. We must look at securing our rightful place in the big picture of Sport Aviation in Australia.