

I have been a paraglider pilot and member of the HGFA since 1991. Key points of my candidacy include:

- Long experience of recreational paragliding in Australia
- Exposure to the systems and operations of the Swiss HG/PG association,
- As a recreational and competition pilot, I will be unbiased by personal commercial vested interest and aim to act in the best long term interests of the sport as a whole.
- In nominating for the board election, I aim to provide a balance to the current board, which I feel is under-represented with respect to Victorian, Paragliding and competition pilot interests.
- I have served for two years experience as safety representative of the VHPA state association committed, being motivated to stand by my desire to make a difference to revitalise safety through improved accident and incident reporting and more critically, analysis and prevention of future accidents. The excellent example of the German DHV's consistent and comprehensive accident and incident annual summaries, and the UK BHPA summaries could provide a good basis for working with schools and clubs to develop training systems and curriculum to improve safety in key identified areas.
- I am motivated by a keen interest to regain the consensus support of as many HGFA members as possible in the HGFA board, and to try to keep the board accountable and transparent to the members, as well as upholding the HGFA constitution, or where required and consented to by the members, amending the same if required.
- I aim to maximise the safe and enjoyable participation of all members in our sports, as well as achieving optimal outcomes in terms of member interaction with the communities in which we fly, with other airspace users and regulators.

Best regards,
Hamish Barker
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