

Qld State Association Report for HGAF AGM – October 2017-10-13

Coverage

The Qld State Association services the area from the NSW border to south of Rockhampton. In 2016/17 it comprised 7 clubs with combined membership estimated to be in excess of 450. The larger clubs comprise Canungra HGC and Sunshine Coast Sports Aviators whilst the newest club, Surf & Turf which primarily accommodates the PPG discipline commenced a bit over 12 months ago and now has a membership in excess of 30.

Activities

Clubs in the coverage area cater to all disciplines and a wide variety of coastal and inland sites and airfields are available to members. The diversity of sites makes flying possible all year round for those prepared to travel.

The region also plays host to a couple of iconic competitions each year - Canungra HGC runs the Canungra Classic whilst the Dalby club conducts the Dalby Big Air.

State Association Changes

The clubs in the region have traditionally gotten on with managing their own affairs with minimal involvement from the State Association. Qld has also faced the challenge of finding committed volunteers to contribute to the cause and for many years the State Association has existed thanks to the dedicated efforts of a very small group from the Canungra club. In 2017 this changed and a new Committee was appointed to direct the Association. President John Vasta, Secretary Paul Reilly and Treasurer Allan Hutchinson head the Executive and the new group is committed to ensuring the needs of our sport are represented appropriately throughout the area of operation.

Population growth in South east Qld has put pressure on sites generally and the State Govt is putting great effort into regional planning. It is essential that the infrastructure needs of our sport/recreational pastime are well positioned within this and the new Committee are tasked with achieving this.

Training Schools

The sport is generally experiencing growth and pilots new and existing are well catered for across the region with a large number of notable schools operating across all disciplines.

AGM

The next Qld State Association AGM will be held November 25th. Details will be advised in the near future. A copy of our most recent financial reports is attached separately. Updated financials will be provided at the AGM.