

AUSTRALIA



**18TH WORLD HANG GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
26TH JANUARY - 9TH FEBRUARY 2011  
FORBES. AUSTRALIA.  
FOR THE LOVE OF FLYING.**

The home of Australia's flat-land hang gliding and one of the world's greatest flat-land hang gliding locations invites you to experience the thrill of competitive hang gliding, to enhance your flying skills and to further enjoy the great camaraderie of hang gliding at these world championships.



# WELCOME TO FORBES

*Forbes is an agricultural town located 400 km west of Sydney. Forbes has a long-standing reputation over the past 30 years, as being one of the major hang gliding sites in the World, having hosted 14 International competitions and the successful 11th World Championships in 1998.*

*The town of Forbes, the members of the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia and the people of Australia would like to welcome you to the 18th World Hang Gliding Championships Forbes 2011.*

# LOCATION

**Arriving from overseas and making your way to Forbes:**

## BY AIR:

The International Airport of Sydney is the closest to Forbes at approximately 400 km .

## BY CAR:

From Sydney International airport to Forbes is an easy 5 hour drive. Take the M4 motorway to Katoomba in the Blue Mountains (115 km), then down to Lithgow with a straight run to Bathurst (100 km), then onto Orange and into Forbes (170 km).

Melbourne, Victoria to Forbes by car 685 km

Brisbane, Queensland to Forbes by car 1000 km

## GLIDER FREIGHT BY SEA OR AIR:

The major sea port in Sydney is Port Botany.

The major airport in Sydney is Mascot Airport. In my capacity as Logistics manager of Moyes Delta Gliders I would be responsible for accepting, checking and storing of gliders for any pilots wishing to send their glider by sea or air freight. Both Port Botany and Mascot are within 5 km of our Botany facility. I can arrange to have the gliders ready for pick-up at our Botany factory or waiting at the Forbes airport for pick-up, whichever is preferred.





## DAILY BRIEFING

We will have a daily briefing for pilots, team leaders and drivers at our air conditioned head quarters where the weather will be presented and explained with the help of a data projector. Google earth will be used to show the task and goal terrain. A preliminary task will be set and the task board presented so all pilots can set their instruments in air-conditioned comfort. Immediately preceding the daily briefing there will be a driver briefing where Len Paton, our Safety Director, will explain to the drivers the best way to navigate the course, which roads to take, and point out any obstacles they may encounter. The Safety Director will also drive the task and liaise with the Goal Marshal for updates of weather conditions on course.

## GETTING INTO THE AIR

The Forbes airport will be our launch arena for the duration of the competition and is located only 8 km from the Forbes town centre. The launch area is covered with mowed grass and there is room enough for 150+ pilots to tow in all wind directions. There will be no airspace restrictions around the airport during the competition as the runway will be closed to all air traffic during towing procedures.

The competition will be an "all aerotow" comp with Dragonfly tow planes supplied by Bill Moyes. Bill Moyes himself will be responsible for the servicing and maintenance of the aircraft during the competition to ensure there are sufficient planes for towing. A base rule of thumb is one tow plane for every ten pilots where we aim to have every pilot airborne within 1 hour from the start of towing.

We will have 2 official practice days with the tow fees included in the entry fee as well as 4 days of un-official practice in case any pilots want to brush up on their aerotowing skills or just to acclimatise to the Australian summer. Un-official practice day tows will cost A\$25 each.



# FLYING AT FORBES

## WEATHER AT FORBES

Forbes offers some of the most consistent hang gliding weather in the world. In the last three years of hang gliding competitions at this location there have been three and a half weeks' competition with only two days unflyable due to weather! The usual height restriction of 10,000' ASL will be lifted and increased to 14,000' ASL for the duration of the competition.

Some of the World's top pilots grant testament to the flying at Forbes:

**“** I strongly support the Hang gliding world championship bid for 2011 in Forbes. The south eastern Australian flatlands is one of the best places in the world for hang gliding, the weather is usually very good at this time of the year offering very often the chance of six flyable days out of each week. Cloud base varies between 2000 - 3000 m agl with the best days exceeding 4000 m sometimes.

The Flatland challenge, which I consider as the best hang gliding competition around the world, has more than 25 years history now and this proves the continuous interest of the pilots from different countries to hang glide in Forbes again. As far as I remember the average task length exceeded 160 km long time ago when I was competing and with the longest tasks even over 240 km those days. I can only imagine the possibilities with the current gliders now.

I annually return to the same region for gliding, usually departing from Narromine, the small town some 130 km north of Forbes. I fly over the same paddocks and hills but just with a different toy but I still enjoy it as much as in my great hang gliding days. There is always something new to discover and to learn, that's what I like about central New South Wales.

Forbes is fun to hang glide, will offer perfect soaring conditions and will be very challenging for all the competitors in order to select the new hang gliding world champion in 2011.

Happy landings  
**Tomas Suchanek**  
3 times World Champion



**“** For those of us in the northern hemisphere a world championship in the middle of our winter is a great thing to look forward to. The Flying season does not end with the last competition before September, but it becomes the build up to the world championship.

Forbes was where flat land hang gliding competition really got started and flying there soon overshadowed the traditional locations in the Australian mountains. Forbes is not like Hay, the town is bigger and it is not so much on the outskirts of civilisation with other large towns like Parkes nearby.

Forbes still remains the place where I have had the most consecutive competition tasks without any interruption, each with excellent conditions that provided a true test of skill. Forbes is also the place where I have encountered the strongest smooth thermal of my whole life.

With strong backing from the townspeople and an excellent and experienced organisation I very much look forward to a world championship at Forbes New South Wales

**Gordon Rigg**  
British Champion



**“** We know from our surveys that the most important features of a site for the Worlds, as far as the competition pilots are concerned, are:

1. Maximum number of flyable days.
2. Racing conditions with consistent and strong lift.
3. Readily landable terrain making for easy retrieves.

I suggest that Forbes handily outshines all the other proposed sites for the 2011 Worlds on these criteria. Not only is the lift strong, but it is smooth, even in the windiest of conditions. The open flatlands allow for stress free flying no matter how low one gets when trying to snag that illusive thermal.

Only Big Spring, Texas compares with Forbes when it comes to the maximum number of flyable days. We consistently fly and a long competition like the Worlds will require a rest day, for sure. Forbes will provide the safest conditions for pilots with wide open lift areas allowing pilots to spread out. Without the problems of unfamiliar wind altering obstacles foreign pilots won't be disadvantaged making for a fairer race.

The airstrip is well situated close to the town making for pilot comfort. We have always enjoyed ourselves at the Forbes airport in marked distinction to the early Worlds out in the paddocks of Forbes and Hay. While all the proposed site will no doubt allow for a good World Championship, Forbes will allow for a superior one.

**Davis Straub**  
Oz Report Journalist



**“** I had a wonderful time during the Worlds in Forbes in 1998. It is for sure one of the best places I've ever been as far as weather conditions. I think we had all the tasks scheduled and it was awesome. This is something really good because it is sure that there will be no luck involved...the best pilot will win at the end! The town and the people are also great and I am looking forward to going back. For Forbes I can postpone my "retirement" and fly one more Worlds...

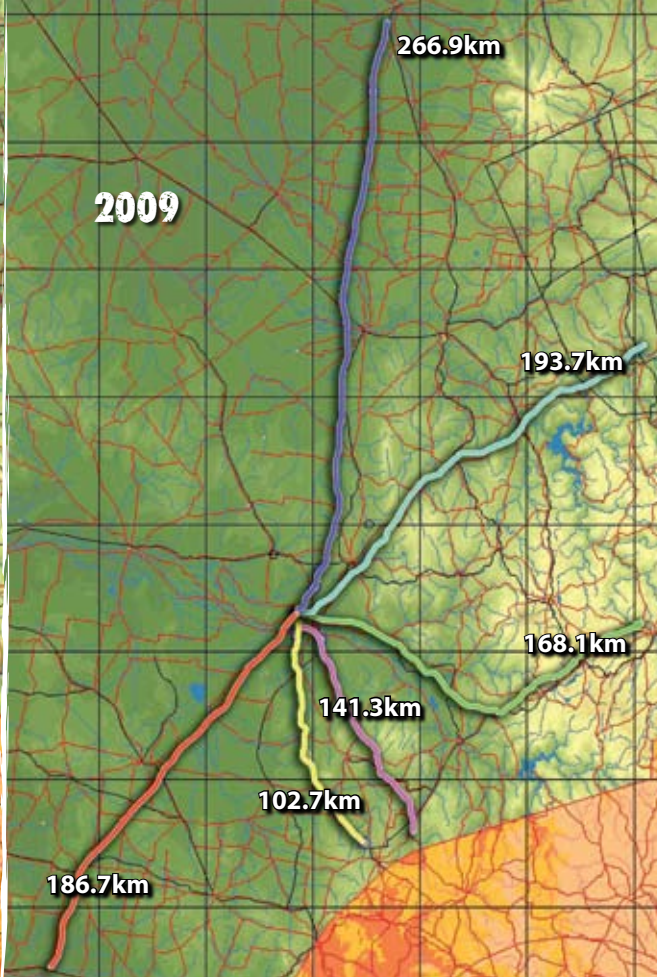
**Andre Wolf**  
Brazilian Champion



## PAST FORBES COMPETITION TASKS 2007



## 2009



## 2008



# FLYING AT FORBES (CONTINUED)

## FLYING AROUND FORBES:

The air space around Forbes is free within a 250 km radius and offers some of the most amazing flying conditions. The past 3 years of competition have seen the pilots fly a total of over 3400 kms with an average of somewhere between 25-35 hours air time per competition. The variety of tasks and virtually unrestricted airspace offers challenges to levels of all pilots.

## LANDING AROUND FORBES:

The terrain is flatlands with an abundance of harvested wheat fields. The local farmers are hang glider pilot friendly and often offer food and cold drinks to weary pilots. The new Next G phone network offers excellent phone coverage for easier retrieves and the road network is consistent in all directions. The land owners are very friendly and supportive of the competition.

## ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee includes the Welcome party, Registration bag, unlimited aerotows for 14 days and Presentation dinner. The entry fee is 1500 AUD or at today's rate approximately 760 EURO or 980 USD.

## TESTIMONIALS:

“ I hope you have had time to rest a little after the fast pace of Forbes. This is just a quick thank you and congratulations for all your effort at making Forbes what I believe to be hands down the best comp in Australia. The way it is run and organised is a bench mark for others. I can only imagine the behind-the-scenes effort and time you have must have put in. This Forbes comp especially has fueled my passion and excitement for this amazing sport and again I thank you for everything. ”  
**Cheers Dave May**

# OUR TEAM



**Vicki Cain**  
**Meet Director:**

Vicki has organized five successful Forbes Flatlands competitions over the past ten years. She was also the Meet Director of the 2009 competition. She has attended the past four World Championships and is well respected amongst the hang gliding community.

She is organized and possesses the skills and integrity necessary to be a World Championship Meet Director.



**Bill Moyes**  
**Aero tow Organiser:**

Bill has catered for aero towing events since the invention of the Dragonfly tow plane some 20 years ago. His reputation of running an efficient and well organized operation is well known and respected throughout the hang gliding world.



**Rob Van Der Klooster**  
**Chief Goal Marshal:**

Rob has been our Chief Goal Marshal at the past 5 Forbes Flatlands Competitions. He has a mountain of experience as a hang glider pilot as he has been flying since the early 70's. His happy smiling face and esky full of cold beer and drinks is always a welcome site at goal.



**Lee Patterson**  
**Chief Launch Marshal:**

Lee has been our Chief Launch Marshal the past 2 years at the Forbes Flatlands Competitions. He is currently one of Australia's top hang gliding instructors and a tug pilot himself.



**Wesley Hill**  
**Scorer**

Wes has been scoring competitions for over 20 years including many cat 2 comps, all the Bogong Cups and the World's in Hay. He is looking forward to the challenge of another World's.



**Bob Bailey:**  
**Tug Team Leader**

Bob Bailey needs no introduction, as the designer of the Dragonfly he has countless hours of Aerotowing experience. His gentle nature and wealth of knowledge about everything with wings is awe inspiring. He leads by example and it shows in the way his team takes so much pride in the task of getting the field airborne in the shortest amount of time in the safest way possible.



**Len Paton:**  
**Safety Director**

Len will head the safety committee, he has lived in Forbes all of his flying life and has first hand understanding of the local weather. He has been flying since the early 80's and has been a valuable member of the Australian team at 2 World Championships.

“ Thank you so much for all the effort creating the experience of a lifetime for so many people. I will be reliving the week for some time, every thing I learned, enjoyed and took part in. Thank you again ”

**Regards Ben Dunn**

“ Thank you for all your effort enabling me to have the great time that I had at Forbes. I look forward to doing it all over and even better next year. ”

**Regards, Steve McCarthy ( Tug pilot)**

“ Firstly thank you very much for giving Forbes a huge boost to our economy, a very interesting week entertaining the locals and being so friendly. You did a wonderful job organising the whole event Vicki as usual, it is a credit to you. ”

Also thank you for allowing us to be a part of your presentation evening, putting on a great

meal and for the shirts, they are very much appreciated and will be worn with pride.

Look forward to keeping you fed and watered at next years comp., and crossing our fingers for the World Championship's selection. ”

**Kind Regards**  
**Veronica Rebellato**  
**Forbes Flying Club**



## WORDS FROM THE SPONSORS:

### FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL

*"Forbes Shire Council will be delighted to be host to the 18th World Hang Gliding Championships and assures the Sydney Hang Gliding Club of Council's commitment to the event's growth and success. The town of Forbes will showcase our strong sense of community, country hospitality, heritage, beautiful natural environment and distinctive local attractions. On behalf of the community of Forbes, we join together in expressing a warm invitation to the world hang gliding community to visit Forbes in 2011."*

**Carissa Bywater**

**General Manager Forbes Shire Council**

### HANG GLIDING FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

*"In placing this bid for the 18th World Hang Gliding Championships Forbes 2011 we, the HGFA, consider there is every opportunity and every intent to show the world that Australia was the birthplace of the modern hang glider, the originator of the sport of hang gliding and now, 50 years later, remains committed to the continuation of this magnificent sport. The HGFA fully supports this bid and trusts that CIVL and those voting to decide the venue will also support Forbes Australia as the venue for the 2011 World Hang Gliding Championships."*

**Chris Fogg**

**General Manager**

**Hang Gliding Federation of Australia**



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