VHPA  Bid of Application to Host:

FAI Asian Oceana Continental 
Paragliding Championships 2020.

Annex A:
Bid to host a FAI Category 1 Championship

Note: The following information must be provided in support of your bid. Additional information you believe to be relevant should also be included. This Annex A document will form part of the FAI Organiser Agreement. Further documentation required in support of the bid is noted in the accompanying Guidelines document.

1. Organiser(s):
   Appointed Organisers: Victoria Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association

   NAC: Air Sport Australia Confederation

   National Association: Hang Gliding Federation of Australia

   Persons or entities who will have contractual responsibility for organising the event, and which will sign the Organiser Agreement. It can be multiple parties. The NAC/Federation has overall responsibility to ensure the Championship is run according to FAI rules, and is therefore, normally a signatory. In addition, its appointed Organiser (individual, organisation or club) should also sign the OA.

2. Name of Championship:
   (?) th FAI Asia Oceana Continental Paragliding Championships 2020


3. Proposed dates of Championship: Mid February 2020

4. Location(s) of Championship: Bright. Victoria. Australia.

5. Organisers, Directors and key officials.
   Organisation Event Director: David Snowden
   Organisation Competition Director Brian Webb
   Meet Director: Heather Mull
   Safety Director: Oliver Bart
   Chief Launch Marshal: Colin H
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Chief Goal Marshal: **Rosie Fletcher**
Meteorologist: **James Thompson / Nick Neyans**
Scorer: **Geoff Wong**
Retrieve/Check in: **tba**
HQ/Admin manager: **tba**
Chief Judge (Accuracy, Aerobatics): **n/a**
Others (tow team, PR, Live Tracking etc): **tba**

Include brief note on qualifications, experience, languages, etc.

All of our Organisation team have attained a high level of expertise proven from hosting several FAI cat2, PWC level Pg & Hg events over past 20 years in Bright and Worldwide. All organisers are known to Civl. Individual cv's can be made available on request. Meet Director has experience in similar capacity at FAI Cat1 & Cat2 level in Hang Gliding as well as recent FAI cat 2 in Australia.

6. Entry Fee for Category 1 championship:
   - Pilot: **450 Au$**
   - Team Leader/Assistant: **$400 Au$**

What is included in entry fee. What may be included (if financially viable). What optional or additional charges, such as tow fees, retrieve, lunch packs, equipment hire etc.

As per Civl regulations, including but not exclusive to:
Access and use of all Organisational & competition control facilities.
Incl but not exclusive to:
Discounted Accommodation (to be specified)
Discounted Catering facilities

7. Pilot Entry & Team size: Specify maximum number of pilots overall and team size (subject to CIVL approval):
   - Max 120 Pilots. Minimum 75. Teams size up to 5-8 per Team.

Note: Due to required qualification criteria and numbers of National Teams in A/O region, & if agreeable with FAI Civl, it may be judicious to allow more than one Team per Nation.
In which case Multiple National Team sizes may be adjusted to 5 per team.

8. Test Event:
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Proposed dates of Test Event, pilot qualifications, open or selection event, expected entry fee. (Note that the Test Event should be run by the same organisation team planned for the Category 1 championship, at approximately the same time of year and should follow closely S7 rules).

Option 1 (preferred).
This organisational team and locality has already been accredited by PWCA official observers who are also FAI / Civl representatives who were present at the Pre-PWC Bright 2017.

Official Fai observers will also be present at the Bright PWC 2018 which could also be utilised as a test event.

We therefore seek clarification from FAI/Civl to be excused from requiring to run a Pre Cat 1 event given the same venue and management team that would be involved in the Cat 1 have successfully run a Pre PWC this year and will be running a PWC in Feb 2018 at the same venue.

Whilst recognising the Cat1 will be run directly under S7 rules, either of these events could be utilised as the Test Event. Differences being FAI Cat1 team based event, changes in structure of Open and Close ceremonies. Direct reference to S7 rules with local regulations.

Option 1 would substantially reduce our budgetary requirements by approx 25% and speed up our funding applications process considerably.

Option 2. Amalgamate the Test Event into the AAA Bright Open 2019 Fai Cat2. With some additional infra-structure to show that facilities to host Cat1 are available.

We can make a State/Federal Funding application for the Main event as soon as this bid is accepted ‘in principle’.

However if the bid is subject to a new Test event (as per Opt 2) we would not be able to apply for funding until after 2019. Thereby severely limiting our acquisition necessary funding in time to fully organise the event.

9. Launch sites:
Add general comments on suitability of sites for proposed event, competition history, accessibility, availability, permissions for use. The organising team shall, as a minimum, have held a national championship or FAI Category 2 competition, with at least 50 competitors (XC) or 30 pilots (Accuracy or Aerobatics), on the proposed site(s) within the last four years. Observers acceptable to CIVL shall either have attended such an event or will be invited to do so before CIVL awards the Championship.
The annual Fai Cat2 AAA Bright Open has run successfully for the last 20 years. Recently Pre-PWC 2017 successfully accredited to PWC standards. Forthcoming Australian PWC Bright 2018. 
Main site of Mystic is run by NEVHC, permissions will be granted. Remaining sites Gundowering, Pines, Mt Emu run by VHPA and available. Sites guides available: https://siteguide.org.au/siteguidemap.html?type=open&spn=0.4,0.19&ll=-36.5922711,146.9375181

10. Launch site details: 
For each site noted above, list take-off direction(s), height above valley, configuration, surface, size of take-offs and rigging/preparation areas, number of ramps, hazards (cables, pylons, trees etc), helicopter landing space, and facilities (car park, shelter/shade, water, refreshments, toilets etc).
For winch/aero tow sites: Airfield details, size, wind directions, facilities, etc: 
Site Safety record: Details of any fatalities or serious accidents on the site or in the task flying area in the past 5 years.

**Mystic:** Astroturf Excellent condition 6 slots. ENE to WNW.
  - Launch 768m Land 320m. 2wd maintained track access.
  - Launch 20 Mins HQ

**Gundowering:** Grass mown. 4 Slots. WNW to WSW
  - Launch 684m land 320m.
  - 4wd maintained track access.
  - Launch 1.5 hr HQ

**Pines Grass:** 4 Slots. SSE SSW.
  - 4wd maintained track access.
  - Launch 524m land 210m.
  - Launch 1.5 hr HQ

**Mt Emu:** Astro ramp plus grassed. 3 Slots. WSW to WNW
  - Launch 1350m land 290m
  - 4wd maintained track access. 1.5hr HQ.
  - Launch 1.5 hr HQ
  - (light winds, high launch option)

**Corryong:** Mt Elliot. Grassed. 4 Slots. ENE to WSW
  - Launch 940m land 320m.
  - 4wd maintained track access.
  - Launch 2.5hrs HQ
  - (Alternative weather option)

11. Distance/access to launch site(s):
Road access: for cars or only 4-wheel drive vehicles or organiser's trucks? Cable car or mountain railway to take-off area? Parking available part way up? Organiser transport arrangements to sites.

See above. All 4x4 + Access vehicles will be supplied by organiser.

12. Task flying area:
Type and suitability of terrain. Unlandable and built up areas difficult to avoid, local road quality for retrieves, road traffic problems, any prohibited flying or landing areas, suitable bomb-out and goal landing fields and height AMSL, target location (Accuracy & Aerobatics).

Rural / Semi Rural. Specified goals will be at official landing paddocks, Town Sports areas or Local Airfields.
Out-landings: There are a plethora of safe landing options. Due attention needs to be noted out landings on sensitive land-owner properties. Full briefings / mapping / digital data will be provided. Power lines and o/h cables are prevalent along main highways and connecting properties.
See attached google earth map for typical forestry density.

13. Airspace:
Free to what height above take-off ? Over task flying areas? What limitations?
Restricted/prohibited areas? What permissions or exclusions required? How likely to be granted? Frontier crossing arrangements?

Past events have successfully attained TRA’s and increased height of airspace. General competition zones enjoys 10,000’ limit with arranged CAA clearance for useable airspace to 12500 on application. (Previously granted for comps periods)

14. Safety issues:
Local meteorological conditions (areas of rotor, strong valley winds etc) or local terrain features (pylons). Task setting/task style/scoring ideas to compensate. Comments on pilot qualifications/skill levels required.

Mountainous region with typical Alpine thermic conditions which can be demanding & strong.
Ridges valleys have large areas of tree plantations.
All task routes have options for safe valley landings.
February thermal conditions demand high to expert skill levels.
There are several very sensitive no land zones in the region. These are gazetted extensively both hard and digital for pilot use. Other local landing options are prevalent throughout those regions.
15. Maps of task area:
Consider including a map or a link to an online map showing airspace, turnpoints, major features, typical tasks.

Topographic turn-point map available & online. This will be updated prior to Event.

16. Transport:
Details of transport provided to launch, organisation vehicles, vehicles to be provided by competitors etc. Also how retrieve/check-in will be organised.

ALL access and retrieve transport will be provided to pilots and organisers requiring access to all sites.
Options are available to utilise FastTrac retrieve or similar robust proven retrieve systems. This includes all pilot tracking through organisation issued tracking devices. Tech may be changed to benefit of all.

17. Rescue/Medical Services:
Information on experience of on-site doctor/paramedic, first aid arrangements, medical first response in task area. Helicopter availability including response times.

Dedicated Paramedic will be available on launch or near landing.
Dedicated tree rescue services available throughout.
Locally based Heli response called in as required. Rapid response capabilities.
Secondary Heli Port is within our Fly region.

18. Liaison with police, military, public services:
Their familiarity with this type of event. Past experience? Assistance expected?

First response Meet Director / Safety Officer all comms, on call.
State Emergency Services called in first or second response.
Additional Local medics first or second response.
Police local response as required.
All have qualified first class experience of incident management.
All services are trained rapid response.
Organisation will have full Tree rescue immediate response team.

19. Insurance:
Insurance requirements pilots will be required to provide, and if any will be available to be purchased on site. Details of Organisers’ Liability cover for the event (including public liability).

**Pilots. ALL pilots MUST have current comprehensive PG Race Insurance cover for ALL medical, search & rescue, valid in Australia for repatriation to home country. Note CAA regulations dictate that All pilots obtain mandatory HGFA Visiting Pilot Membership this covers pilots for 3rd Party liability for 20 Mil Au$. Similarly HGFA covers competition organisers for 3rd Party liability. See ref docs. Additional Event Management Public Liability to be arranged.**

20. Communications:
   i) Radios: Details including any restriction on frequencies or types of radio, particularly 2m, and any licence requirements.
   ii) Live Trackers, if provided.
   iii) Mobile/Cell ‘Phone Coverage. Availability of local SIM cards. Details of best network coverage within the competition area:

   **Note: 2m UHF Radios are illegal in Australia.**

Organisations’ Conditions of Airspace use is that all Pilots must be contactable by VHF band radio at all times, or carry UHF Airband (licenced for use). VHF radios can be provided to pilots at nominal hire rates. Live Trackers will be compulsory and provided. Telstra or Optus Mobile coverage is 95% over fly zone. Local SIM cards readily available.

21. Weather:
Details of any sites prone to low cloud, possibility of wave or fohn, best time of day for thermals upslope, possibility of residual lift late in afternoon, known turbulence areas. Weather data and type of conditions to expect during period selected for the event. Plus recommended maximum wind speed: on launch and for task flying.

**Usual task times are centred around mid-day to late afternoon. Conditions are variable with summer thermals which can peak 8m/s. Nominally flying is 2-4 m/s. Tasks are set to suit, usually 50-90km total. For 2-4hour on task periods. Otherwise, our highly experienced organisation, task setting and safety teams will dictate suitable task times which reflect prevailing met data. Region can be susceptible to normal weather fronts resulting in heavy storms. Summer storms pass through relatively quickly are predictable and visually obvious.**

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22. Meteorology:
What arrangements will be in place for daily forecasts during the event and the relevant experience of the forecaster. Details of Satellite weather monitoring, most reliable web resources for forecasts, automatic wind station monitoring, webcams, etc.

Macro: All standard Pg flight met & forecasting tools will be utilised for cross comparison. Eg XC-Skies, Meteoblu, WindyTv, etc . .
Regional and Micro: as above plus local wind / weather stations on our main launch sites.
Our Met crew are highly competent xc & comp pilots who are highly experienced with prediction on local weather conditions and associating conditions relative to potential task routes.

23. Event Headquarters:
Location and size of rooms for briefings, registration, equipment checks. Availability of AV equipment, office equipment, communication systems, (phones, wifi, etc). Office facilities & internet access available for competitors.

Town Based HQ. Full hall size which can accommodate seated up to 250. Stage and seating. Designate checking areas. Attached separate meeting and conference room. Attached full catering facilities. Full wifi (two independent systems). O/H AV equipment installed. Computer area. Wash room facilities..

24. Local facilities:
General outline of availability and average prices of hotels, camping sites, appartments and other accommodation. Proximity from event HQ of: car hire, shops, restaurants/bars, repair facilities etc:

Bright township is tourist orientated. 2300 beds throughout local area. Plus low cost camping , 2-5* Hotels. Many holiday rental apartments & house / homesteads for groups. Range 30-300$ pp/p/night dependant on sharing / quality etc. Many hotel/motel/ camping establishments within 10min walk of HQ. Others short drive dist.
25. Media coverage, publicity, sponsorship:
Outline of plans to promote the event, facilities for spectators (virtual and physical), media coverage planned before, during and after event, filming/video opportunities. Sponsorship expectations.

**Extensive. Own dedicated media personnel. Event to be covered by local, regional and national TV, Magazine media & National Press.**
**Own filming video reporting stream which may include Live TV streaming to Web and International networks TV.**
**Full live tracking per norm. Continuous reporting through own web media with progress results updates results.**

26. Competition website:
Outline of the anticipated website design/content, which will be the main means of disseminating information about the championship. Confirm that this will be in place prior to the Test Event, and updated prior to the main event, with all relevant information, at least 60 days before the closing date for entries. Note: an interactive online registration and payment facility is desirable.

**Web page will be prime point for information dissemination in place several months prior to event. Content on all aspects with links to all associated organisations, sponsors and supporting organisations.**
**Additionally we will be utilising social media and app based tools for specific communications. Operations and updates by our dedicated media personnel.**

27. Finance and sponsorship:
Note here anticipated sources of finance (local, government, sports authorities, NAC, sponsorship etc) and percentage of budget expected from pilot entry fees. Provide an outline budget in Annex B.

**Over and above Pilot entry fees the majority of income will be sourced from State or Federal funding grants together with partnering and sponsorship from the private sector.**
**NOTE: This bid is submitted with the understanding that the Organisation becomes successful in securing sufficient budgetary funds from these sources. We are confident that these funds will be available, however funds can only be officially applied for once we are in possession of an agreement in principle that we have a successful bid to host the event. The State and Federal Grant applications process has a 6-8 month timeline to acceptance. First applications for 2020 will be March 2018**
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Please see attached draft budget.

28. Visas, Vaccinations:
Will any FAI member be refused entry to country? Details of visas required for visitors from FAI member nations. Details of any vaccinations recommended for competitors (or provide web addresses for information):

Visa requirements for Asian continental nationals vary. Many will be required to pre apply for travel to Australian for most Asian Nationals. Tourist visas are readily available. If required, the organisation will provide a letter of invitation to attend the event to all registered pilots / personnel. Attendees must contact their own local information bases and immigration authorities to ensure compliance with Visa / Medical requirements for travel / stays in Australia.

29. Early arrivals:
State any date before which competitors should not arrive. Give details of arrangements for pilots if early arrival is possible (access to launch etc).

Pilots are free to arrive at anytime. Any official Airport pickups will be restricted to the week prior to Event start date. There is adequate public transport access direct from International Airports for those travelling independently.

30. Customs & equipment importation:
Information on customs arrangements for temporary importation of gliders and other competition equipment. If necessary, customs at main entry points for the event should be informed of the nature of equipment which will accompany pilots. List entry points which have already been contacted or notified.

We are not aware of any instances where Pg gliders carried as personal baggage have been problematic. We will however warn pilots to be vigilant in cleaning any organic or detriuous matter from their equipment. Australian Customs is very strict on import of organic matter. Information is readily available via Australian Customs websites. http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/temporary-importations
31. Any additional information in support of the bid:

Repeating from above

Please note:
This bid to host the FAI Asia Oceana Continental Paragliding Championships is submitted with the understanding that the Organisation is successful in securing sufficient budgetary funds from the stated sources or other. We are confident that these funds will be available, however State and Federal Granted funds can only be officially applied for once we are in possession of a written “agreement in principle” that we have a successful bid to host the event. The State and Federal Grant applications process has a 6-8 month timeline to acceptance. We will place all necessary applications immediately on acceptance in principle of our bid to host the Event.

The Victorian Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association:
The VHPA is the Victorian branch of the HGFA (Hang Gliding Federation of Australia), and is responsible for fostering the sports of Hang Gliding, Paragliding, Weight Shift Microlighting (trikes) and Parascending in Victoria.

The Air Sport Australia Confederation:

(ASAC) was formed in 1989 as a national confederation of sport and recreational aviation organisations. In 1990, it joined the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), and is Australia’s representative on that body.

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We submit the placement of this bid in good faith aiming for a positive outcome for all parties. Please confirm your receipt of this bid.

Yours Sincerely,

Name: David Snowden
Signed: David A Snowden

Position in Organisation: Event Director & VHVA Committee Representative
Date: 29/11/2017

Name: Ray Pearson
Signed: 

Position in Organisation: Executive Officer, Australian NAC

Name: Rob van der Klooster
In agreement. Email confirmation
Signed: Pp Rob van der Klooster

Position in Organisation: President Victoria Hang Gliding Association
Date: 30/11/2017

Other stakeholder interests
Name: Brett Coupland
Position in Organisation: Chief Operations Officer
Signed: 

Name: Hamish Barker
Position in Organisation: FAI Civil Delegate Australia / New Zealand
Signed: In agreement Email confirmation
Date: 30/11/2017
### FAI Cat 1 Asia Oceana Paragliding Championships


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<td><strong>PREPARATION (over 2 years)</strong></td>
<td>$18,250</td>
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<td>Pre 2 yrs incl Ming &amp; Media</td>
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| **Test EVENT: Aligned with Local A.A. Event Feb 2019** | $10,000 |
| **FAI Delegate Expenses X2** | $4,000 | Incl int rent flights, transfers, hotel full board, car hire, food |
| **FAI Sanctioning** | $1,000 |
| **Add on costs to raise Local Event & Facilities to FAI Cat 1** | $5,000 |
| **COMPETITION: Main Event 120 pilots, 12 task days** | $140,750 |
| **IA Sanction Fee** | $1,300 | No of pilots x 3.26 x no of comp. days. Maximum limit of 51,200 |
| **Media & Promotion** | $52,000 | |
| Add on costs to promote | $10,000 |
| **CEREMONIES & SOCIAL EVENTS** | $15,000 | |
| **PERSONNEL** | $233,000 | |
| Fees for Organising Management, Meet Director, Safety Director, Event preparations, Launch Marshal, Scorer etc | $25,000 | Increasingly common that key personnel are remunerated for these positions of high responsibility, skill and experience. May also need to cover travel and accommodation/food expenses |
| Food expenses for organiser, staff, volunteers, helpers 15 days | $16,000 | Even if all staff are volunteers, it is usual to provide some food, camping fees, T-shirts, reimbursement for own transport etc |
| **CEREMONIES & SOCIAL EVENTS** | $15,000 | |
| Opening & Closing Ceremonies | $7,900 | Buffet for 200+ people, music/entertainment, flags, decorations. This is a suggested minimum |
| **MEDIA & PROMOTION** | $15,000 | |
| PR or Press person/services prior to & during event | $1,000 | Local tourist office or local authority people may help. Should have someone handling press during the event |
| Video camera, photographer, video cameraman, film maker | $1,000 | Arranging work reports, press releases, providing photos or video footage to news agencies, web site etc. |
| PR & Media of the event for promotion of sport, region etc | $10,000 | Making a film for promotional purposes could cost at least 15,000. See also PR rules on media rights |
| **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | **$242,000** |

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**Notes:**
Based on an estimated budget. With contingency for local costs & expenses. Income is highly dependent on external funding via Gov board sports event grants.
Should the required test event be waived, the overall budgetary requirements on cost could be reduced by approx 50%