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Vicki Cain
The Sydney Hang Gliding Club
1144 Botany Road
BOTANY NSW 2019

Subject: World Hang Gliding Championships

Dear Vicki

I am writing to you on behalf of Forbes Shire Council and the entire community of Forbes to convey our enthusiasm for consideration as host venue of the World Hang Gliding Championships (*Hang Gliding Class 1*) to be held in 2013. As home of Australia's flat-land hang gliding you will find Forbes offers great weather and flying conditions, quality facilities and accommodation, distinctive local attractions and 100% support from Forbes Shire Council and the Forbes Flying Club.

Forbes is an agricultural town located approximately 400km west of Sydney. Forbes enjoys a great location on the Newell Highway; the main inland direct road link from Victoria to Queensland which runs parallel to the east coast about 400km inland. Forbes is on the banks of the Lachlan River, in the heart of the rich Lachlan Valley and getting to Forbes is easy with a range of road, air and rail links.

Forbes has a long-standing reputation hosting major events including national rallies of cars, caravans and motor homes. We are also the proud hosts of Austins over Australia 2011; a biennial national rally of Austin motor cars.

Our great weather and flying conditions make the Forbes Aerodrome a favourite for major events. One of the major hang gliding sites in the world, Forbes has hosted 15 international competitions and the successful 11th World Championships in 1998.

Your venue will be the Forbes Aerodrome; which is located 8km west of Forbes, and offers quality facilities to guarantee a comfortable and successful event. Facilities include a 1268m sealed runway, two aprons, re-fuelling facilities, plenty of aircraft parking space and hangars as well as a friendly clubhouse offering kitchen, barbecue facilities and public toilets.

During your stay you will be hosted by the Forbes Flying Club. With a membership base of over 100 members; the Forbes Flying Club activities include both general aviation and ultralight training, with the Club very active in recreational flying. The Club will offer competitors a warm reception and you will receive full support with all event logistical requirements.

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Club members will be available at the Aerodrome to welcome visitors, provide marshalling, liaison, fuel service and other logistical support as required during the event.

You will receive Forbes Shire Council's full support in planning and hosting the World Hang Gliding Championships and Council will ensure our local tourist industry operators, businesses, media and the wider community rally together to ensure the event's success. We are happy to discuss and facilitate venue requirements, including but not limited to, water supply, waste services and transportation as well as event liaison, promotion and publicity and community participation.

Forbes offers you a great range of attractions so you can do as much or as little as you like. Get your motor running at McFeeters Motor Museum, experience a glimpse of life on the land as you check out the Central West Livestock Exchange, or take in our stunning scenery as you explore and discover Lake Forbes and the Lachlan River or a spectacular sunrise or sunset at the acclaimed Gum Swamp Wildlife Refuge. You will also love our boutique and specialty stores and our distinctive local dining.

Forbes accommodation is of a high standard with all requirements catered for. motel accommodation is available at 8 properties offering a total of 181 rooms. In addition Forbes also offers four caravan parks offering fully appointed cabin facilities, together with bed and breakfasts, a hostel and one hotel offering 12 rooms.

Should you wish to guarantee accommodation is available for the World Hang Gliding Championships, Forbes Shire Council would be pleased to liaise with local operators to place hold bookings on the required number of rooms.

To help you plan the World Hang Gliding Championships Council's Marketing Department will liaise with you directly and can assist with all event liaison, promotion and publicity and community participation requirements.

On behalf of the community of Forbes, we join together in expressing a warm invitation to visit Forbes in 2013. Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Council's Marketing Manager Sarah White on 6850 2318 or sarahwh@forbes.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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GENERAL MANAGER