



## North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club

P.O. Box 317, Bright, Vic 3741

# North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club (NEVHGC)

## 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 31 October 2020		
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm		
<b>Place:</b>	Meeting held on line courtesy of Zoom		
<b>Purpose:</b>	2020 Annual General Meeting – Conduct Ordinary Business, address one item of Special Business		
<b>Attendees:</b>	Kirsten Seeto Bill Brooks Roger Turner Karl Texler Jaqueline Robinson Scott Stephens Phil Joughin Dave Coleman Harry Prescott Oliver Barthelmes Peter Broughton Bob Saville Tushar Pokle	Adam Young Barbara Scott Brian Webb Christie Hamilton Craig Collings David Cocks David Snowden Gabriel Toniolo Guy Langton Hamish Duley Peter Kemeny Sammy Rumbelow Wally Arcidiacono	Heinz Bobner Ian Nicolle John Chapman Lucy Legget Lynette Landry Matthew Hall Michael Chapman Michael Nancarrow Oliver Wagner Paul Larkin Ramon Collodetti Ted Jenkins
<b>Guests:</b>	N/A		
<b>Apologies:</b>	No apologies for absence had been received.		
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Roger Turner		

Item	Description
1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER	
1.1	<b>Present and apologies</b> There being 35 members present (plus 2 expired) and thus exceeding the minimum of 22 needed for a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Kirsten Seeto (Outgoing President) at 7.30pm.
2 – APPOINT MINUTES SECRETARY	
2.1	<b>Minutes Secretary</b> Roger Turner was appointed as Minutes Secretary.
3 – NOTE ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES	
3.1	<b>Attendees</b> Attendees registered themselves by adding a comment to the Zoom meeting.

Item	Description
3.2	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were noted
4 – READ MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM, MOVE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE MINUTES	
4.1	<b>Present Minutes from Previous AGM</b> Kirsten Seeto presented the minutes from the previous AGM which had been circulated with the calling note.
4.2	<b>Move for Acceptance of These Minutes</b> Proposed resolution: That the minutes of the North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 2 November 2019 be accepted as read.
	<b>Moved:</b> Kirsten Seeto <b>Seconded:</b> Bill Brooks <b>Passed with no objections/abstentions</b>
5 – ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
5.1	Actions from the previous minutes were accepted as having been incorporated into subsequent committee business.
6 – PRESIDENT'S REPORT	
6.1	<b>President's Report</b> Kirsten Seeto read the President's report. Please see Attachment 1.
	<b>Actions</b> None
6.2	The President acknowledged the contributions made by ordinary members to the smooth running of the club and particularly those made by: Dave Cocks – for his ongoing efforts to ensure the weather stations operate satisfactorily. Matt Hall – for his patient assistance to low hours pilots and help with the club chores. John (Chappo) Chapman – for his regular but frequently unsung contributions to maintenance of Mystic launch.
7 – SECRETARY'S REPORT	
7.1	<b>Secretary's Report</b> Roger Turner read the Secretary's report and Membership report. Please see Attachments 2 and 3.
	<b>Actions</b> None
8 – TREASURER'S REPORT	
8.1	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Bill Brooks read the Treasurer's report and presented the annual Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet which had been circulated with the calling note. Please see Attachment 4.
8.2	<b>Move for Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report</b> Proposed resolution: That the Treasurer's Report (including financial figures and summaries) as presented by Bill Brooks at this AGM be accepted.
	<b>Moved:</b> Kirsten Seeto <b>Seconded:</b> Karl Texler <b>Passed with no objections/abstentions</b>
	<b>Actions</b> None
9 – SENIOR SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT	
9.1	<b>Senior Safety Officer's Report</b> Karl Texler read his Senior Safety Officer's report. Please see attachment 5.

Item	Description
	<b>Actions</b> None
10 – ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER’S REPORTS	
10.1	<b>Alpine Community Plantations (ACP) Representative’s Report</b> Karl Texler read the ACP Representative’s report. Please see Attachment 6.
	<b>Actions</b> None
11 – ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT, APPOINT RETURNING OFFICER	
11.1	<b>All Committee Positions Declared Vacant</b> Kirsten Seeto thanked the outgoing committee for its service and declared all committee positions vacant.
11.2	<b>Appoint Returning Officer</b> Peter Kemeny was appointed returning officer for the NEVHGC committee election.  Given that the AGM was to be held on line, calls for nominations for all Committee positions had been sought with the calling note issued on 2 Oct 20. Nominations had been received as detailed on the Secretary’s submission to the returning officer as placed at Attachment 7.
12 – COMMITTEE ELECTIONS	
12.1	<b>President</b> Roger Turner nominated for president. There were no other nominees.
	<b>Nominated:</b> Kirsten Seeto <b>Seconded:</b> Jaqueline Robinson <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.2	<b>Secretary</b> Jaqueline Robinson nominated for secretary. There were no other nominees.
	<b>Nominated:</b> Roger Turner <b>Seconded:</b> Bill Brooks <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.3	<b>Treasurer</b> Bill Brooks nominated for treasurer. There were no other nominees.
	<b>Nominated:</b> Scott Stephens <b>Seconded:</b> Dave Coleman <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.4 – 12.6	<b>Three NEVHGC committee members</b> Scott Stephens, Phil Joughin and Harry Prescott nominated as NEVHGC committee members.
	<b>Moved:</b> Kirsten Seeto <b>Seconded:</b> Roger Turner <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.7	<b>Senior Safety Officer</b> Karl Texler’s Senior Safety Officer appointment was retained.
12.8	<b>Senior Safety Officer (Hang Gliding)</b> Ollie Barthelmes’ Senior Safety Officer (Hang Gliding) appointment was confirmed.
13 – SITE OFFICER	
13.1	<b>Mystic</b> Scott Stephen’s appointment as Site Officer for Mystic was accepted.

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	Ted Jenkins was thanked for his many years' service as Mystic Hill Site Officer.
13.2 – 13.3	<p><b>Mount Emu and Tawonga Gap</b> Dave Coleman’s appointment as Site Officer for Mount Emu and Tawonga Gap was retained.</p>
13.4	<p><b>Mount Buffalo and Eagle's Rise</b> Gabriel Toniolo’s appointment as Site Officer for Mount Buffalo and Eagle's Rise was retained.</p>
13.5	<p><b>Manny’s (Buckland Ridge)</b> Daniel (Wally) Arcidiacono’s appointment as Site Officer for Manny’s was retained.</p>
14 – SPECIAL BUSINESS	
14.1	The incoming President thanked the outgoing President for her professional service during what had been a very difficult time. He thanked David Coleman and Gabriel Toniolo for their service to the committee. He then congratulated and thanked the incoming committee for having stepped up and briefly outlined what he saw would be the priorities for the coming year. A summary of those priorities is placed at Attachment 8.
14.2	<p>The President declared his intention to oppose the motion proposed under this item and, deeming it inappropriate also to chair the discussion, nominated Kirsten Seeto to take the Chair.</p> <p>Kirsten read a summary of the events of the last two years that were relevant to the motion. A copy is placed at Attachment 9.</p> <p><i>Motion: “That the NEVHGC membership be surveyed for their views, for or against, a change of our club name. Furthermore, if there is a majority of support for a change, this process will be conducted within the coming 12 months for confirmation at a Special General Meeting or the 2021 Annual General Meeting”.</i></p> <p>Proposed: Craig Collings Seconded: Gabriel Toniolo</p> <p>Craig Collings spoke in favour of the motion. Roger Turner spoke against the motion. Gabriel Toniolo spoke in favour of the motion. Karl Texler spoke against the motion.</p> <p>The Chair called for a ballot requesting that those attending should register their vote by commenting in the 'chat' column. She asked that Jacqx keep a record of the voting.</p> <p>A total of nine members had appointed the Secretary as proxy, recording their votes in advance of the meeting. These were entered in the 'chat'. The Chair advised that as a number of those who had appointed proxies were present they were at liberty to cast a second vote but that only their latest one would be recorded.</p> <p>Jacqx reported that: 35 votes were cast being: 12 for, 21 against,</p>

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	<p>2 invalid due to expired membership and 3 abstentions.</p> <p>The Chair declared that the motion had been lost by a majority of 21 to 12.</p> <p>Craig thanked the Chair for having given the motion a fair and democratic hearing and was in return thanked for having raised the question.</p> <p><b>Actions</b> None</p>
15 – SET PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR NEXT AGM AND CLOSE	
15.1	<p>The incoming President resumed the chair.</p> <p><b>Set Provisional Schedule for next AGM</b> The next AGM is provisionally scheduled for the Saturday of the next Melbourne Cup Weekend (30 October 2021)</p>
15.2	<p><b>Close</b> The President thanked all for attending the meeting regretting that the AGM could not then be followed by the customary social interaction. He wished all a safe flying season and many opportunities to fly at Mystic Hill.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 9:15pm.</p>



Roger Turner  
President (Incoming) and Minute Secretary  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club

Dated: 6 November 2020

## 2020 NEVHGC President's Report

This has been a year like no other - a phrase I am sure is being repeated at AGMs across the world. Being on the NEVHGC committee at such a time has been a character-building experience, for sure. But an experience (despite feeling otherwise many times this year) that I do not regret and I feel honoured to have worked with this committee to get through it.

We entered the new term having implemented a new member database and website the previous winter and waited tentatively as the season started to ensure the whole system would work together properly. As it turned out, everything worked as hoped with members able to renew their memberships, take out new memberships and the committee able to see the state of the membership as needed at any time on the new system. This didn't happen magically, the committee worked hard to configure, migrate data, test and release. A year on and we are still happy with the result.

The first challenge to the club last year was the harvesting of Emily spur. The access road to launch was due to be closed to all traffic but thanks to several local pilots and drivers stepping up to be inducted into HVP's driver training process, we managed to retain access for NEVHGC members. Despite being warned that we may have to operate alongside logging trucks for 4-6 weeks the entire affected period was closer to 2 weeks and HVP expressed sincere appreciation for our cooperation, now assured that the club could work with HVP in future operations. So huge thanks to everyone involved, especially the inducted drivers who ensured visiting pilots could find a ride up. If we had needed to accommodate such car-pooling this year, it would have been a far more difficult process!

Not long after the logging was complete and the full force of Mystic in summer was being felt we all discovered what a harvested Emily felt like. It wasn't long before experienced pilots were describing sudden collapses over what used to be the mild side of Mystic and everyone became a lot more wary of this new feature. The house thermals altered a little with more air being drawn into the Emily side as the newly naked ground baked and site briefings started to suggest avoiding the area in the middle of the day. But we all navigated this change carefully - it seems change is a guaranteed part of life these days :)

The next challenge was the introduction of paid access to Mystic for mountain bike riders. Despite a fair amount of time spent considering how to enable identification of members, this aspect progressed smoothly with very little process required. Turns out it is pretty obvious if you have a car full of bikes or a car full of paragliders. Many thanks again to NEVHGC members for keeping the new gatekeepers smiling on our numerous journeys up the hill.

Having watched the bushfire season start early in Canungra and move south into NSW, we were next in line. With visiting pilots and tourists being told to leave soon after Boxing Day, our usual busy time sharing the sky with visiting pilots during the Christmas-New Year break turned Bright into a Ghost Town. The decision of which pub to visit today was replaced with the decision of whether to evacuate, and instead of checking our phones for weather station information we were instead checking the Emergency Services app for fire updates. The pilot community came together and many local pilots found accommodation with Melbourne pilots and not only got to hang out at the beach more than they ever did at that time of year but also got to know many sites we never appreciated were so close. Thank you to all the Melbourne pilots who offered us refuge. It seems like forever ago but your generosity will be remembered!

Those who chose to evacuate managed to return back to properties that were thankfully untouched by fire, but the must-have-app now became the air quality apps. Karl managed to negotiate with emergency services on a daily basis for about a month to keep us in the air, but many flyable days were simply unpleasant as the lingering smoke from fires still being put out alongside the ever-present hum of air traffic left big distance flights a lot less desirable.

We did, however, have an awesome Autumn as the summer warmth and friendly flying conditions bled into March and April. This was of course marred by the realisation that the mystery virus, COVID-19, was no longer just an overseas news issue, it was now on our doorstep also. Emergency Service Apps that used ping us to warn us about fire danger or air quality, now pinged us to warn of the latest government restrictions imposed. Social distancing was the immediate government response and once again Bright, normally teeming with tourists at our most beautiful and eventful time of year, reverted back to the Ghost Town we left behind in January. It was surreal to have had such a gorgeous Autumn and zero tourists.

This also marked the most difficult period for the committee this year in deciding how to respond to the situation. Being warned of a virus that could kill thousands, if not millions, of people, spreading like wildfire and targeting our most vulnerable community members in a town that was already harbouring the scars of lost income from the summer fires weighed heavily on us. Testing was still being established and, whilst not immediately obvious to visitors, Bright has a large aged community. We were feeling an obligation to protect the community and after much debate and discussion we unanimously agreed to close our sites. This caused much angst amongst local pilots - many were stressed in their jobs and being robbed of the one activity that gave them mental release and the safety of social distancing was now denied to them also. With the information we have today, I personally might not have felt inclined to move down that path, but you can only make the best decision you can with the information you have at that point in time. I know I wasn't the only one on the committee waking up in the middle of the night and wondering if we were doing the right thing, but at the end of the day, we made the decision we could live with however much it sucked to be making it.

During that first COVID-19 lockdown we also spent weeks dealing with the breakdown of the Gundowring MOU. The MOU had only been signed in February which enabled VHPA funding to be secured to keep the access track maintained for the next 5 years. Maybe the stress of dealing with the pandemic contributed, maybe the loss of civil liberties on many fronts to keep the virus at bay frayed tempers but at the end of the day, the committee determined that the changes we were asked to make to the MOU in April were not accepted to be in the best interests of the NEVHGC membership as a whole. This was heart-breaking for all involved to see the fruits of years of good relationships break down in a matter of weeks but we are all very grateful to the Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club for coming to the table and taking over management of the site, and alongside Bob, have allowed the site to re-open for all VHPA members.

After being closed for 6 weeks, our sites re-opened again in mid-May, in line with Victorian State Government easing of restrictions. Due to law enforcement measures implemented to limit travel, the committee were relieved to be able to relinquish some of the responsibility for visitors to the area. We heard member dissatisfaction and instead pledged to issue guidelines in an attempt to help interpret how various mandates translated into our sport. The community response to our efforts, involving informing various land owners how we were adjusting our operations and input to local social media groups, has been positive. Six

weeks of no flying was a sacrifice no one wanted but we have come out the other side as a responsible segment of the community and I hope that will serve us well for years to come.

We end this term excited at the prospect of closing a 12 year deal on clearing the triangle paddock LZ to be more rectangular. The pine trees up to the fire trail by Morses Creek will be cleared next winter to make this landing field larger and more reliable as a safe landing option. This work represents a significant cost to the club to contribute to the clearing, the early harvest costs and increased on-going lease costs but it should serve us well for the future and secure our landing options for years to come. Many past and present committee members have worked on this project and it will be a huge achievement to get this over the line next year.

Bill will share the details of our finances with you shortly, however, the NEVHGC has not escaped the financial impacts of this year. Understandably our membership income is down, our expenses are largely fixed and we have some big expenses looming with the LZ clearing activities. Thanks to Bill's careful guidance we are still able to meet our obligations but we have no fat to spare. We applied for the sporting grants on offer to clubs in Victoria and were able to obtain \$1,500. The committee decided to spend this on helping pilots get ready for flying here again after what many will feel like has been an extraordinarily long break. The goal was to give back to those pilots who retained their membership even when they couldn't fly, to help keep pilots safe when transitioning back into the air here and to help support our local schools who have been out of work for many months. We would have liked to have provided more opportunities for such a subsidy but the reality is that we can only afford the government assistance has provided.

On that note, I am standing down as President of the NEVHGC this year. 2 years can feel like a short amount of time but after this year it feels a lot longer! I am a big advocate of encouraging fresh faces and ideas onto committees and I am confident the committee I am leaving is well equipped to continue to serve the membership over what I truly hope is a much easier period than the last 12 months! Be gentle with them - they gave more than should be asked of any committee this year.

I would like to thank the committee for their service this year.

Roger Turner, Karl Texler, Bill Brooks  
Jacqx Robinson, Dave Coleman, Scott Stephens

They each gave a significant amount of time and energy agonising over all that this year threw at us and I am honoured to have been a part of this team. It may have looked like every decision was easily made but I can assure you, each person on this committee challenged each other and committed to our decisions no matter how unpalatable they were.

So next year I am planning to spend more time working on the VHPA Committee and will move into the Safety Committee here at the NEVHGC. I look forward to supporting the new committee from the sidelines this year.



Kirsten Seeto  
President 2018-2020  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club



## 2020 NEVHGC Secretary's Report

### Governance

- Constitution requires that the Committee meets at least twice per annum. In 19-20 we met formally 6 times of which four meetings were on line.
- Most of the decision-making is made on line with a consensus-seeking round of emails. It works well and we usually reach decisions and identify actions within a day or so of being presented with an issue.
- We continue to develop our new website which we think now presents a fresh and appealing shop window as well as carrying much useful information to our members.

### Attendance to membership issues

- You have seen the membership report. In summary we are some 14% down on last year and our revenue was hit by the lack of temporary members.
- Covid has had many effects of which this is one. And with that in mind we have recently announced our scheme to encourage pilots back into the air by offering a \$50 subsidy for refresher training and check flights. For this we have allocated spend of up to \$1,500 being the total Covid-related grant monies received from VicSports.

### Attendance to existing contracts, leases and licences for launches and landings.

- Maintenance and renewal of our most precious asset, the licence to use Mystic Hill launch and landing.

### Attendance to infrastructure maintenance at Mystic Hill and other sites where NEVHGC has club authority.

- Mystic
  - 4 working bees to remove soft vegetation re-growth. This does not include efforts made by private individuals (Chappo, Mike Hullett and others).
  - A further bee to remove rocks from Shuey's LZ.
  - Regular visits (about 8) by Dave Cocks to maintain the weather station.
  - Making arrangements for slashing the Mystic LZ.
  - Replacement of windsocks and streamers at launch and landing
  - Pump out dunny, clean, etc.
- Tawonga Gap
  - 3 working bees to remove soft vegetation. This included one major makeover to clear the regrowth eucalypts. Grateful for support given by the HG pilots to this initiative.
  - Windsock and streamer replacement.
- Mount Emu
  - 3 working bees to remove soft vegetation.
  - Streamer replacement
  - Weather station has held up well – needed only one visit to replace the SIM card.
- Manny's
  - 3 working bees to remove soft vegetation. This included a major makeover made possible by Eva Keim and her cheerful band of Kiwi visitors.

- One visit was made to offer assistance when lightning caused two fires near launch. CFA were already in attendance and did not need any help from us. Offers were made to the landowner to help repair fences which were declined.
- The Buckland Ridge weather station has held up well with only three visits required for maintenance (thank you Dave).
- Gundowring
  - 4 working bees, primarily to clear grass and weeds from launch.
  - 1 further visit was made to clear a fallen tree from the access track.
  - 3 visits were made to maintain the weather station.
  - All of this was before NEVHGC ceased to be the site supervising club.
- Mt Buffalo
  - Hang glider ramp inspection and maintenance completed by Gabriel the HG SSO.
- Porpunkah Airfield
  - A procedure has been submitted to allow ground handling at the airfield which has now been formally accepted.
  - Installation of a weather station on Owen Jourdain's hangar and a number of visits made (4) to conduct maintenance.

#### Maintenance and development of good relationships with landowners.

- Continuing our work to foster landowner relations we have made numerous visits to landowners. Specifically, during the lead up to Christmas 19, Bill, Jacqx and I spent a week visiting all our blue zone owners and other favourable landowners to deliver Xmas wine packs and hampers. The packs cost the club just short of \$1,600 and were well received.
- In the last year the talking has led to lifting landing restrictions from a further 9 former red zoned properties bringing the total change in the last 2 years to 27.
- We have also added a further 2 blue (preferred landing) zones bringing the total number of blue zones between Harrierville and Buckland Ridge and in the Kiewa Valley to 37.
- We see these good and improving relations as an essential key to the long-term success of the club and encourage all our members to do what they can to preserve them.

#### Development of new launch and landing sites

- Through VHPA we are licensed by Parks Vic to use a total of 16 launch sites across Victoria of which Mt Buffalo (the HG ramp and Reeds Lookout) fall in our area. The licence is due for renewal in April 21 and the opportunity is being taken to include Tawonga Gap (which is erroneously shown on the DEWLP licence) and clarify the Reeds Lookout arrangement. The opportunity is also being taken to licence hike-and-fly sites within the Alpine National Park at Mt Bogong, West Peak and Mt Feathertop.
- Including Tawonga Gap on the Parks licence will allow us to continue the work we have already started with them to obtain permission to make improvements to the launch there.
- For many years Karl has been our representative on the ACP board during which time he has been formulating arrangements to improve the Mystic (Triangle) LZ. This work is on point of bearing fruit. He will give you more detail in his report.



Roger Turner  
Secretary (Outgoing)  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club

**North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club**  
**Membership Report**  
**Prepared 23 October 2020**  
**For presentation to the AGM to be held 31 October 2020**

**Membership Overview**

	<b>19-20</b>	<b>18-19</b>
Annual Membership (Active)	174	209
Visiting Pilot Membership (2 Weeks)	0	6
Visiting Pilot Membership (1 Day)	0	0
Student Membership	21	26
Student to Licensed	13	7
Lifetime Membership	4	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>212</u></b>	<b><u>252</u></b>

Notes:

1. 19-20 figures are as of 23 Oct 20.
2. 18-19 figures are as of 2 Nov 19.
3. Core membership is down by 13.5%.
4. Visiting membership across the year is down significantly but cannot be quantified exactly as the TidyHQ data commences in mid 19-20. This will be a helpful indicator in future years.
5. Cross-check (23 Oct 20) shows 26 of our 212 current members have not renewed their SAFA membership.
6. These points can be attributed primarily to fires (January) and Covid restrictions (March to date) limiting travel to Bright.

Administration:

1. Now in its second year, our use of TidyHQ to manage membership, SAFA cross-checks and communications with members is proving very efficient.



Roger Turner  
Secretary (Outgoing)  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club

## 2020 NEVHGC Treasurer's Report

### North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club Annual Financial Statement Financial Year 2019-20

#### **Trading Statement 19-20**

Balance Brought Forward	85,932.10
Total Income	38,952.94
Total Expenses	(41,524.33)
Accounts Receivable	750.00
<u>Balance at Year End</u>	<u>84,110.71</u>

#### **Profit and Loss Statement**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>19-20</b>	<b>18-19</b>
Membership fees (Including AWA)	20,301.74	28,791.32
Membership fees (Paypal account – finalised)	9,495.44	-
From Schools	1,000.00	1,500.00
Spartan hire of LZ	-	1,000.00
Dirt Bike Club - launch mat damage	-	1,088.00
VHPA - Buckland Ridge AWS	-	408.55
VHPA - Gundowring Rd/MOU	4,125.00	1,300.00
Bright Open Comp - Gund Rd	-	1,000.00
Alpine Shire grant to Bright Open comp	2,000.00	-
Community Sport Covid 19 survival grant	1,000.00	-
FTD interest	1,030.76	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>38,952.94</u></b>	<b><u>35,087.87</u></b>

#### **EXPENSES**

##### Club

Lodging CAV statements	59.20	72.80
Appreciation gifts to 2 members	190.00	-
Web hosting (TidyHQ, MyDomain, Averi pro)	932.32	700.00
Web page development and maintenance	860.00	-
Postage	134.00	160.00
Landowner gifts	1,550.00	1,147.50
Membership Checks	-	100.00
AWS Simcards	-	30.00
Gift to B Webb (Bright Open)	-	60.00
Safety Officer Course	250.00	-
Course membership fee payback	60.00	-
<u>TOTAL CLUB</u>	<u>4,035.52</u>	<u>2,270.30</u>

##### Mystic

Shuey's LP lease	5,500.00	5,500.00
Lease Hancocks	6,614.23	12,305.85
LZ mowing	990.00	135.10
Road maintenance (To ACP)	10,606.00	3,496.00
Toilet pump-out	500.00	49.90
Sundries	22.49	137.16
<b><u>TOTAL MYSTIC</u></b>	<b><u>24,232.72</u></b>	<b><u>21,624.01</u></b>
<b><u>Non-Mystic</u></b>		
Gundowring road grading/repair	3,300.00	4,455.00
Gundowring MOU preparation	825.00	-
Porepunkah airport fees (17/18 +19/20)	400.00	-
AWS Simcards	416.25	118.91
AWS maintenance/installation	425.56	2,028.05
AGM drinks	267.00	-
Grant funds to D Snowden	-	750.00
Web Hosting	-	18.16
Transferred into Altitude with Attitude acc	7,534.56	-
Miscellaneous	87.72	-
<b><u>TOTAL NON-MYSTIC</u></b>	<b><u>13,256.09</u></b>	<b><u>7,370.12</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>41,524.33</u></b>	<b><u>31,264.43</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>(2,571.39)</u></b>	<b><u>3,823.44</u></b>

### Balance Sheet

#### ASSETS

Bank Accounts - Bendigo Bank, BRIGHT		
Altitude with Attitude cash account	6,736.06	1,313.17
NEVHGC Events/Comps Fund account	1,809.86	306.74
NEVHGC cash account	12,741.72	17,669.35
Statement account (Debit card)	249.67	337.39
Term dep. ...375	17,963.99	22,560.52
Term dep. ...342	38,409.78	30,013.86
Term dep. ...353	13,995.55	11,764.18
Paypal Account	-	3,586.80
<b>TOTAL Cash and Savings</b>	<b>91,906.63</b>	<b>87,552.01</b>

#### Other assets

Accounts receivable	750.00	-
Pine trees 9.6 ha	0.00	0.00
Launch matting		<i>(currently 14 years old. Will last how long?)</i>

#### LIABILITIES

Altitude with Attitude	(6,736.06)	(1,313.17)
Competitions/Events	(1,809.86)	(306.74)

<b><u>BALANCE 30/06/2020</u></b>	<b><u>84,110.71</u></b>	<b><u>85,932.10</u></b>
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### 1.Trading Statement

The year's transactions are summarised in the Trading Statement which shows a balance of \$84.1k at the end of the year. Note that this figure does not include sums held in the Altitude with Attitude account or the Events/Comps fund account. (These accounts are held under the Club's name but do not contain funds from club members' fees) With these added our total cash and savings is \$91.9k.

### 2.Income

A total of \$29.5k is shown as income from membership fees, however, \$7.5k of this money was transferred to the Altitude with Attitude account as the receiving Paypal account was initially used jointly for the receipt of both NEVHGC and AWA fees. The annual NEVHGC membership fees total thus becomes \$22k, a 23% reduction on 2018/2019

The club's Paypal account was closed in March 2020, releasing \$13.1k of funds, however \$3.6k of this was already listed as an asset at the start of 2019, so the value of the transfer is shown as \$9.5k All NEVHGC membership fees are now paid into Stripe which pays them directly to the club's Bendigo Bank account. AWA fees are separate.

### 3.Expenses

Note that \$10.6k was paid to ACP for road maintenance in 19/20, and \$3.5k in 18/19 (Mystic expenses item 4) Alpine Community Plantations were late in sending their invoice at the end of 2018 so three payments were made in 2019

Note that the movement of funds between the operating account and the fixed term deposits shows as income or expense on the operating account spreadsheet; but is not shown in the Profit and Loss Statement as such movement is neither income nor expenditure.

### 4.Fixed Term Deposits

Started the year at \$64.3k and finished at \$70.3

As of 27/10, the operating account balance was \$9,799.

The next major expenses are \$3.6k half yearly to ACP for road maintenance and \$6.6k annual to HVP for land lease, due early January. A further \$10.1k will be required to be paid during July (\$5.5k for LZ rent to Shuey, \$1k for LZ mowing and \$3.6k for 2<sup>nd</sup> road maintenance payment)

In addition to these routine expenses a total of \$4.5k will be required by the end of the financial year to meet costs incurred in felling the pine trees next to the triangular LZ, clearing a nominated area of the exposed land and compensating HVP for losses.

If the income from fees remains reduced as is the case this year, it is very likely that some funds will have to be withdrawn from the Fixed term deposits during financial 20/21 to meet all the projected expenses.

Bill Brooks  
Treasurer  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club

## 2020 NEVHGC Senior Safety Officer's Report

This year just past has been quite good for NEVHGC regarding overall local safety and accident statistics. Most reported incidents have resulted in little or no injury.

The high-level paragliding events again distinguished themselves through having a comprehensive safety system that facilitated safe monitoring of competitor activity/location as well as assistance (including tree extraction and ambulance services) to pilots in need.

Since my last annual report, we have had 11 locally based accidents/incidents reported via the SAFA AIRS. Of these, two were contributed to by an inadequate pre-flight check. Another two landing incidents emanated from misjudging conditions. Others were the result of a failure to maintain situational awareness and recognise and prioritise issues in order to maintain separation from terrain. In more than one case, a pilot flew in circumstances beyond their skill and experience.

Having had our flying curtailed somewhat by the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm sure a lot of pilots will want to resume flying once restrictions lift. If pilots haven't flown for a while, a degradation in skills is likely. Couple that with a keenness to resume flying and the risk of accidents/incidents as above become more significant. Welcome back (in advance) but be careful!

During the past year a Safety Committee was formed. Thanks to all who contributed to this. An important outcome was a review of flying site classifications to bring them in line with current PG and HG rating systems. All site literature has now been updated, so please take the time to access the SAFA site guide and/or the NEVHGC website for current information. Oliver Barthelmes will be taking over the role so ably filled by Gabriel Toniolo as Hang Gliding Senior Safety Officer. A special thanks to Gabriel for his years of commitment and welcome Ollie!

As always, pilots flying in active conditions should fly their gliders actively regardless of their wing's certification paying particular attention to pitch control and brake line tension. A novice rated wing is only novice safe in novice level conditions.

Please continue to report all incidents and accidents via the SAFA on-line system. Here's wishing us all a good, safe flying season.



Karl Texler  
Senior Safety Officer  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club



## 2020 NEVHGC Alpine Community Plantations Representative's Report

Alpine Community Plantations (ACP) is a corporate body established by Hancocks Victoria Plantations (HVP) to manage and facilitate recreational activities and events on pine plantation land under licence to HVP. The ACP management committee has representatives from HVP, Alpine Shire, Alpine Cycling Club, Bright Chamber of Commerce and the North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club (NEVHGC). ACP employs an operations manager to undertake the day-to-day interactions with various stakeholders and handle enquiries from interested parties.

Although all plantation land within North East Victoria is included in the ACP environment, the majority of ACP facilitated operations are in and around the Mystic Hill and Mystery Basin areas presently. As a holder of a sub-licence controlling two land areas (launch and landing) and dealing with the access road, NEVHGC is a significant stakeholder and needs to be considered when non-flying activities and event take place in this area.

The COVID-19 Pandemic affected ACP operations significantly. Pandemic control measures curtailed traffic at Mystic right at the time where ACP was anticipating income security from revenue based on the recently established entry fee system. However, this has been mitigated somewhat by ACP obtaining relief funding from a number of sources.

NEVHGC maintains its concession where any vehicle that is carrying an NEVHGC member and is not carrying a bike will not be charged entry. This means accompanied guests of NEVHGC will not be charged entry. This is an opportunity to connect with members of the public who want to go up to see the flying and enjoy the view. NEVHGC members would gain a ride up the hill and the opportunity to promote the sport.

ACP has continued to facilitate high profile events. Unfortunately, a lot of these events were cancelled or postponed due to current restrictions.

NEVHGC's main interactions with ACP are based on the access track (entry, maintenance and traffic safety) and any events that may make use of NEVHGC land.

NEVHGC continues its arrangement with ACP where NEVHGC pays ACP an amount equal to NEVHGC's typical annual access track maintenance budget plus an additional loading to take into account the volunteer work we no longer do on the track. ACP is now responsible for the maintenance of the access track up Mystic Hill. ACP has enhanced the track considerably to provide a safe one-way loop system. On the whole, road conditions have remained very good.

The logging operations in the Mystic area have concluded. NEVHGC has worked with HVP (through ACP) to set up an induction process that allowed NEVHGC to continue to operate during that time – the only non-HVP organisation afforded that privilege. This arrangement was a success and HVP was impressed with the way NEVHGC members handled themselves. This further strengthens our direct relationship with HVP and ACP.

However, in recent times alternative land areas for such events are being developed. As part of the Pioneer Park development, the old Rotary Pines area has been cleared and levelled. This will decrease pressure on NEVHGC to make land available and increase the impetus for the Alpine Shire to complete these other facilities.

The current ACP operations manager is Nick Gall (as Alia Parker is on Maternity Leave). Anne Partridge continues as CEO of HVP. Anne is keenly interested in and supportive of our flying activities. Through Anne, we anticipate removal of the pine trees adjacent the Mystic LZ this coming Winter and a substantial increase in the size of the landing paddock. Replanted trees will be harvested early so that they don't get as tall as the current crop has been allowed to grow. NEVHGC is working with ACP/HVP to finalise details prior to entering into an agreement for this.

I will continue in my representative role in ACP for the coming year. I look forward with interest to what's in store!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Karl Texler', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Karl Texler  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club Representative  
Alpine Community Plantations

**North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club**

**Annual General Meeting to be held 31 October 2020 courtesy Zoom.**

**Ordinary Business - Election of Committee Officers and Members**

Submission to Returning Officer, Peter Kemeny, Treasurer, VHPA

In compliance with the Covid restrictions, the 2020 NEVHGC AGM is to be held on-line courtesy of Zoom.

On 2 Oct 20 notice of the AGM was given by email to all NEVHGC members (current and expired). That calling notice also called for nominations for the 20-21 Committee giving the closing date for nominations to be 12 Oct 20. The following nominations were received prior to that date.

12 – COMMITTEE ELECTIONS	
12.1	<b>President</b> Roger Turner nominated for president. There are no other nominees.
	<b>Nominated:</b> Kirsten Seeto <b>Seconded:</b> Jaqueline Robinson <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.2	<b>Secretary</b> Jaqueline Robinson nominated for secretary. There are no other nominees.
	<b>Nominated:</b> Roger Turner <b>Seconded:</b> Bill Brooks <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.3	<b>Treasurer</b> Bill Brooks nominated for treasurer. There are no other nominees.
	<b>Nominated:</b> Scott Stephens <b>Seconded:</b> Dave Coleman <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.4 – 12.6	<b>Three NEVHGC committee members</b> Scott Stephens, Phil Joughin and Harry Prescott nominated as NEVHGC committee members. There are no other nominees for these positions.
	<b>Moved:</b> Kirsten Seeto <b>Seconded:</b> Roger Turner <b>Elected unopposed.</b>
12.7	<b>Senior Safety Officer</b> Karl Texler's Senior Safety Officer appointment was retained.
12.8	<b>Senior Safety Officer (Hang Gliding)</b> Ollie Barthelmes' Senior Safety Officer (Hang Gliding) appointment was retained.

No further nominations have been received.

We, submit that the named persons be considered elected unopposed and recommend that the Returning Officer announces the names at the AGM.



Roger Turner  
Secretary on behalf of the outgoing Committee,  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club  
I have verified the above submission and approve the nominations.



Peter Kemeny  
Returning Officer NEVHGC 2020 AGM  
Treasurer  
Victorian Hang-gliding and Paragliding Association

## President (Incoming) Statement of Priorities

Thank you, all, for accepting my nomination. It is an honour and a pleasure to contemplate the coming year as President of the club.

Firstly, I would like very much on behalf of us all to thank Kirsten for the good work that she has done as President over the last 2 years. She has successfully managed a wide range of challenges - both routine and extraordinary. Particularly, this last year she has shown what we all saw to be exceptional leadership throughout the bushfires and then the pandemic. Thank you, Kirsten for all your hard work! We wish you well in your new projects.

At this point we would expect the hall at Crusty's to be echoing with loud cheers and thunderous applause – instead we are greeted with an electronic silence. To signify your thanks to Kirsten perhaps you could all give a good wave.

May I also thank Dave Coleman for the 2 years that he has given to the committee. Always the first out with his chain saw Dave has given very valuable service – something which we don't expect to cease as he has kindly offered to continue on as Site Officer for Tawonga Gap and Mt Emu.

Karl has already mentioned it, but may I also thank Gabriel Toniolo for his service as HG SSO. Gabriel has done a splendid job as SSO but also has been active representing the interests of the HG community: an input which we very much value.

May I welcome our three new committee members. Phil Joughin and Harry Prescott. They both bring a lot of knowledge and practical experience to the table and we look forward to working with you. We also welcome Ollie Barthelmes, the new HG SSO. Again, Ollie, we look forward to your keeping us alert to the needs of the HG community.

When nominating for the committee positions, we were all invited to submit a manifesto of what we would like to pursue if elected. As all of us were elected unopposed, those manifestos were not published but now might be a good time for me briefly to state what I would like the newly elected committee to pursue.

- First and foremost - good governance and fiscal probity acting in the best interests of the membership as a whole.
- Attendance to membership issues, pilot development and safety.
- Attendance to existing contracts, leases and licences for launches and landings.
- Attendance to infrastructure maintenance at Mystic Hill and other sites where we have club authority.
- Maintenance and development of good relationships with landowners who may be affected by our XC operations.
- Development of new launch and landing sites – specifically: development of hike-and-fly opportunities within the Alpine National Park.
- Pursuit of site upgrades and improvements when appropriate – specifically:
  - Support to Karl's endeavours in improving Mystic (Triangle) LZ

- Improvements to launch surface and safety at Tawonga Gap once the site is formally included in the Parks Victoria licence.

While I will always be open to suggestions from the Committee or the membership I will act in what the Committee agrees to be the best interests of the membership. Specifically, I see no benefit to changing the name of the NEVHGC and so, there being plenty of more useful projects to pursue, it is my intention to oppose the motion which is next on the agenda. That being the case it is not appropriate for me to be chairing that segment of the meeting. So, ironically, my first action as President is to nominate Kirsten to resume the chair.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger B. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Roger Turner  
President (Incoming)  
North East Victoria Hang Gliding Club

## Special Business Item 14.1

### To consider the motion:

*“That the NEVHGC membership be surveyed for their views, for or against, a change of our club name. Furthermore, if there is a majority of support for a change, this process will be conducted within the coming 12 months for confirmation at a Special General Meeting or the 2021 Annual General Meeting”.*

Proponent: Craig Collings

#### Background

4 Nov 2018

Issue raised at the 2018 NEVHGC AGM by Craig Collings where an informal vote by those present supported the idea of a name change. Craig proposed the name “Alpine Flying Club” but this was not supported by the members present as it was deemed too broad. (Reference 2018 AGM Minutes) Committee pledged to investigate costs and any possible complications.

29 Nov 2018

The committee updated the membership via the NEVHGC Google Group that the name change issue was deemed by the committee to be a low priority relative to the other issues mentioned within that update.

“At the AGM the issue of reviewing the club name was raised. Given that all the above issues are currently on the committee’s plate and have been deemed to be of higher priority, the committee has decided to de-prioritise the issue of the club name for now. I hope you can understand that we are only 6 people and have limited time available for club work and securing launches and landing zones, making it easier to get pilots out of trees, improving club communication and optimising club processes are just more important to resolve right now. Feel free to reach out to me directly if you feel this is unreasonable.”

21 Dec 2018

Craig was the only member who responded. Given only 1 member was keen to pursue the issue given the other priorities, the committee advised Craig that the issue was deemed low priority and would not be investigating the issue further (Dec 2018).

30 July 2020

Craig raised the subject again with the Committee. The committee were distracted with issues of COVID restriction interpretation as we were coming out of Lockdown #1 and informed Craig that if anything the issue of a name change was even further down the list of priorities and would not pursue it. Craig requested that it be added as a special business item at the 2020 AGM. Craig polled the Google Group and found 9 members in favour of the name change. We had 240 members at that point in time.