



Department of  
Sustainability  
and Environment

**STATE OF VICTORIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT  
LICENCE GRANTED PURSUANT TO THE FORESTS ACT 1958**

Licence No: FS/08/0048-4

Licence Period: 09/01/06 to 09/01/09 inclusive

This licence is granted to: Hang Gliding Federation of Australia

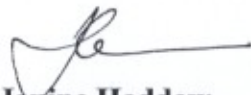
for the non-exclusive use of the hang gliding launch sites as listed in Schedule 1, subject to the terms and conditions outlined below and in Schedule 1, under Section 52 of the Forests Act 1958.

**Licence conditions:**

1. The three-year licence fee is \$110.
2. Authorisation for the use of public land for 'non-event' hang gliding and paragliding is provided through licensing all hang gliding sites on public land to the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia (HGFA) and its representative body, the Victorian Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (VHPA). Authorisation for the use of public land for State, national or international events require separate specific event permits from DSE.
3. The VHPA accept the responsibility/liability for operating and maintaining all hang gliding launch sites listed in Schedule 1. The VHPA also accept full responsibility for the maintenance of all ramps, signage and barriers at the launch sites.
4. The HGFA is required to indemnify DSE and to hold public liability insurance to the value of \$10 million, specifically covering DSE (by being named as co-insured or principal on the policy). If the HGFA do not hold current insurance indemnifying DSE to the value of \$10 million, this licence is totally void and the HGFA and the VHPA do not have permission to use any hang gliding sites on Crown land.
5. All constructed launch ramps must, at VHPA's expense, be inspected in accordance with the maintenance agreement between the VHPA and DSE, as attached as a schedule to this licence, and deemed safe in writing by a qualified engineer. Ramp design must be submitted for approval by the local Forest Manager, along with a certification by a qualified engineer that the proposed construction is safe for the intended use and site. Where required by the local Forest Manager, the ramp must incorporate suitable barriers to discourage or prevent entry or use by anyone not holding current hang gliding certification issued by the HGFA. Construction of the ramp will be the responsibility of the VHPA and will be undertaken in accordance with the certified design, once approved by the local Forest Manager.
6. In the event of licence non-renewal, expiry or termination, the site must be returned to its natural state by the VHPA. Alternatively, by written agreement with DSE and the VHPA, specified site facilities may remain on site.
7. Maintenance of launch site facilities will be the sole responsibility of the VHPA and will be undertaken in accordance with the site maintenance agreement, as attached as a schedule to this licence.

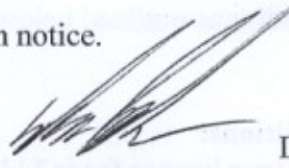
8. The VHPA are required to get approval from the relevant local Forest Manager to undertake any road works, remove native vegetation, or other works that may involve site disturbance or vegetation modification.
9. Warning signs and barriers approved by the local Forest Manager must be erected and maintained at all public land launch sites by the VHPA, at their expense.
10. In the event of key landowners within the glide path objecting to hang gliders landing on their property, DSE permission to launch from the site may be withdrawn, pending satisfactory resolution of the issues between the VHPA and the concerned landowners.
11. It is the responsibility of the VHPA to seek to ensure that all pilots launching from the launch sites listed in Schedule 1 have current Hang Gliding Federation of Australia membership and are certified to the minimum pilot rating determined by the VHPA. If, in the opinion of the local Forest Manager, the site becomes unsafe for hang gliding use, he or she can close the site until satisfied that all necessary repairs have been undertaken by the VHPA at their expense.
12. It is the responsibility of the VHPA to seek to ensure the safety of all hang gliding participants.
13. The VHPA must return a signed copy of this licence to DSE's Statewide Recreation and Tourism Coordinator.

DSE may terminate this licence with 30 days written notice.



**Janine Haddow**  
Executive Director, Healthy & Productive Land

Date 7/2/06



**Glenn Bachelor**  
President, VHPA

Date 05/01/2006

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**SCHEDULE 1**

Site Name	Mapsheet & mapsheet no.	Eastin g <sup>1</sup>	Northin g	Agreed maintenance regime	Local Forest Manager (& contact details)	Site maintainer (VHPA club contact details)
Colliers Gap	Crowlands South 7523-4-5	696450	587780 0	Schedule 2	Elizabeth Ashman DSE-Daylesford 14 Mineral Water Drive Daylesford 3460 ☎ 5348 2211 Fax: 5348 2310	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club
Mt.Ben Nevis	Crowlands South 7523-4-S	694558	587610 0	Schedule 3	Elizabeth Ashman DSE-Daylesford 14 Mineral Water Drive Daylesford 3460 ☎ 5348 2211 Fax: 5348 2310	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club
Mt.Elliot	Corryong 8425-1-2	587700	599480 0	Schedule 4	Ted Stabb PO Box 303 1 McKoy St Wodonga 3690 ☎ 02 6043 7923 Fax: 02 6043 7910	Victorian Hang gliding & Paragliding Association
Mt.Emu	Mount Beauty 8324-4-2	519400	594130 0	Schedule 5	Ted Stabb PO Box 303 1 McKoy St Wodonga 3690 ☎ 02 6043 7923 Fax: 02 6043 7910	North East Victorian Hang Gliding Club
Mt.Lonarch	Beaufort North 7523 -2-- N	707301	587371 0	Schedule 6	Elizabeth Ashman DSE-Daylesford 14 Mineral Water Drive Daylesford 3460 ☎ 5348 2211 Fax: 5348 2310	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club
Mt.Sugarloaf	Crowlands South 7523-4-S	694198	587692 0	Schedule 7	Elizabeth Ashman DSE-Daylesford 14 Mineral Water Drive Daylesford 3460 ☎ 5348 2211 Fax: 5348 2310	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club
Murmungee	Baarmutha	474100	596940	Schedule 8	Ted Stabb	North East

<sup>1</sup> Eastings and Northings provide the approximate reference point of site.

			0		PO Box 303 1 McKoy St Wodonga 3690 ☎ 02 6043 7923 Fax: 02 6043 7910	Victorian Hang Gliding Club
Tawonga Gap	Germantow n	510800	593650 0	Schedule 9	Ted Stabb PO Box 303 1 McKoy St Wodonga 3690 ☎ 02 6043 7923 Fax: 02 6043 7910	North East Victorian Hang Gliding Club

**Schedule 2**

Site:	Colliers Gap
Site maintainer:	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club.
Site description:	The site has a north facing aspect. It is only suitable for hang gliders. Paragliding is not permitted on this site.
Launch type:	Take off is from a cleared area facing north. Landing is in Nevis landing paddock. This is out of site around to the left of the launch.
Site rating:	Advanced.

**SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification <sup>2</sup> :	N/a.
Site signage:	None required.
Barriers:	None required.
Access maintenance:	The track is seasonally closed from mid June to 31 October to protect the track and to prevent entry or use by unauthorised persons. Track is infrequently maintained by DSE. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).
Toilets:	No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.
Other requirements:	Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

<sup>2</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification

### Schedule 3

Site:	Mt. Ben Nevis
Site maintainer:	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club.
Site description:	Large sheer mountain with clear take off and large landing paddocks below. There is a power line servicing the lookout tower. It is a single line, with orange marker balls fitted. Can be a serious obstacle for hang gliders.
Launch type:	Take-off is off a large granite outcrop (natural ground ramp) facing west. Sheer vertical drop of 500 feet. Has a rounded top which assists clean take offs.
Site rating:	Intermediate.

#### SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification<sup>3</sup>: N/a.

Site signage:	Install and maintain the Timber routed sign (600-1) with the warning "Danger – Cliffs. KEEP CLEAR Authorised access only". Maintain the standard totem (800-3) with danger symbol. Maintain the plated metal sign at the commencement of the access track.
Barriers:	No barriers required.
Access maintenance:	Track is infrequently maintained by DSE. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).
Toilets:	No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.
Other requirements:	Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

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<sup>3</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification

## Schedule 4

Site:	Mt. Elliot
Site maintainer:	Victorian Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association.
Site description:	N & NE launches – Large open ground ramp situated within a treed slot in native State forest adjacent to Telstra tower on summit of Mt Elliot, overlooking Corryong township. The launch site is accessed from Fishers Track off the Corryong-Khancoban Road.
Launch type:	N – Natural ground ramp, NE – Constructed ground ramp.
Site rating:	Intermediate

### SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification <sup>4</sup> :	N/a.
Site signage:	None present, none required. There are distant powerlines in the valley, but none close in, and so powerline hazard warning signs are not essential. Maintain the plated metal sign affixed to the communication tower support fence.
Barriers:	None present, none required.
Access maintenance:	Fishers Track is infrequently maintained by DSE. Thought to be maintained by Telstra for tower access. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).
Toilets:	No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.
Other requirements:	Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

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<sup>4</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification

**Schedule 5**

Site:	Mt Emu
Site maintainer:	North East Vic Hang Gliding & Paragliding Club
Site description:	SW & NW launches – Large open ground ramp situated within a treed slot in native State forest adjacent to the heli-pad on the summit of Mt Emu, overlooking the Kiewa Valley. Clearing approx 100x30m. The launch site is accessed via Eskdale Spur Track off the Trappers Gap Rd. DSE approved in 2002 the installation by the Club of an AWS on a pole on the southern side of the clearing.
Launch type:	Natural ground ramps.
Site rating:	Intermediate

**SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification <sup>5</sup> :	N/a.
Site signage:	None present, none required.
Barriers:	None present, none required.
Access maintenance:	Eskdale Spur Track is maintained by DSE to 4WD standard during the fire season. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).
Toilets:	No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.
Other requirements:	Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state. Maintain AWS installation.

<sup>5</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification



**Schedule 6**

Site:	Mt Lonarch
Site maintainer:	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club.
Site description:	Large open ground ramp situated within a treed slot on the mountain ridge.
Launch type:	Natural ground ramp. Take off is on a steep ground ramp, with a wide treed slot.
Site rating:	Intermediate.

**SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification<sup>6</sup>: N/a

Site signage: None present, none required.

Barriers: None present, none required.

Access maintenance: Track is infrequently maintained by DSE. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).

Toilets: No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.

Other requirements: Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

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<sup>6</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification

**Schedule 7**

Site:	Mt Sugarloaf
Site maintainer:	Western Victoria Hang Gliding Club.
Site description:	Large open ground ramp situated within a treed slot. Located on the West side of Ben Nevis, has large clear paddocks out in front.
Launch type:	Natural ground ramp. Take off is a corridor through the trees off a rough, steep slope.
Site rating:	Intermediate.

**SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification<sup>7</sup>: N/a.

Site signage: None present, none required.

Barriers: None present, none required.

Access maintenance: Track is infrequently maintained by DSE. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).

Toilets: No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.

Other requirements: Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

<sup>7</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification

**Schedule 8**

Site:	Murmungee
Site maintainer:	North East Victorian Hang Gliding Club
Site description:	Large open ground ramp situated within a treed slot in native State forest adjacent to the Murmungee Lookout. Clearing approx 50x30m. The launch site is accessed via Lady Newton Drive off the Buckland Gap Rd. DSE maintains picnic facilities at the site.
Launch type:	Natural ground ramp.
Site rating:	Intermediate

**SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification <sup>8</sup> :	N/a.
Site signage:	None present, none required.
Barriers:	None present, none required.
Access maintenance:	Lady Newton Drive is maintained by DSE to 2WD standard as part of a Forest Drive.
Toilets:	No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.
Other requirements:	Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

<sup>8</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification

**Schedule 9**

Site:	Tawonga Gap
Site maintainer:	North East Victorian Hang Gliding Club
Site description:	Large open ground ramp situated within a treed slot in native State forest. Overlooks the Kiewa Valley. Clearing approx 80x20m. The launch site is accessed via Tawonga Gap Track. Ramp consists of paving blocks 6x1m.
Launch type:	Natural ground ramp.
Site rating:	Intermediate

**SITE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following site maintenance requirements are required.

Launch ramp certification <sup>9</sup> :	N/a.
Site signage:	None present, none required. General info sign installed by Club and currently in poor condition to be removed.
Barriers:	None present, none required.
Access maintenance:	Tawonga Gap Track is maintained by DSE to 4WD standard during the fire season. Any requirement for higher standard access for competitions etc. would rest with the club(s).
Toilets:	No toilets exist at the site, and DSE does not intend constructing any. Hired portable chemical toilets may need to be considered by clubs during periods of heavy use.
Other requirements:	Maintain site in a clean and weed-free state.

<sup>9</sup> Include certifier details and date of certification