

An aerial photograph of a vast, hilly landscape under a clear blue sky. Numerous colorful paragliders are scattered across the sky, appearing as small, curved shapes. The ground below shows rolling hills and valleys, with some buildings and roads visible. The overall scene is bright and dynamic, capturing the excitement of a paragliding event.

**Want to support an Australian
National Sporting Team?**

**Then the
AUSTRALIAN PARAGLIDING
TEAM 2007
is your answer**

**Seven of Australia's most competitive sky
adventurers will be competing at the 2007 Paragliding
World Championships. For the first time the biennial
World Championships will be held in Australia. Hosted
in Manilla NSW, over 45 countries from around the world
will be sending their best pilots for two weeks of intense
competition starting February 27. Media from the
district, state, the country and indeed the world will be
covering the event.**

What is paragliding?

Paragliding is an air sport like no other. With the bare minimum of equipment - a glider and harness that all fits into a backpack - pilots can soar like a bird for hours on end. Launching from a hill, pilots lay out their wing, connect the harness, complete safety checks, and in a few short minutes can be up in the sky.

Paragliders can cruise along coastal hills and cliffs riding the sea breeze (onshore winds), or launch from an inland hill and catch a thermal (rising column of hot air) up to the clouds just like eagles do! By linking a series of climbs in thermals and glides, cross-country flights are possible allowing skilled pilots to fly hundreds of kilometres with just the power of the sun. It is this cross-country flying that is the test for competition pilots in the World Championships.



The Event

The World Championships is held over 2 weeks with pilots flying cross-country tasks, of up to 200kms, around the region. Taking into account the weather conditions, pilots are given a task each day to race to a defined goal, often via several "turn points". It's very much like three-dimensional sailing around buoys.

Organisers anticipate attendance of 2,000-2,500 people at the opening and closing ceremonies. On the 14 days of competition 1,000-2,000 visitors are expected each day. Local and national media will be attending. Media interviews with members of the Australian Team are currently being negotiated.



Why get involved?

Associate your company with an Australian National Team as they compete at an international competition here in Australia. Go to sleep each night secure in the knowledge you are supporting Australia's best adventure pilots as they compete in the biggest paragliding competition ever held in Australia. Help the team level the playing field; countries like Switzerland and France have full time team coaches and government funding that covers pilots competition costs, equipment and development. The Australian Team does not have any on this backing. Your support will go directly to costs associated with competing. Funds received go towards expenses such as a team uniforms, support drivers and fuel.



Meet the Team....



James Lawson

Age: 31

Total Air Time: 1300 hrs

Recent Achievements:

- 2nd Australian National Ladder 2005/06
- 1st 2006 Killarney Classic
- 13th 2006 Pre-World Championships

Ambition: Australian Champion



Viv Williams

Age: 38

Total Air Time: 550 hours

Recent Achievements:

- Currently ranked 5th Female in the World
- Australian Female Paragliding Champion 2005/06
- 1st Female Bright and Canungra Competitions 2005/06

Ambition: To be the World Female Champion within the next 3 years



Craig Collings

Age: 38

Total Air Time: 2700 hours

Recent Achievements:

- 4 times New Zealand Champion
- 2 times Australian Champion
- Twice winner of the Manilla Paragliding Open

Ambition: Top 5 finish in the 2007 Worlds Championships



Craig Donnell

Age: 35

Total Air Time: 650 hours

Recent Achievements:

- 1st on the Australian Team Selection Ladder 2006
- 6th 2006 Canungra Cup
- 6th 2006 Australian Nationals - Canungra

Ambition: Australian Champion



Andrew Horchner

Age: 42

Total Air Time: 3500 hours

Recent Achievements:

- 3rd 2006 Killarney Classic
- 4th 2006 Pre World Championships
- 4th Australian National Ladder 2005/06

Ambition: Australian Champion



Heike Hamann

Age: 38

Total Air Time: 800 hours

Recent Achievements:

- 1st Woman Killarney Classic 2006
- Represented Australia in 2005 World Championships
- 4 times Australian Womens Champion

Ambition: To finish in the top 5 woman in Worlds Championships 2007



Brian Webb

Age: 50 years young

Total Air Time: > 5000 hours

Recent Achievements:

- 3rd on the Australian National Ladder 2005/06
- 2nd 2006 US Nationals
- 7th 2006 Australian Nationals - Bright

Ambition: To continue to confirm that dodderly veterans can stay right up there with the diaper dozers.

How can my business get involved and what will it cost?

There are a number of sponsor packages available.

The packages vary in price and benefits.

Level 1 \$2000 (only 1 package available - so be quick)

- Company logo on the team dress uniform in prime position on the front (subject to time and printing constraints).
- Signage on the Team Support Vehicle/s (stickers to be provided by sponsor)
- Framed photo (8 x 10) of the Australian Team - with a thank you plaque
- Up-to-date information on the performance of the Australian Team from the Assistant Manager
- Dinner for 2 with the Australian Team during the event
- 4 Australian Team shirts
- A motivational talk by an Australian Team member for your organisation about competing and what's required to win
- 4 tandem flights for staff and/or customers

Level 2 \$1500 (only 2 packages available)

- Company logo on the team dress uniform on a sleeve (subject to time and printing constraints).
- Signage on the Team Support Vehicle/s (stickers to be provided by sponsor)
- Framed photo (8 x 10) of the Australian Team - with a thankyou plaque
- Up-to-date information on the performance of the Australian Team from the Assistant Manager
- Dinner for 2 with the Australian Team during the event
- 2 Australian Team shirts
- 2 tandem flights for staff and/or customers

Level 3 \$700

- Company logo on the team dress uniform on the back (subject to time and printing constraints).
- Signage on the Team Support Vehicle/s (stickers to be provided by sponsor)
- Framed photo (8 x 10) of the Australian Team - with a thankyou plaque
- Up-to-date information on the performance of the Australian Team from the Assistant Manager
- Dinner for 2 with the Australian Team during the event
- 1 Australian Team shirt
- 1 tandem flight for staff and/or customers

Level 4 \$200 to \$500

- Signage on the Team Support Vehicle/s (stickers to be provided by sponsor)
- Up-to-date information on the performance of the Australian Team from the Assistant Manager.
- Option to purchase the Australian Team shirt

To take advantage of one of these packages or any other enquiry please contact:

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