

The 55th Anniversary

of the first flight of the modern hang glider.

8th September 2018.

Featuring:

**The presentation of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale
2018 Hang Gliding Diploma
to Mr Patrick (Pat) Crowe,
by Mr Paul Green, the President of the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia.**

Venue: **The terrace of the Crown Hotel Motel**

1 Prince Street, Grafton.

Admission: \$4 per head.

10.am – 11.30.am

A morning tea will be held **to honour Mr Pat Crowe** for his essential role in the first successful flight of the modern hang glider.

There will be a short formal presentation commencing at 10.30am, followed by a question and answer session.

Special Guest, Mr John Dickenson. A.M.

Fédération Aéronautique Internationale: 2012 Gold Air Medal,

Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia: 2013 Ostwald Watt Gold Medal.

Also Weather Permitting!

Venue: At the site of the old water-ski club. River end of Duke St.

11.30.am

The first public exhibition of the 1964 Mark 3a Dickenson Wing.

This is the oldest modern hang glider in existence, in the world. The third glider that John Dickenson built in Grafton and the first glider that he sold. This aircraft has been taken out of its bag just once, in 2009 for the purposes of verification, since its last flight at Stradbroke Island in 1972. This will be its only exhibition in Grafton, or indeed anywhere, outside of a suitable museum.

All Weekend.

A small group of water ski kite, and glider flyers will be flying old water ski kites and gliders, and a Dickenson designed Ski-Plane. This is an extremely rare chance to see these historic aircraft flying. Hang Gliding, paragliding and microlight pilots are welcome to use the South Grafton Airport if they wish to attend and fly. History comes alive.

For more information Contact: Graeme Henderson.

Ph: 0497 921 991 email: graeme.r.henderson@gmail.com.au