



## Club Update--- February 2019

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**A view from the top...** Photo by Lindsay Williams

This is a great photo! Good to see that our little piece looks a lot greener than the rest.  
See below from Lindsay.

Yesterday a few of us went on a helicopter trip up Transmission Gully and I got a couple of club field shots on the way back. It gives a pretty good view of where we fit into the environment.

## **From the Prez**

Hi all, and welcome to another year.

They do say the older you get, the quicker time flies. Certainly, seems to be that way.

As usual January has been a mixed bag weather-wise. A LOT of wind. Not a lot of rain – but some drizzly days. Not a lot of flying days, but occasionally a magic day.

We just can't seem to get weekends lined up, with the best flying days occurring mid-week.

I am ever hopeful of an improvement.

Remember that we have an AGM coming up in a few months' time and all need to give some thought to the guidance of the club going forward.

Meeting with the local Airport Management, a meeting instigated by them, was a good public relation exercise. Jason the Airport Manager has agreed to address us one club night, it's just nailing down when.

So, a lot to look forward to.

### **10 year Licence.**

It's been a long, long road.

The application was signed off by appropriate GWRC parties late last year. This led to a draft of a draft license being sent to Wayne Boness for input. Wayne was good enough to involve me in an unofficial capacity and several points were raised for clarification and action.

We received an official draft for consideration a week or so ago. This was scrutinised by your committee, and a number of points raised and debated. After several iterations, changes and explanations, the Committee received a draft we believe met all criteria.

I am both relieved and pleased to announce that this draft was unanimously accepted by committee at the recent committee meeting.

All that remains now is for the official license to be verified and signed by both parties.

When that is in place, I'll send out an email to members with a guide to the new licence.

### **LMANZ Rally.**

Unfortunately, the weekend was a fizzer, in spite of Friday having been a great flying day.

Wind was just too strong and blustery, and Paul was the only one to brave the sky's with his 3m Xtra.

We ran a sausage sizzle for lunch and packed up about 2. For those out of town guests staying over and the normal hardy group they were staying with, we went for a pleasant dinner on the Saturday night at 180 deg Bistro.

Drinks etc. purchased for the weekend will simply roll over to our own rally.

### **GWRC – Jewels in the Crown – Open day QEP – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

If you remember, we were asked to provide some photo opportunities and video opportunities late last year to support this.

Well, we've certainly hit the news. The below add was in the local Kapiti Observer. Barry and Alastair having a natter with Barry's plane in the starting poles.

I also believe that advertising on the trains shows photos of Alastair with the Singapore.

We are getting pretty good coverage from these.

# Discover fun and adventure at open day

If you want to experience a fun, free, family-friendly day out featuring loads of adventure and outdoor activities, then don't miss *Jewels In The Crown* on Sunday, March 10 at the iconic Queen Elizabeth Park.

*Jewels In The Crown* is a fantastic opportunity to come and experience something new in one of the most popular regional parks in Wellington region. With its 650 hectares of easy terrain edged by a sandy beach, Queen Elizabeth Park has plenty of space to enjoy swimming, fishing, walking, cycling, horse riding, picnics or group activities.

Grab an open day 'Parksport' and collect stamps as you explore. There's something for people of all ages – visit the Kapiti Stables; watch the aero modellers annual rally; and take part in a treasure hunt.

The park is steeped in history including pa sites at Whareroa and Wainui beaches and evidence of the 20,000 strong US marine camps from World War II. The Tramway Museum is situated near the MacKays Crossing entrance, with historic trams running along the 2 km line to Whareroa Beach.



Plus there will be other events during the day so grab a picnic and come down and visit.

As well as being a memorable day out for families, *Jewels In The Crown* is also a chance for people to discover amazing places and love their parks. The natural character of the park is influenced by Kapiti Island, the beach and the rolling coastal dunes. The park is popular year round, but particularly during the summer months to take advantage of the picnicking, swimming and beach activities. Queen Elizabeth Park also has a long association with equestrian events, attracting riders from

around the region.

Full event information will be at the Ramoroa Visitors' Centre or online [gw.govt.nz/getoutdoors](http://gw.govt.nz/getoutdoors).

Free shuttle buses will run on a loop hourly between the Paekakariki Train Station, Mackays Crossing and Wellington Road entrances between 10am and 3pm. Half-price tram rides will be operating throughout the day - adults \$6, children \$3.

When: Sunday, 10 March 2019, 10am - 3pm.

Where: Queen Elizabeth Park, Mackays Crossing entrance, Paraparaumu.

Admission: Free.



## Club Fees – 2019/2020 year.

Following a change to our constitution at the AGM in 2017, we are obliged to notify members of club fees for the coming financial year, by the end of February.

I am pleased to say that the committee has agreed not to increase the club portion of annual fees.

As you will be aware, MFNZ have a substantial increase in fees for the coming financial year.

A separate note to members will be sent out covering this.

## Committee members going forward.

At our latest committee meeting, we briefly discussed who would be staying and who might be going at this year's AGM.

Whilst not all the votes are in, at this time we will be looking for a new Vice President as Alastair Rivers is stepping down and a Newsletter editor as Don will continue as Club Captain but will drop editing the Newsletter. If you feel you have the skills, or know somebody who does, to be the VP or come on the committee anyway, then have a think/chat about it.

Nomination forms will be out at the appropriate time.

We will need a Newsletter Editor. This doesn't need to sit with somebody on the committee. Can be any member. Don will finish editing the newsletter after the AGM., so we will need somebody to take up the slack from the May edition onwards.

If you would like to take this on, please get in touch with me.

The President expressed an intention of stepping down as President after another year, but the President's wife thinks he needs to stay for a few more.

We'll see.

Members need to give thought to the management of the club going forward, or one year everybody will step aside at the same time. That would be a tragedy.



## **Glider Winch.**

I recently published a photo (below) of a glider winch in the club house.

The club house can become a repository for stuff nobody wants anymore.

The good thing was there was a reaction.

Came home to a voice message from Phil Patterson giving me the history of the item.

Made by Gerrard Cotterill, a late Life Member of the club. I understand he was pretty handy in making things.

Warner turned up at my place. "Don't get rid of it" he said. "It will be used".

It, and it's builder, became the focus of several discussions at the strip of the last few weeks.

So, it has been moved to a shelf in the club house, out of the way and bets are on as to when it will see the light of day again.



Steve.

## **Club Captains communique**

Well, eventually I got some time at the strip today ( Sun 3/3/10 ) was a bit of the good old sea breeze, but quite manageable. Couple guys up on the buddy cord with John M which was good to see.

One thing I have noticed lately is that there seems to be a lot more full size traffic flying over, or on the fringes of our flying area. So, if you are observing please ensure you keep an eye out for these and any other hazards and let the pilot know, don't just admire the flying of the person you are observing for.

As Steve mentioned earlier have a think about standing on the committee. Remember all positions are up for grabs at the AGM, so if you are keen, get your nomination in.

Remember our rally coming up in March. Hopefully this features prominently in your diaries, if not, still time to scratch out that other appointment and add in the Rally... and put your hand up to help, it will be good to see some different faces helping out. If you would like to fly, make sure your models are airworthy and will pass the preflight inspection. It's never nice for the inspectors to tell someone that their model is grounded. Also note, no maiden flights on the day. If you have a new model, there is still plenty of time to get it sorted.

KEEP THAT WEEKEND FREE

Come have a look... Get involved.

I'll have more about the Rally in the March edition.

Don

## **Club Night February.**

Club nights starting again for 2019. Bob McGrath will have something for us, so look forward to that. And as always a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. I think our budget should still be OK for some chocolate biscuits.

Steve will put out a reminder nearer the time.

## **Taupo Float plane**

Even when you are away on holiday, there is always time to do some plane spotting. Grabbed this one of the Cessna U206G from Lake Taupo in January. When I was there he was coming in from over the town with a pretty impressive approach. Looks like it would have been a good flight but the budget didn't quite stretch that far.



And that's pretty much all I have for you this month.

Remember, if you want any photos in the newsletter, then send me some!!

Till next time.

Fly hard... land soft.

Cheers  
Don