



# Gliding

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## Gliding Hawkes Bay and Waipukurau Newsletter

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### CLUB PRESIDENT REPORT

Graham White

Hello from the Presidents computer,

Another year has gone by, with our younger members having a good year I think. They have breathed some life and enthusiasm into our club.

Unfortunately the past soaring season was distinctly average, by Jason K's stats, about the worst in a decade or more. Well hopefully this one will be better.

**PLEASE!!**

So the highlights were the achievements by Allie, Ryan and Josh, all now solo and Allie with her QGP, gold height and duration flights – now you have to do five hours in thermals Allie.

Well done all, for these achievements. Ryan has joined the 'dark side' with a scholarship at the aeroclub, bring a few back our way Ryan.

Thanks to all those of you who have helped through the year – Kirsten, Paul and all for the BBQ nights, John and Jason with the engineering, Grant with the juniors, Neil, all the work to get us up to speed ops wise. Brian Kelly for getting us a better deal on our

insurance. In fact every one has been very helpful this year.

Personally, I enjoyed flying with the juniors in Omarama, and up the winch at Greytown – 40 odd seconds to 2500'. Pedalling the Libelle around national tasks in Omarama was a challenge, as it was for the task setter! It can be done but an LS4 would be a better minimum.

So, we look forward to a good, safe flying season. We host the regionals in Waipukurau in February, as well as some of us heading south just after Xmas for some southern hospitality, and the juniors in Omarama before Xmas.

This wouldn't be complete without mentioning the Skylux, there have been some hiccups but so far the whole concept looks promising, and should see a long term benefit to gliding. Personally, I found the tow experience behind Gavin's airplane very smooth, efficient and rapid.

See you at the club, cheers Graham



# CFI CORNER

Neil Faulknor

Sitting here at the beach after 50mm of heavy rain over the last night and day, I am enjoying some seemingly rare sun. Hopefully the weather will soon settle and we can experience some soaring conditions. It's about time as I don't have to tell you, we have had many Sundays un-flyable.

We did manage to give Waipukurau Construction staff their 8 trial flights on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>, but it was an interesting exercise with rain for most of the time making forward visibility challenging and a need for regular position calls to inform and be informed of other traffic, of which there was quite a bit. I'm glad to say all pilots were very good at making the appropriate calls, and it is something we need to continue to practice.

Following the Audit of our operations by the previous ROO, I have been re-writing the Emergency Plan and the SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures). We have previously had Club Rules but GNZ require SOP's to cover flying activities, and Club Rules to cover other administrative matters like subs and so on. I have a few minor additions to check and add to the documents then they will be circulated. Pilots are required to read the Emergency Plan to be aware of the contents, then copies will be printed and kept in the Caravans to be referred to in the event of an emergency. I guess the existing procedure will apply to the SOP's and Club Rules, pilots will read the documents and sign to say they have.

While it is a pilot's responsibility to ensure their BFR's and Medicals are current, I endeavor to monitor the

expiry dates both on hard copies in the blue folder in the caravan and on a spreadsheet on my computer. Pilots can always check the folder and it would be good if some way could be worked out for pilots to access my spreadsheet. Meanwhile I'm sure all responsible pilots will have those dates noted and in mind.

I have completed a rating on the Skylux with Jerry Chisum, an exciting exercise. Ask me about it some time. Hopefully that will help us do more assessment of it practicality and performance as a towplane.

I guess that is enough from me for now. Roll on the soaring weather.

Neil F

# CLUB SECRETARY

Jason Kelly

Hi members

The weather has again not been kind for flying in recent months but hopefully the weather will soon settle down to allow some good soaring days. A basic analysis of Sundays for the last few years is attached. With the current weather pattern, we will need to make the most of any flying opportunities.

The Waipukurau Construction Company social club enjoyed their trial flights on Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> October to 3,000ft. Conditions were not great but a perfectly flat sky gave them an ideal introduction to gliding.

The club 2016 / 2017 Spot Landing and Blind circuit trophies are up for grabs so come and compete for these. Other trophy winners for the 2016/2017 season are:

1. Thompson Trophy - Best height gain in a club glider – Allie Thompson, Libelle at Omarama
2. NZ Cup – presented by Trish & George Lane - used for any person representing the club at competitions – Richard Keir, CD Sports Class champion.
3. Grower Canneries Trophy – Service to the Club – jointly to Neil Faulknor and Grant Jarden
4. LH Williams Cup - Most Meritorious flight – Allie Thompson – five hours, silver & gold height gains
5. Beth & Jim Driver Novice Trophy - Best Novice pilot – Cameron Steed
6. Peter Lyons Memorial Trophy - most meritorious member – John McConville
7. R G Lee Triangle Trophy – ex Waipukurau Club – for flying a triangle flight – no claimants.

8. The Drummond Trophy - ex Waipukurau Club – for the most meritorious flight ex Waipukurau - no claimants.

Can all current trophy holders please have them engraved and returned to the club rooms no later than mid-November. We will look to present them all for the current year some time before Christmas.

All members are reminded of the local triangle competition the club has with tasks from both Hastings and Waipukurau (see the club web page for full details.) Students can fly these tasks with an instructor but make sure you have a working data recorder for the flight.

The club web page at <http://www.glidingbw.co.nz/> continues to generate trial flight requests and hopefully we can convert some of these into new members. If anyone has news, photos or other information to add to the web page, please e-mail it to me.

The club is hosting the Central Districts Gliding Championships from Waipukurau Airfield from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 inclusive. We will be looking to have a BBQ on the Sunday and Wednesday evenings as in previous years. This event helps raise money to fund our gliding club operations and keep costs to club members as low as possible. Helpers will be required for a variety of tasks so please put these dates in your diary and make yourself available to help your club where possible.

Remember if any of your details change, e.g. mailing address, or are incorrect on the Membership List distributed (e-mail address, cell phone or phone number), please **advise me by e-mail** so the club

membership and contact lists can be kept up to date.  
A current list is attached.

Happy flying.  
Jason Kelly

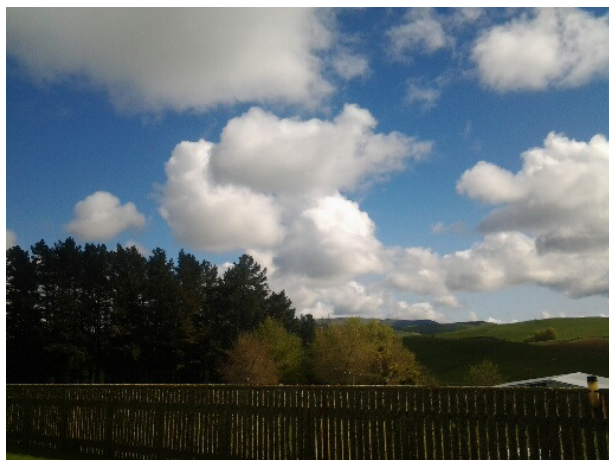
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## PHOTOS

The photos were taken by Richard Keir in Waipukurau on 20 September this year  
– some of the legendary booming Waipukurau thermals.



## YGNZ UPDATE

Allie Thompson and Josh Ferguson

Hi everyone!

So far, we have had a great influx of Youth coming out to the club during the winter, with great interest in

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what we are doing. The Flying School will be kicking off after Labor Weekend, which means anyone who is interested in joining or is still in training is welcome to come along. It will now start at 0900 sharp, to begin briefing and flying on Sunday. All other flying will be started at 1100.

Over Labor Weekend, Josh and I will be heading up to Taupo alongside a few other YGNZ members in the North Island to help with the Taupo Gliding Club Anniversary. For those who have yet to register their interest and pay, it needs to be done ASAP. After that is the YSDC (Youth Soaring Development Camp) that is held each year in Omarama, which is starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. Both Josh and I will

be heading down for that. The Kelly's have kindly lent us the ASH 25 to fly down there due to the Air Cadets needing HB. Graham is kindly bringing it down, as well as Paul Thompson towing down the Libelle. This is a great learning opportunity for all youth of all stages of flying, and we would recommend it for anyone coming through.

That's it from us for now, so happy flying and good luck for the upcoming season.

Cheers,

Allie and Josh.



## LINKS

From Jason Kelly

List of Members and their contact details

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Summary of Sunday flying conditions (refer to the top and bottom of the link for a key for the colors)

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*ALL ENTRIES FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO ALLIE BY THE END OF  
MARCH 2018*

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