

## **GLIDING NEW ZEALAND NEWS**

*This column is intended to give readers an ongoing insight into the activities of the GNZ Executive and its Committees. Rather than a detailed report on matters currently under consideration, here are some recent items of significance.*

**2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** At last year's AGM, clubs said they wanted a hard-copy directory every couple of years, provided it didn't cost much. We recently delivered on that request, with the production of a simple directory taken from the central database after the annual cut-off for affiliation fee billing. This was couriered to clubs in bulk in early March, so if you haven't got yours yet – ask your club secretary why not! If you spot any errors in physical or email addresses, telephone numbers etc, please email your corrections to [membership@gliding.co.nz](mailto:membership@gliding.co.nz)

**AGM COMING UP** The 2010 AGM weekend is at the James Cook hotel in Wellington on 12-13 June. The formal notice of meeting and other details has gone to clubs, and can also be downloaded from the GNZ web site along with the registration form. Nominations are sought for the Angus Rosebowl, Friendship Cup and the Air New Zealand Soaring Award. Remember, if you want to change the way GNZ does anything then you need to arrange for your club to submit a remit to the meeting. The deadline for remits is 12 May.

**NEW FACES AT THE HELM** Steve Care is now our Northern Regional Operations Officer. Arising out of Mike Dekker's untimely passing, George Rogers is temporarily acting as the National Operations Officer and Karen Morgan has joined the Executive Committee. Dr David Powell is our new Medical Advisor. Laurie Kirkham will be taking over as GNZ Treasurer from the date of the AGM.

We are all highly indebted to Brian Chesterman, who has been very effective and hard working as our Northern ROO for many years. And Bruce Cunningham, who has done an incredible stint as our Treasurer for several decades! There will be tributes to Bruce's and Brian's Stirling efforts in a future issue.

**GNZ's RECREATIONAL ORGANISATION CERTIFICATE** CAA has at last completed the renewal of our Part 149 Certificate for a further five years. As part of the process we took the opportunity to rewrite and update our Exposition. Some MOAP amendments were also required, largely to reflect new delegation arrangements. As usual, the latest versions of both documents can be downloaded from the web site. Also posted is a list of the main MOAP changes.

**RADIO & TRANSPONDER PROCEDURES - NEW ADVISORY CIRCULAR** How to use radios and transponders, plus the exams you need to pass – all is revealed in AC 2-11, a new GNZ Advisory Circular. You can now do your QGP radio qualification without having to pay for an ASL exam. Whether you are learning to fly gliders or just need to brush up on procedures, this new AC is for you!

Remember that GNZ Advisory Circulars and forms are continually updated, so I repeat my last homily to clubs to do their members a favour – periodically check the current status of forms at <http://www.gliding.co.nz/moap> Print off a **small** stock for the checkers van, and bin the old ones.

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