



Wellington Gliding Club Inc
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Upcoming Events

1 Oct	Pre-season Brief
12 Oct	Colliers Group (Grae Harrison)
20-23 Oct	Youth Glide Mini Camp (Tim Tarbotton & Jordan Kerr)
21-28 Jan	Vintage Kiwi

Membership

New members: Karl Olsen (Flying) & Kieran Cassidy (Youth) – Welcome!
Membership changes: Rob Garlick (Flying to Non-Flying)
Resignations: Stuart Knight Neo Knight
At present have 55 Flying members, which includes 12 Junior members.

Congratulations

Gliding New Zealand presented Jim Bicknell and Stewart Barton top non-flying awards at the AGM in June. The members of the Greytown Soaring Centre, Gliding Wairarapa and the Wellington Gliding Club applaud you both.

Jim Bicknell was awarded with the prestigious Angus Rose Bowl in recognition of outstanding services to the sport of gliding in this country. Jim's contribution has been and is his foresight in establishing the gliding strip at Papawai and doggedly persisting with its development over almost three decades into what today is the home of the Greytown Soaring Centre.

Stewart Barton was awarded the Friendship Cup for an outstanding contribution to the gliding movement during the preceding year. Stewart, one of the original members of Gliding Wairarapa, is well known in gliding circles both as a highly competitive pilot and an outstanding instructor. He is also a digger operator extraordinaire who has spent countless hours over the past two years, clearing, shifting, digging, and ramming dirt around the Papawai aerodrome.

Achievements

David Hirst – the new Central District Regional Operation Officer (ROO)

Jake Brattle (Summer instructor in 2015 from UK) was 5th overall at the club class, Junior Worlds in Lithuania. Several weeks after the Worlds he won the UK junior nationals - he's doing well with all that Paraparaumu training!

Pelorous Trust Grant

Daryl Hayes wrote a successful grant application to the Pelorus Trust for \$2500 to fund parachutes. The committee asked Ross Sutherland to order two, medium-sized Air-Pol SK-94 parachutes from Poland. Each parachute will cost about NZD 3032 and the WGC will pick up the balance.

Training Centre Update

Tom Davies reports that we have \$171,000 available for construction. Tom has generously agreed to fund the remainder at a rate of about 2%.

The Soaring Centre applied for a building consent on 11 Sept and council have 20 working days in which to issue consent subject to any issues they may have. The building consent application was delayed by the late arrival of an engineering report from Eastern Consulting Engineers who had not even managed to start the process by the promised issue date!

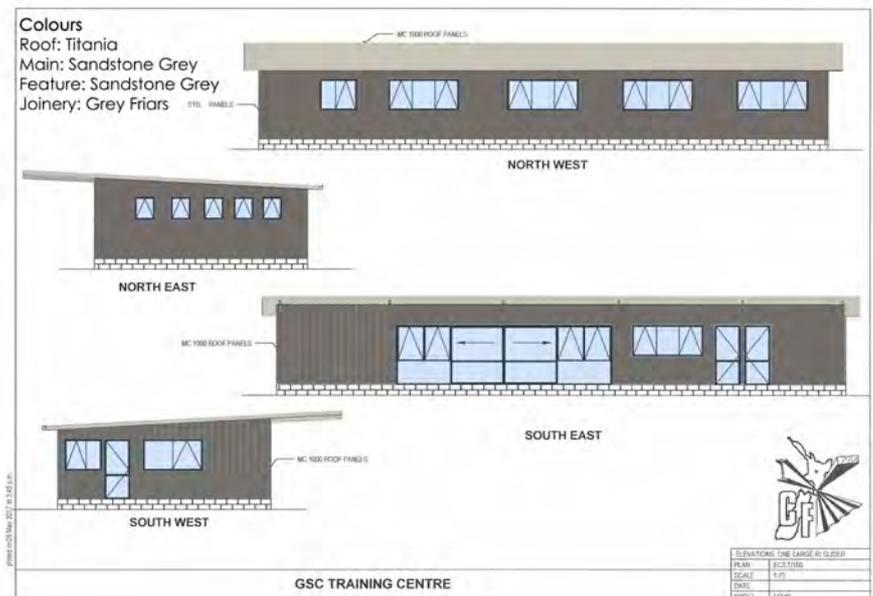
Even with this bureaucratic merry – go – round of permitting, we expect to pour the foundations in 6-8 weeks and have the building closed-in by February/March 2018. At this time the toilet and shower block will be ready for internal fit out. This is later than originally anticipated but at least the process is underway.

Anthony Tribe will do the plumbing, Ivan Johnston the kitchen cabinetry assisted by Chris Moss, Paul Williams the internal partitioning and Tim Tarbotton the colour modeling. We do need a licensed electrician as we do not have one of those in the club anymore. We will also need volunteers to build the deck and BBQ areas once the building is closed in and handed over to us.

Proposed colour scheme of the training centre.

Campground Update

During discussions about the Training Centre and sanitary facilities, the Council advised us that our camping area must comply with the Camping Ground Regulations of 1985! Fortunately, these are not unduly onerous, and Brian and Ross will be mapping out campsites etc over the coming weeks in order to make the necessary application.



Training Program Update

Martyn Cook reports that much de-bugging of his revised training programme has been possible from the Sunday flying schools. WGC instructors will start using the programme, which is now all on line and will be used this summer.

Last week Martyn announced a new NZ-based web site, which hosts a library of tasks for a Gliding Club. The link is: www.taskpilot.org

The library has a list of 24 tasks, which can be flown from Papawai. Over half of these (14) are just 50km in length, which means anyone can try them on a soarable day. The first task (0 Quad) takes you a maximum of only 11 km from the airfield, so flying tasks is possible before a pilot go solo. The idea is that on any soarable day one or more of these tasks will be announced. A pilot could also charge off on any task, but the fun will be seeing who can complete a given task with the fastest time on the day. Or the most number of laps!

The flight simulator has been upgraded by Alain Marcuse, Mark Wilson & Jordan Kerr. Thanks to Paul Buchanan it now includes local scenery around the Wairarapa! It is an excellent resource on non-flying days to familiarise students with airmanship.

Progress on the East – West Vector

The east-west vector, as some may have experienced over the weekend, is now available for limited use. Since the Regional Council completed the culvert over Tilsons Ck last April, a huge amount of work lead by Jim, Stewart, and Martyn but with assistance from many members and summer crew, has made its use possible. With the fences on the west and south of the vector re-located (thanks to Paul Hope-Cross and friend), winching is now possible. We believe that even with large rainfalls, this vector will remain reasonably dry and usable. It will certainly be a big asset in westerly conditions.

CAUTION

This vector remains a work in progress because it has numerous obstacles and rough patches. It should not be used without a full briefing and definitely offers some challenges for the winch drivers.

Summer Crew Update

Ross Sutherland who spends his summers in Europe has lined up a very impressive multi-national summer crew. The confirmed instructors, listed below, are all extremely talented and each has several thousand hours of flying time. Without doubt, every member of the club will benefit from their combined experience.



Instructors

Andy Parish from the UK was due back for another season, but he has been shackled with unforeseen commitments at the last minute. We are waiting his further advice. Meantime, Ross has alerted the next applicant on the waiting list that his services may be required.

George Schulte (62) from Germany is an EASA instructor and will be at Papawai from early January until the end of March. His wife may join him for a short visit.

Jose Blanco (52) is a CFI and professional instructor from Santa Cillia, Spain. He will be at Papawai from mid December until late March and plans a lot of flying!

Ground Crew and other possible instructors

Richard Penman, who was at Papawai last season, will arrive 28 Sept. His camper van is already on site.

Erick Schleifer (56) has flying time in the USA and Germany. He will be at Papawai from 25 Feb until 3 April.

Erik Engelman (45) is a Dutch instructor and plans (not confirmed) to arrive early in the season to get a NZ rating and help out before travelling around NZ.

Weekend Flying Schools – Michael O'Donnell

In June I became aware that I had volunteered to be the “coach” of the pre-solo WGC students. After some false starts, the numbers settled down to 9 or 10 students. Brian and I have worked to create a Flying School, which meets on alternate Saturdays and Sundays, and we think the school has been a big success.

We structured the School similar to sport weekends for young people. That is, it happens every Saturday or Sunday regardless of weather, parent involvement is encouraged, it runs from 9am till 1pm, and there is an end to the season. We have utilised the simulator, the ground training syllabus, flying at Hood, and recently flying at Papawai on the winch. Although the weekends have blurred from one to another, we have come to know the participants well. Saturday: Ryan and James Goldsworthy, Rhys Kill, Keiran Cassidy and John Andreae. On Sundays: Henry Hope-Cross, Karl Olsen, Victor Lenting, and Sam Taylor.

Despite the poor weather, the commitment and regular attendance of the parents, Paul (Henry), Jane and Gary (Ryan and James), and Peter (Keiran) has been most impressive. We also have been very impressed with the simulator as a teaching tool and we intend to keep it as a key part of our program. Over the next few weeks until the Youth Glide Minicamp over Labour weekend, we aim to use all of the students training over, the pressure is now on to convert all the sim and ground training into flying training and achieve our goals of getting several of our trainees solo before the soaring season.

The bones of this program have been borrowed shamelessly from Gliding Hawkes Bay and Waipukurau with thanks to Kirstin Thompson who spoke of it at the GNZ AGM

Finally winch launching after 3 months of winter (Brittany Grieve).



Pre-season Projects

- 1) Launch point Caravan needs a new axel and floor. Tony van Dyke has taken the caravan to his factory where the repairs will be made and hopefully ready by mid-Oct.
- 2) Rodney Ruddick is installing FLARM station antenna on the hanger. This will complete the Wairarapa FLARM network. This will hopefully end the daily use of the SPOT trackers.
- 3) Operating Procedures for Papawai are being up graded by Mark Wilson Brian and Tony van Dyke.
- 4) Martyn Cook reports that GLR (Ka6) has a new and upgraded instrument panel (Thank you Rod)

Gliding NZ – Voice of Participant Survey – Brian Sharpe

Most of you may recall participating in the GNZ survey last March. Since then, three workshops have been held with representatives from gliding clubs throughout the country, Tim Tarbotton and Daryl Hayes were our representatives at the recent workshop held in Masterton. Using the survey results and data from membership trends, the workshops have looked at what the gliding movement in NZ is doing well, what can be improved, and how GNZ can best support these initiatives. The next step in the process is to hold a similar workshop for the WGC.

Brian will touch briefly on our club's survey results at our Pre season briefing on 1 Oct. At a future date to be determined, he would like to hold a 2-hour workshop with members who are interested in contributing to this discussion. Please let Brian know if you are an interested member - email bwsharpe@xtra.co.nz

When we have a list of participants, a time and place for the workshop will be arranged.

Winch Launching Fees (Reminder)

Note that the 10 and 40 launch ticket will be valid for 2 years from date of purchase.

Single launch	\$45.00	45.00 Per-launch
Youth	\$25.00	25.00
10 Launch ticket	\$400.00	40.00 Per-launch
40 Launch ticket	\$1200.00	30.00 Per-launch

- The tickets are not transferrable and have a 24-month currency from issuance.
- Instructor training is free until 'trained to instruct'

REMEMBER: If you want instructional flights on the weekends PLEASE BOOK AHEAD.