

Hawkes Bay & Waipukurau



Gliding

2018 Central Districts
Gliding
Championships flying
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Dear fellow pilot

We invite you to enter the 2018 Central Districts Championships to be held from Waipukurau Aerodrome from **Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th February 2018** inclusive with Saturday 17th available as a practice day. The site is well known for its thermals, convergences and wave. If we believe the long term weather forecast, it is going to be a hot, dry summer here in Hawkes Bay. Good thermals and wave should be the norm. A number of quality daily prizes are being put together.

Now is the time to tell all that ask what you want for Christmas is to answer entry to the 2018 Central Districts Championships.

There are plenty of accommodation choices to suit every pocket from camping on the aerodrome itself to cabins at local camping grounds, backpackers, motels and hotels etc. Being only 30 minutes from Hastings, there are plenty of options for after hours activities for all, including the other half.

Ask others who have been to Waipukurau - it is a good fun contest in an area with plenty of options of large, safe paddocks in the unlikely event of a land out. It is an ideal contest for new pilots to gain experience. If you have no crew, that is no problem - others will help as required.

The airfield at Waipukurau has been booked and we already have some committed entries. Graham White will again be weatherman, task setter and scorer. This is Graham's home area and he understands the soaring options well. Tasks will be set to take into account both the newer cross country pilots and the guns in aircraft from PW5s (two entries are already confirmed) to the faster open class ships and all those in between.

As usual, to help plan towplanes, early advice of entry is much appreciated. Plus, you save \$20 on the entry fee if you enter and pay on or prior to 31st January 2018. An entry form is attached and also available on the club web site www.glidinghbw.co.nz/links Ground helpers will also be appreciated.

Further information is available at <http://cdchamps.blogspot.co.nz/> and this will be updated as time progresses.

So, put the dates of this contest (**Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th February 2018** inclusive with Saturday 17th available as a practice day) on your calendar and plan for a great fun trip to Hawkes Bay this summer.

To wet your appetite, below are some photos taken of gentle wave south of Waipukurau at 9,500ft last weekend.

We need support from all clubs to help revitalise the sport. Please pass this on to all your members. We look forward to seeing you in Waipukurau in February 2018

