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Airfield closed



Matamata Flying Operations

Club flying at Drury is now suspended and for the Winter months, the opportunity for deployment to Matamata for ridge, wave and thermal lift now exists for small groups on a weekend basis. Overnight accommodation is also available at low cost.

For procedural purposes, intentions shall be booked on both the Auckland club website and for a launch, the Piako Gliding Club website www.glidingmatamata.co.nz

To alert instructor support, a booking shall be made on the Auckland website **at least one day in advance.**

All club gliders are now derigged and on trailers, however **check that both WOF and Rego are valid.**

Ensure that all supporting equipment such as batteries, chargers and tiedown are located for travel.

Battery charging is available in the MSC radio room.

No club gliders shall be left rigged or unattended between Matamata flying days or in hazardous weather.

Some gliders are also undergoing annual checks during this period, so may not be available.

Co-ordinate travel and the towing of gliders with the duty instructor by meeting at 9am at Drury on any booked weekend day where flying is anticipated.



Gentlemen,

For personal reasons I hereby retire completely from all gliding activities with immediate effect.

It has been a huge privilege to enjoy this unique sport and its camaraderie. Thank you all.

Regards and best wishes for the future

John Bayliss

PS. Assorted rope, strops, winching and other bits and pieces I have at home I'll sort with appropriate recipients.

John Bayliss' retirement from gliding

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Lost items are potential hazards - missing PLB found amongst DX's controls

The Personal Locator Beacon from DX has been noted as missing for some time, but yesterday during an Annual Check the PLB was located behind the right rear seat, adjacent to the elevator push rod. There was a slim chance that this loose item could foul the elevator push rod.



The Duo Discus was derigged over the weekend prior to its annual check, so the PLB could have been located or placed there upon that occasion, or existed there for some time.

The point at which any glider gets a pre-flight check for loose items is during a DI, that would be the generous summation. Otherwise, if all loose items such as Tech Log, Flight Manual, Tiedowns, Rigging Tools are not located and secured before flight, then this deficiency poses a direct threat to a subsequent safe flight.

All pilots must account for and secure all loose items, before flight.

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Club trailer damage prevention



During the weekend when most club gliders were trailered, it was noted that both ASK21 and Duo Discus Cobra trailers had suffered damage in the same tail fin area, suggesting that lack of knowledge of how the gliders can be prone to damage, if not placed correctly in the Cobra trailers prior to travel.

Trailer repairs are expensive and can be avoided with attention and care for our valuable club assets, not to mention any damage to the gliders themselves.

All Cobra trailers have a red nose cone towards the front of the trailer and a rearward formed cavity where the tailwheel must be secured with a fuselage strap for safe travel.

If the nose of the glider is not correctly placed in the cone, or the tailwheel is not properly in the cavity, the glider **will sustain damage** either on closing the clamshell, or in subsequent travel because **the glider is not secure**.

The clue is that the clamshell will not close easily with equal pressure on the rear outside handles.

Things to check

1. Both glider nose and tailwheel are firmly in place (check cradle height)
2. The glider fin is vertical in the trailer.
3. The fuselage strap is tied down, so the tail will not bounce causing trailer fin damage.
4. Canopies closed, locked and no loose objects.

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QGP lecture schedule

The 2020 QGP Programme is as follows commencing at **9am sharp** at the Club rooms on the following Saturday Mornings

18 July Glider Tech- Gerard Robertson

25 July Human Factors- Jonathan Cross

1 August **Exams** Met and Glider Tech- Russell Thorne

8 August Radio Procedures- Russell Thorne

15 August **Exams** Human Factors and Radio Procedures -Russell Thorne

Results thus far:

All students passed both Law and Nav/Airmanship.

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Tim' ridge video

For those who may start flying the Kaimai ridge in winter, this is a useful little intro from Tim Bromhead.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSYeg-l3-9g&t=1s>

