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COVID-19



Steve Wallace, GNZ President, reminds clubs that they should:

“have in place all hygiene measures to ensure the safety of instructors, students and trial fliers”.

Practical measures include:

- Staying away if you have arrived from overseas within the last 14 days or have been in contact with someone who has arrived
- Staying away if you feel at all unwell
- Keeping a ready supply of hand sanitiser available for use
- Using the hand sanitiser on aircraft controls and buckles between flights
- Social distancing; keeping a distance of 1.5 metres between people
- Not shaking hands with people

CFI's message

Although Flying Operations are still in place, however anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or originating from overseas countries within the last two weeks should not enter the club property.

This may mean that dual flying may be suspended by either pilot.



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The End of Summer?



It does feel like it, doesn't it? However, I was heading south last Saturday when I heard Paul Knight on the radio telling someone that the Coromandel convergence was working – so I headed over!

I went only about 10 km north of Thames, as it's my first time and my word, some of those mountains are nearly 3,000'!

There and back in 2 hours. Great fun.

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Duty Pilot swaps

The rosters are attached: please make a note in your calendar so that you can either do your duty or arrange a swap.

That said, it would be hypocritical of me not to own up to having arranged for John Robertson to do my duty some weeks ago – I failed to note when his was due and didn't turn up last Sunday. *Mea culpa* is an excuse, not a reason and I apologise for the disruption and extra work I will have caused.

Kate Farrant is rostered on for this Sunday 22nd and is looking for someone to swap. Matt Williams is looking for a swap for the 5th April – have you two talked?

Keith Malkin is also looking for a swap on 28th March; his rest home has asked – entirely reasonably that residents restrict their contact with the outside world. While feeling entirely well, he is complying with the spirit of this request.

In fact, guilt has the better of me: I'll take Keith's duty.

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Something looks different

Paul Knight – apart from being a great advisor of working convergences – also spent 3 days trimming and clearing the trees along the driveway.

The evergreen Maurie (look! a pun!) helped tidy up.

Thank you both.



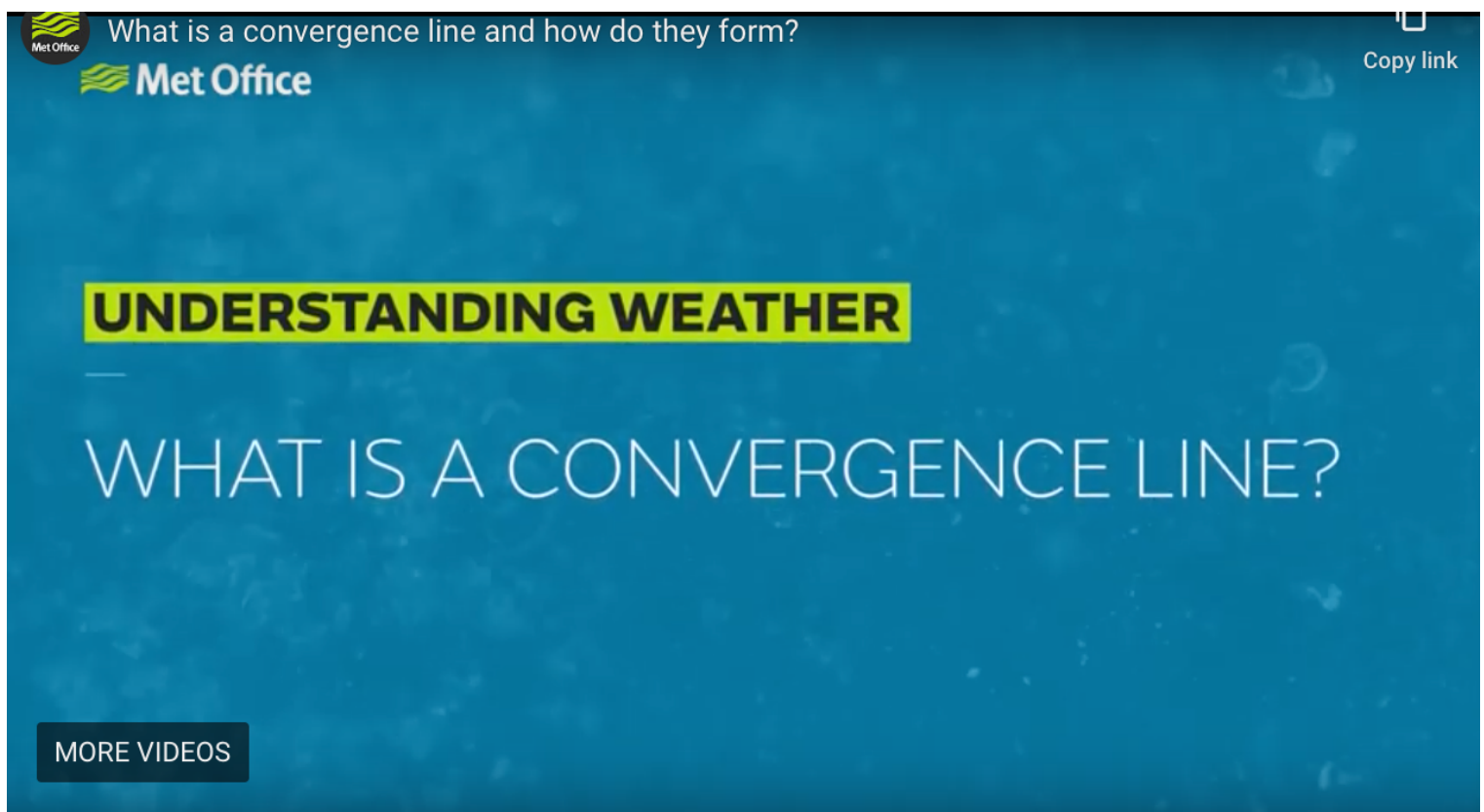
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UK Met Office videos



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQYG4-3eVdA>

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Lucas leaves us



Lucas Btn is in Auckland, New Zealand.

15 March · 🕒 · 👤



Left Job at Auckland Gliding Club

15 March — Flight instructor

Auckland, New Zealand

Lucas has been a pleasure to have as a summer instructor and as a fellow club member. We'd be happy to see him again.

He's managed to spend some time in the South Island.



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New members



Pedro Lang and Jonathan Ash

Firstly, welcome to the club. Secondly, if you could please tell me something about yourself, with a photo, I can add it to the newsletter so that people know who you are.

Recent additions to the club have perhaps been too busy to do this, but I'd be grateful ...

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ROSTERS – DUTY PILOT

DUTY PILOT ROSTER Ed 1.0 Feb 2020 to May 2020					
Day	Date	DUTY PILOT	Cycle	HELPER	Cycle
Sat	1-Feb	Allen Pendergrast	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	2-Feb	Brian Ruddell	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	8-Feb	Caleb Rosvall	3		
Sun	9-Feb	Callum Dodds	3		
Sat	15-Feb	Colin Bryan	3		
Sun	16-Feb	Dylan Watson	3		
Sat	22-Feb	Geof Green	3		
Sun	23-Feb	Geraldine Dumas	3		
Sat	29-Feb	Gerard Robertson	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	1-Mar	Greg Balle	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	7-Mar	In Cheol Kim	3		
Sun	8-Mar	Jason Shields	3		
Sat	14-Mar	Jason Williams	3		
Sun	15-Mar	John Robertson	3		
Sat	21-Mar	Jolyon Reeves	3		
Sun	22-Mar	Kate Farrant	3		
Sat	28-Mar	Keith Malkin	3		
Sun	29-Mar	Lois Kok	3		
Sat	4-Apr	Lal Busher	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	5-Apr	Matthew Williams	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	11-Apr	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	12-Apr	Patrick Brennan	3		
Sat	18-Apr	Stephen Barfoot	3		
Sun	19-Apr	Rob Meili	3		
Sat	25-Apr	Ross Jones	3		
Sun	26-Apr	Nathan Montano	3		
Sat	2-May	Tony Noble	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	3-May	Vincent Vingerhoeds	1	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	9-May	John Bayliss	1		
Sun	10-May	Andy Campbell	1		
Sat	16-May	Anton Lawrence	1		
Sun	17-May	Bradley Greer	1		
Sat	23-May	Campbell McIver	1		
Sun	24-May	Christian Derold	1		
Sat	30-May	Conal Edwards	1		
Sun	31-May	Dale Maxwell	1		