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20th – 21st June 2020



Mill Road Corridor Submissions

Feedback extended to Friday 19th June

Much of this week's newsletter is taken up with the same request as last week: that you make a submission on the proposed road which will end our club's activities at Drury.

I'll forward the notice as a separate e-mail.

Please make a submission. Now you can read the rest of the newsletter.

Possible feedback

- *The AGC is a community amenity which will be destroyed by this proposal. Mention soaring for the disabled*
- *The local community will be adversely affected by noise, lessened by moving the road closer to Drury*
- *The Auckland Council, which only last year declared a "climate emergency", is encouraging the use of private cars instead of investing in better public transport*

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NZ Aerobatic Club competition at Mercer this weekend (weather permitting)

MERCER MBZ CAUTION

June 20th/21st

 2020 North Island Akro Fest
Mercer Airport

AVOID MERCER AIRPORT AND THE CIRCUIT AREA

Extensive aerobatic flying will be taking place immediately to the SOUTH (within the Mercer Airport circuit).

Aerobatic traffic information *may* be provided by 'Mercer Ground' on 133.05 – listen carefully.

If you need to join to land at Mercer Airport, fly a **wide circuit** clear of the **Aerobatic Box**



Contact Contest Director, Grant Benns, for more details
grantbenns2014@gmail.com
021 0629929

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New training programme & MOAP approved by CAA NZ

The **Moodle Glider Pilot Programme** has now been approved by CAA, implementation will be progressive at AGC with existing students to continue with the previous syllabus until June 2022 when everyone will convert at the equivalent level.

Further information and FAQ are here

<http://gliding.co.nz/training-programme/>

For new AGC pilots, the future syllabus is available after registration on this website link

<http://moodle.gliding.co.nz/login/index.php>

The 5 progressive certificates based on the following achievements are named as

- Solo Pilot
- Soaring Pilot
- Cross-Country Pilot (XCP)
- Task Pilot
- Alpine Pilot

A major overhaul of the **Manual of Approved Procedures** (MOAP) has therefore taken place with effect 15 June 2020, the current online MOAP is here, it will have flow-on effects to our HWDT Local Flying Rules, which will take time to transition.

<http://gliding.co.nz/pilots/moap/>

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Simulation as a safety tool



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QofGwDWMvFM>

Uses of simulation

In 2017 I presented a paper to the OSTIV Congress at Benalla on the uses of simulation, which is attached.

While lockdown has seen an explosion of interest in simulation for racing, its value for training is not being as well explored.

I've proposed its use to the committee and will keep you posted.



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QGP lectures



The Qualified Glider Pilot (QGP) Lecture series are about to commence with Saturday morning sessions beginning mid June at the Gliding Club.

All those pilots who do not hold QGP exam credits should consider attending these sessions by expressing their interest to cfi@glidingauckland.co.nz

The subjects are covered in the Glider Pilot Study Manual issued by GNZ which are available in the AGC starter pack, for sale at the club.

It is expected that students pre-read the subject material before attending lectures, and come prepared with any questions.

Those QGP subjects are **Air Law, Glider Technical, Meteorology, Navigation and Airmanship, Human Factors (including Aviation Medicine), and Radio Procedures**. The QGP exams are conducted via a 30 question multi choice paper requiring an 80% pass mark at the conclusion of two subject coverage.

A or B Certificate Questions.

For those pilots who are available to answer the 10 question A or B certificate oral questions, they are freely available at the GNZ website at the following Advisory Circular AC 2-03 link.

<http://gliding.co.nz/sites/gliding.co.nz/images/downloads/MOA/P/Advisory%20Circulars/AC2-03%20Pilot%20Examinationsv2.pdf>

These may be conducted at any time by approaching any instructor for completion, pass mark is 70%. Bring your QGP syllabus for signoff.

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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

20 June Navigation and Airmanship- Russell Thorne

27 June Air Law-Gerard Robertson

4 July **Exams** Navigation and Airmanship, Air Law- Russell Thorne

11 July Meteorology-Anton Lawrence

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

Trust me: none of this stuff is hard. I teach some of it, so it can't be. I used to start a course lasting a week or two on aircraft structure design and repair by saying "I'm going to talk about rocks in a stream and why sausages always split along their length".

Other club members are welcome to attend and chip in. After all, "All of us are smarter than any of us".

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Safety cushions

WHY YOU SHOULD FLY WITH AN ENERGY-ABSORBING SAFETY CUSHION



The pilot of this glider comments:

'Flying doesn't always go as planned and whether it's your own mistake or a circumstantial one, having a properly specified energy absorbing seat cushion installed is as vital as wearing a parachute. I didn't have one and my consultant estimated that my recovery time would have been reduced by 30% with an energy absorbing cushion. In my case that was two months! Don't learn this lesson the hard way - go and get an energy absorbing cushion today. It might be the best £100 you ever spent...'

Edition 2, March 2017



At the 1995 OSTIV Congress, I listened to Dr. Tony Segal talk about the effects of heavy landings on the spine. Many soft cushions are worse than no cushion.

The BGA supports the use of Confor foam: I'm getting prices for shipping from Australia. Please send me a note if you're interested in getting some.



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Thank you to those club members who have already copied their written submissions to the club, the closing date is **12th June** and the email address is info@supportinggrowth.nz detailing how important that the Gliding Club should continue to provide recreational aviation opportunities to the Auckland community at its present site at Drury.

The latest preferred route is here, designation is expected in March 2021. The Mill Road to Drury South project is expected to be fast tracked to completion in 2028.

<https://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/assets/2020-Launch-South/d4493909de/Mill-Road-Info-and-map.pdf>

The link to the submission process is here

<https://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/have-your-say/south/>

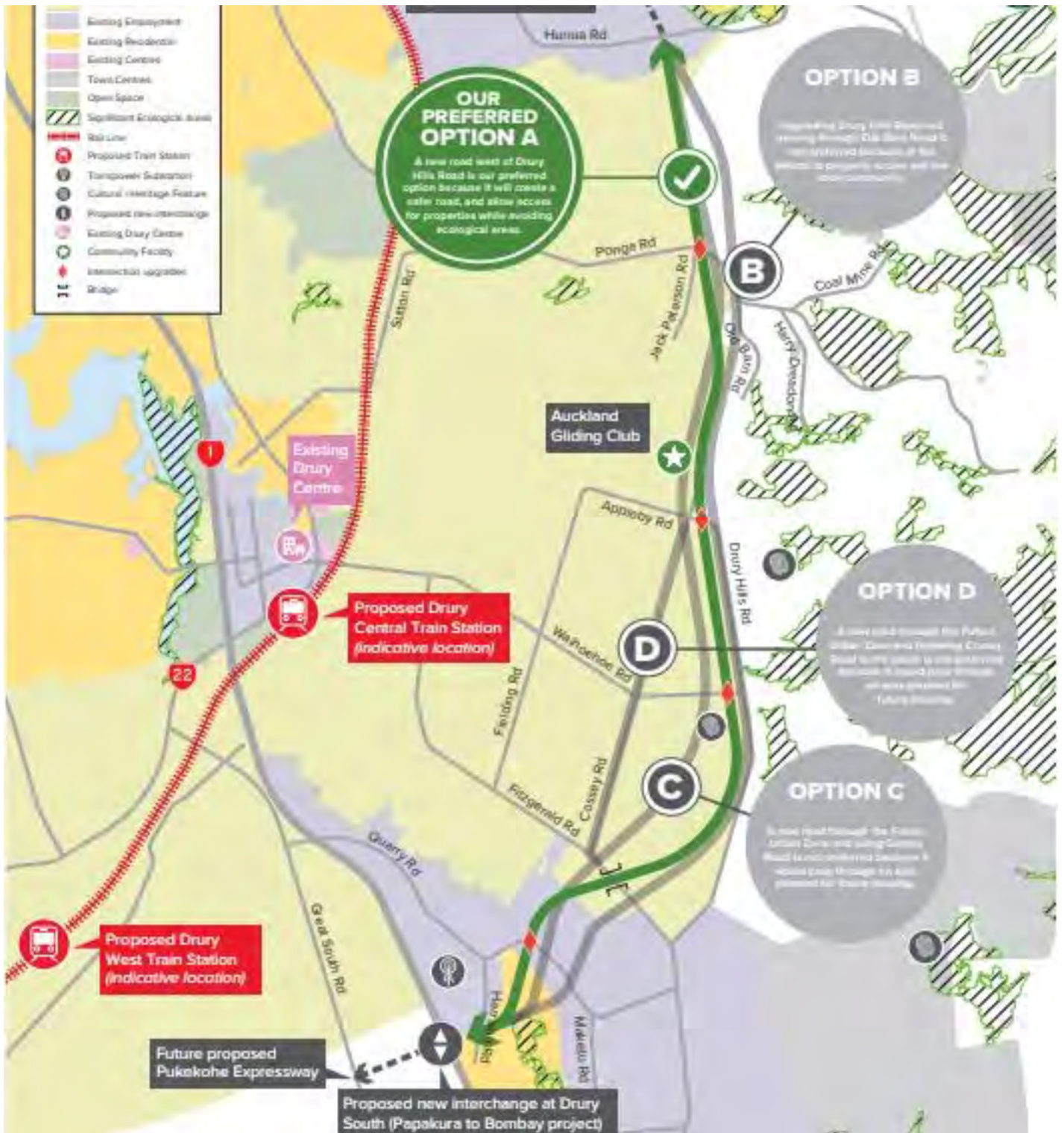
If you wish to only engage in the survey process, the link is here, this will not preserve the Gliding Club airfield.

<https://www.supportinggrowth.govt.nz/assets/2020-Launch-South/b2f7054c3f/Mill-Road-feedback-form.pdf>

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Mill Road to Drury Arterial road



[High resolution map available here:](#)

<https://supportinggrowthnz.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/mill-road-corridor/map#/>



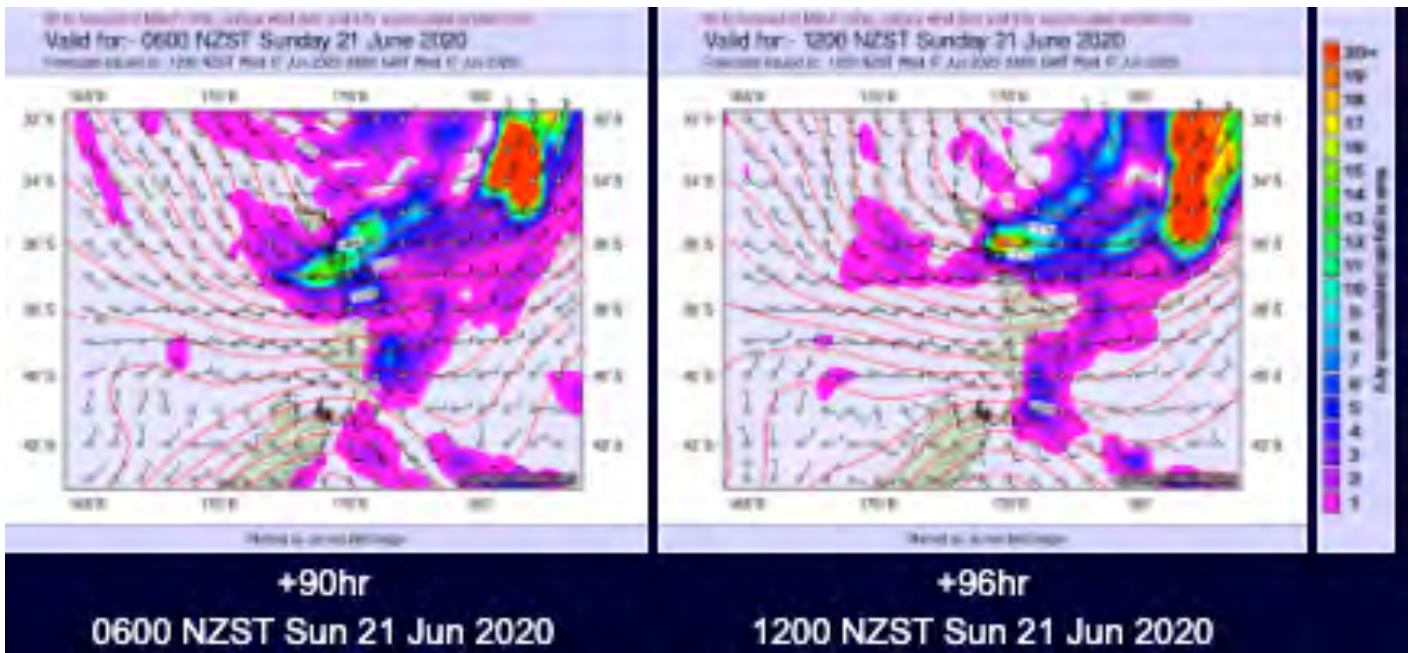
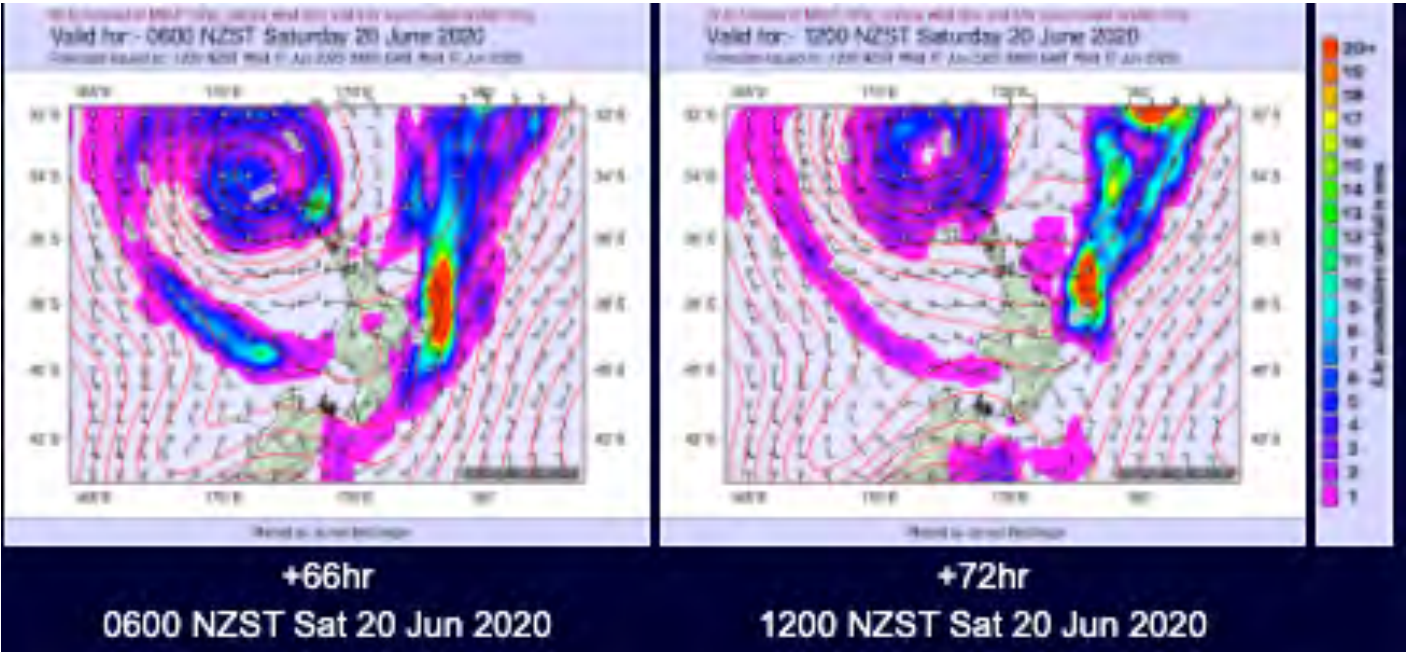
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Metservice isn't working, so here's an alternative view.



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Duty Pilot rosters



Duty Pilot Roster June 2020 to September 2020 Ed1 2 Jun 2020

	Date	Duty Pilot	Cycle	GNZ
Sat	6-Jun	Dion Manktelow	1	5085
Sun	7-Jun	Geoff Gaddes	1	4236
Sat	13-Jun	Graham Cochrane	1	4961
Sun	14-Jun	Grahame Player	1	278
Sat	20-Jun	Hugh Warren	1	1842
Sun	21-Jun	John Bongrain	1	5264
Sat	27-Jun	Roy Innes	1	4869
Sun	28-Jun	Jonathan Cross	1	1500
Sat	4-Jul	Keith Annabell	1	4733
Sun	5-Jul	Matt Findlay	1	4038
Sat	11-Jul	Murray Wardell	1	2942
Sun	12-Jul	Nigel McPhee	1	1309
Sat	18-Jul	John Bayliss	1	4958
Sun	19-Jul	Pat Driessen	1	267
Sat	25-Jul	Paul O'Neill-Gregory	1	942
Sun	26-Jul	Ross Gaddes	1	1846
Sat	1-Aug	Ross J Taylor	1	780
Sun	2-Aug	Russell Thorne	1	1623
Sat	8-Aug	Seamus Breen	1	325
Sun	9-Aug	Allen Pendergrast	3	4854
Sat	15-Aug	Caleb Rosvall	3	5790
Sun	16-Aug	Callum Dodds	3	5711
Sat	22-Aug	Colin Bryan	3	1007
Sun	23-Aug	Dylan Watson	3	4129
Sat	29-Aug	Geof Green	3	5683
Sun	30-Aug	Geraldine Dumas	3	5712

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Weekend rosters



Saturday, June 20, 2020

Level 1 Restrictions Apply. Existing Voucher holders may book trial flights using the club member Instructor & Glider option. In the intentions box state your preferred launch time

- ✓ Public Flights
- ✓ Towing Available
- ⚠ Winching not available

Existing Bookings

No Bookings

Crew

Instructor 1 Nigel McPhee
Instructor 2 Paul O'Neil Gregory
Tow Pilot 1 Wayne Thomas
Duty Pilot 1 Hugh Warren

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Level 1 Restrictions Apply. Existing Voucher holders may book trial flights using the club member Instructor & Glider option. In the intentions box state your preferred launch time

- ✓ Public Flights
- ✓ Towing Available
- ⚠ Winching not available

Existing Bookings

No Bookings

Crew

Instructor 1 Russell Thorne
Instructor 2 Sam Tullett
Tow Pilot 1 Andy Campbell
Tow Pilot 2 Graham Cochrane
Duty Pilot 1 John Bongrain