



# Wellington Wairarapa Gliding Club

## eChandelle

April 2021

### **From the editors:**

Welcome to our re-designed eChandelle !

Your team of editors have decided that a redesign was necessary to prevent too much text build up. For us, it was important to have a good mixture of images and text, without losing precious information.

We have also decided to make the information as interesting as possible throughout the winter, this means you'll only see this newsletter in your inbox every second month. Don't worry, we'll make sure we have as much covered, from those two months, as possible!

We'd also like to hear your story! So no matter how big, or small, we are happy to put it in the newsletter if you think it's worth sharing. Please contact us, by

emailing [gliding.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:gliding.newsletter@gmail.com) or by calling 021 336 203.

Thank you for reading our latest copy,  
The Editorial Team

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- **First Solo** - Martin Moncrieff
- **First Solo** - Alistair Crossling
- **First Solo** - Alistar Grocott
- **To Soaring** - William Keedwell
- **XCP 50KM** - Bruno Tagliapietra and Mark Wilson (2)
- **First Paddock Landings** - William Keedwell and Mark Schillingford
- **Silver Height** - Amy Smith
- **Silver Badge** - Simon Cassey
- **Gold Badge** - James Austin
- **Diamond Goal** - David Hirst

*Central Districts:*

- **Tony van Dyk** - Open Class Champion

- **Alain Marcuse** - Second in Racing Class

What a great list of achievements for these past 2 months, congratulations to all!



Hi All,

It's been a busy summer with some good student progress and a lot of smiles. Thankfully (or suspiciously) I haven't received many OPS10s which must, or course, mean that everyone is doing everything correctly.

There was some interesting feedback from the last "To Solo" course, in that instructors often sing from different hymn sheets, or at least offer 'variations on a theme' for particular training hymns. For the instructors, I'd remind you all to keep updating yourselves on the online syllabus and to talk to other instructors about how particular exercises are taught. For students, be warned that you may hear a range of opinions on certain topics and 'the truth' (or more importantly, what works for you) is in there somewhere; feel free to let any instructor know if their teaching differs markedly from that of others.

We're grown-ups. We'll cope.

Winter is coming and we'll be organising the usual series of XCP theory lectures, so that you have somewhere warm and dry to sit and be educated. Watch this space.

Finally, there has been a focus on tightening up airside vehicle procedures at Hood, as per the attached. Note in particular the comments about high-viz jackets, hazard lights, vehicle numbers and vehicle distances from active runways. Although not mentioned in these SOPs, there have been a few incidents recently where dogs have escaped their owners to go chasing rabbits on the Hood airfield, so it's probably a good idea to keep any dogs car-bound if you bring them to Hood.

Cheers,  
David





## *To Solo Pilots*

Yet another "To Solo" week has been completed, with great progress and even greater achievements. With 3 students going solo, the week turned out to be a great success. Thank you to Brian and the instructors/winch drivers/launch point controllers for organising the week and making it a whole bunch of fun!

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## *To Soaring & XCP Pilots*

Great deal of achievements within this group, as can be seen above. From paddock landings to diamond goals, the last few months of summer have brought a great deal of achievements. Congratulations to all pilots that have been flying and succeeding over the last few months!

A note to all "To Soaring" students that lectures will be coming up soon. Keep an eye out on the newsletter and your inbox to read the latest on when the lectures will be held.

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## **Comms & Marketing Team**

As our current website is somewhat out of date with it's current information, the club has decided to create a new one. This task will be undertaken by BluddyBrilliant, who have also done the rebranding of the club. Any further developments on this will be posted in June's newsletter.

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## **Resource Team**

Six truck loads of topsoil have been purchased to spread over RW 29 Terrace, this will hopefully result in less of a "rocky" landing. There's also been talk around the bump in RW 29, at the launch point end, it seems to be getting worse. Pilots are to treat this area with caution until it is fixed (which is being evaluated).

The fencing around the Terrace has largely been completed, however, the grass seems to be shorting the electric fences. Because there's 9KM of fencing, maintaining the grass is quite a task.

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## **Service Delivery Team**

Looking ahead, the club is predicted (but let's not jinx it) to have a utilisation report equal or above last year's stats. Well done everyone! All of the recent events (the To Solo courses, Central Districts and Moeraki weekend) all helped build flying experience, so well done if you went to any of these places.

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## **Kuranui College Program**

Having had a successful start to the term, the Kuranui students have also come

back to the flying school! Having had nothing but positive feedback and happy faces, the club is happy to keep the program going. The last flying day will be next week Thursday, after which there will be a winter break during Term 2 & 3. There has also been a phenomenal effort to clean up Jim's house, with William

Keedwell leading the mission, the house got cleared of most of its rubbish!

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## Club Statistics

33

Flying days

392

Flights

258h

Flying Time

112

Members

\* statistics based on last two months of club activity.