

AGC Weekly News

Weekend Roster

Saturday

Tug Pilot: Not rostered
 Instructors: Paul O'Neill Gregory, Graham
 Cochrane
 Duty Pilot: Paul O'Neil-Gregory

Sunday

Tug Pilot: Not rostered
 Winch Driver:
 Instructors: Ross Taylor, Anton Lawrence
 Duty Pilot: Ross Gaddes

Committee Stuff for July 2021

Ross Gaddes

This article is a brief description of discussions at the recent committee meeting on 14th July 2021.

Private Hangar Owners – Accounts have gone out as per last year's rates – however a rate increase will happen for the next period to keep in line with rates increases etc.

Working Bee – No new date set yet – jobs still pending please send ideas to Ross.

AGC Gliders – Although we have been attempting to keep the glider trailers current with Rego & WoF – there could well be some error (it is a voluntary system remember) – so if you intend to use a glider down in Matamata or elsewhere, be sure to check for yourself – it is a collective responsibility.

Payment system for tow fees – As from June 1st this was put into practice and so far, so good. The tow pilots have decided that tow height and rego/pilot information should be relayed **BY RADIO CALL** to the tow pilot.

Duo Re-location next season – this is building in momentum and a list of interested members is being populated. See the newsletter last week and or contact Ross for more info.

The Field is closed currently – however this may change at short notice – this is the vagary of weather and if the field is airworthy then we would fly here if those involved are confident it is safe. However, AK and BI are already at Matamata, and we would like the instructors to discuss assisting our trainees by being available there. The committee will be discussing this with Russell

asap and send relevant information via email and the website.

DX – If DX goes down to Matamata it needs to be brought back to Drury for routine maintenance next week (i.e., 19th July).

Fees and Rates 2021-2022 Period – There are some changes this year and they have been approved at our meeting, so invoices will soon be following. This will be the subject of a separate information bulletin.

Aircraft – after doing some financial exercises it is indicating that the two-seat aircraft are indeed of value to our club, and another would get utilised. For that reason, we made an offer for one of Glide Omarama's Duo Discus 'x' ZK-GDD. Unfortunately, this was only a counteroffer and the initial offer accepted meaning we have missed as all of the GO Duo's have been sold now. The idea is still alive however and we will look at options in this respect.

Mid-Winter Dinner – the numbers are climbing for this event – we have a guest speaker by way of Vaughan Ruddick who has many successes in NZ at competition flying as well as some spectacular flying – in Omarama and at his home base from Paraparaumu and Masterton.

Interested parties please let me know at ross@sailplaneservices.co.nz as there will soon be a close off for the dinner.

Unknown trailer rego payment mentioned in previous Weekly News – it has been discovered that this is actually the Fuel Trailer, so you need think no more about this.

A New Tow Pilot

Wayne Thomas

We are fortunate to have a new Tow Pilot and I would like you to welcome Benjamin (Ben) Duthie-Jung to our ranks. He has completed his CPL with Nelson Aviation College, completed his

tail dragger time with Tim Dennis, and is now type rated on CEB (thanks to Russell Thorne). He is now in the process of completing his Tow Rating and looking forward to towing some gliders.

Winter Lecture Series & Exams

For the student pilots, don't forget the rest of the Winter Lecture series. The exams in Met and

Human Factors are up next for anyone who wishes to sit.

Matamata gliding

As you already know, a number of AGC gliders have been flying from Matamata.

The photo here was taken by Gerard Robertson from PV while heading south along the Kaimais last weekend. John Robertson went for height

rather than speed; Bay Control having given him clearance. Unfortunately, by the time he reached 5,500', he discovered that not wearing socks may not have been the correct choice.



Airspace for Auckland/Matamata/Taupo Events This Season

From Russell Thorne

This year we've got new airspace approved, which will be active from the 2nd December. Rough charts follow below showing our new and modified areas.

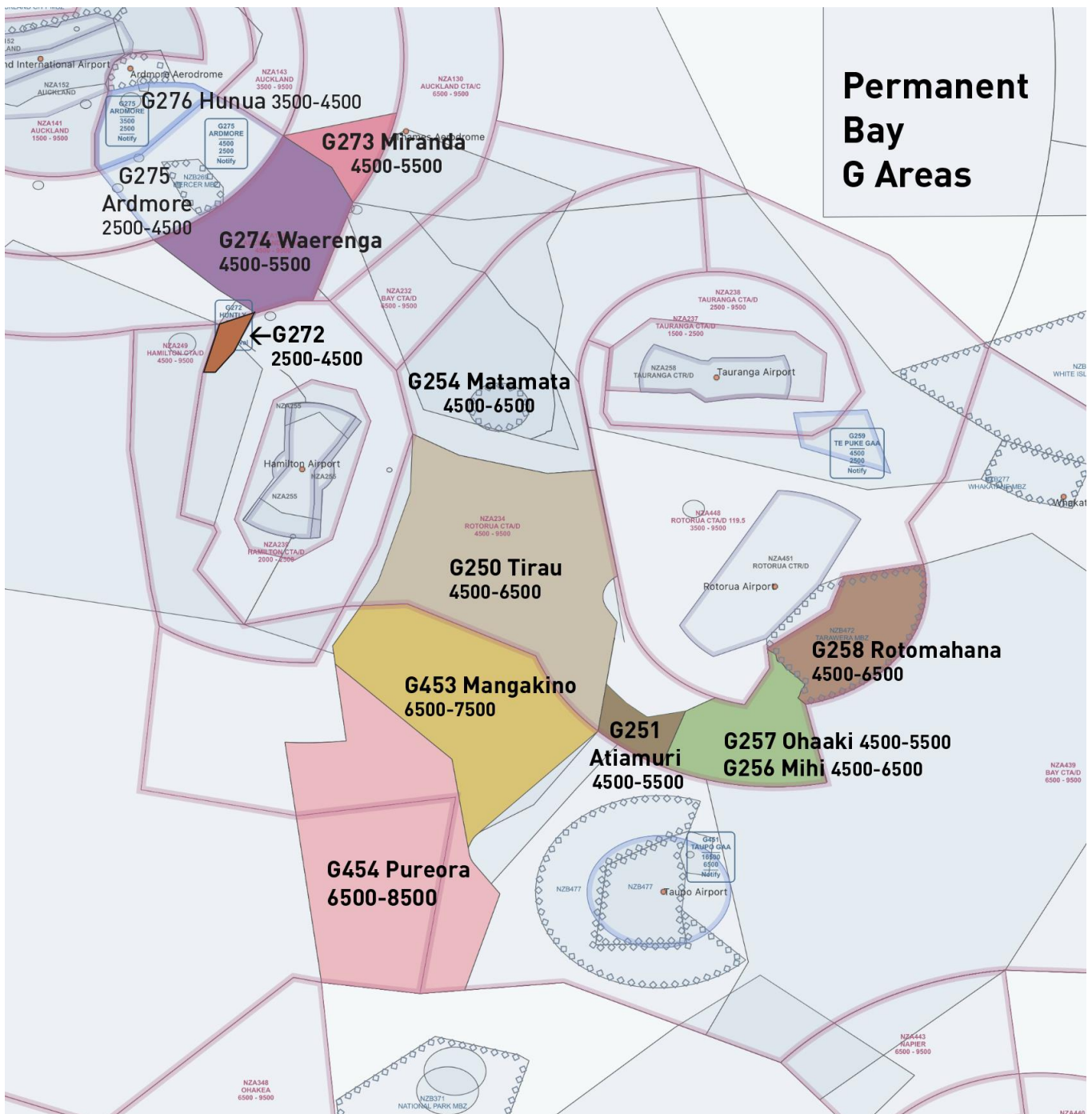
We've just finished negotiating our latest MoU with Bay Sector team in airways last week, and also confirming our event timetable with the Auckland Approach sector.

In good news the MoU drops all the combo restrictions that we used to have, but they reserve the right to add some in the future if needed.

Basically, we'll work it out with the new areas on a day-by-day basis, and the new design should alleviate many issues they used to have. Round Hamilton task anyone?!

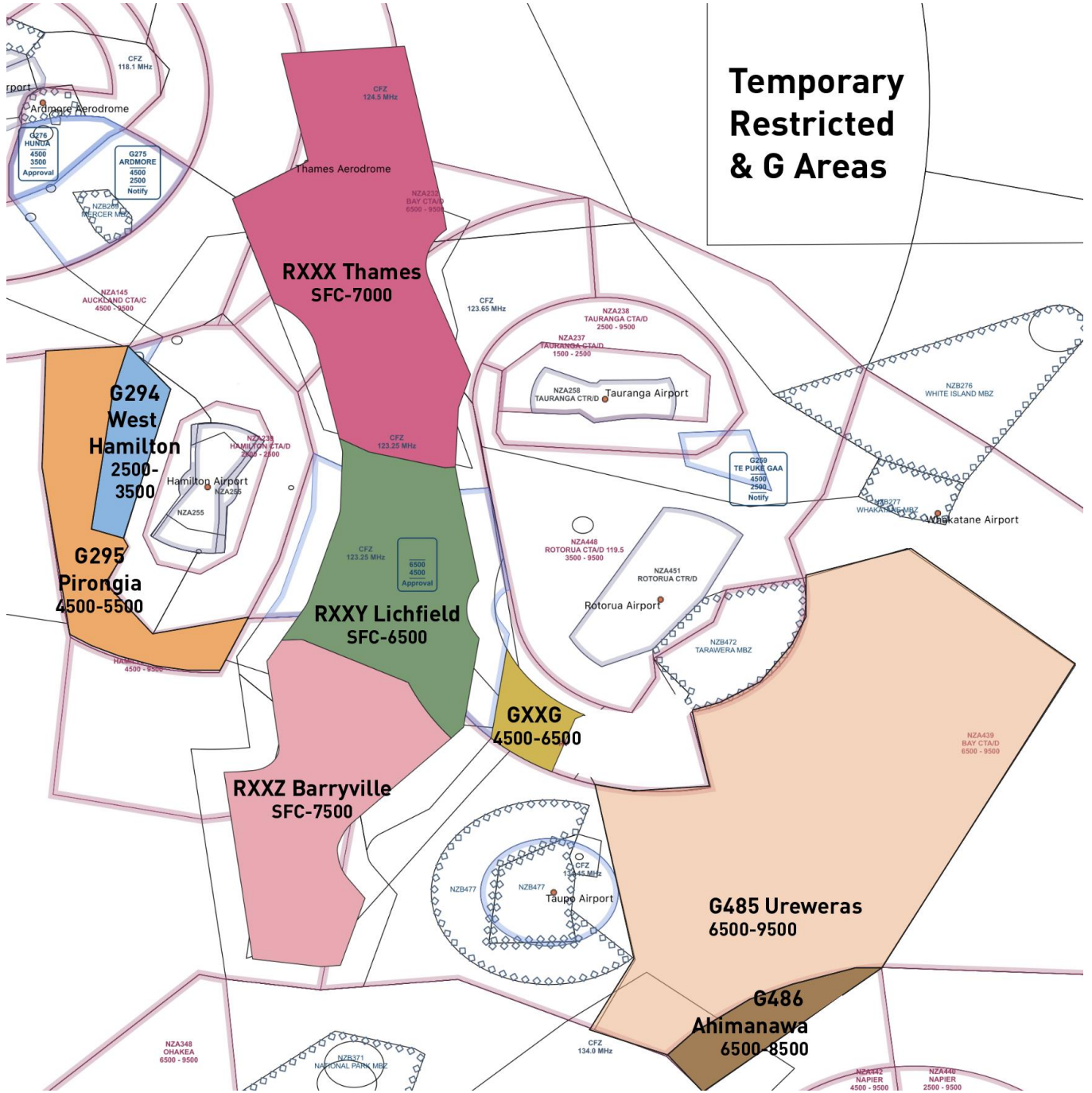
The Taupo Nov comp (which uses the existing MoU and airspace due to the dates pre 2nd Dec) has just been applied for and acknowledged from CAA. So that's sorted.

This must not to be used before 2nd December 2021, but the news is that the Maramarua GAA G253 will be dis-established from that date.



Permanent Bay G Areas

Temporary Restricted & G Areas



Weekend Weather

Gerrard Robertson

Hunua

15 July 2021

Friday 16 JUL		Cloudy periods, and the odd shower afternoon or evening. Northerlies picking up in the afternoon.	▲ 17°C ▼ 14°C
Saturday 17 JUL		Rain developing morning, widespread for a time, easing to isolated showers in the evening as strong or gale northerlies turn lighter northwest.	▲ 17°C ▼ 12°C
Sunday 18 JUL		Isolated showers, more frequent from afternoon. Brisk northwesterlies.	▲ 17°C ▼ 10°C

For Sale

Our beloved **Discus B** C/N 120 ZK-GPV is for sale. This glider is a delight to fly and offers competitive performance with an L/D 42.5:1. The panel is largely state of the art at time of manufacture, including an ILEC SB-8 vario with speed director and a rather more modern Nano 3 connected to a FLARM mouse. PV is fitted with an oxygen bottle. Both glider and trailer are included in the price. The trailer was given a bare metal finish in December, while the year before the axle, wheels and tyres were replaced. It tows very well. Be ready for the 2021-2022 soaring season with a real weapon.

Contact Paul O'Neill-Gregory 021 194 5065.

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Auckland Gliding Club Mid-Winter Celebration

I want to invite all members, partners, and friends to a Mid-Winter Mushroom Risotto evening at our clubhouse on Saturday July 24th at 6pm. Under Simon Gault's direction the quality food will be perfect for a cool winters evening at the AGC clubrooms

\$27 per person

**This includes our prizegiving and will also include lots of fun.
Make a booking in your diary now!**

Reservations close this Sunday.