

AGC Weekly News

Weekend Roster

Saturday

Tug Pilots: Andy Campbell, Dion Manktelow
 Instructors:
 Duty Pilot: In Cheol Kim

Sunday

Tug Pilots: Wayne Thomas
 Instructors:
 Duty Pilot: Jonathan Ash

As there were only two responses to the question of going to Matamata, the club will remain at Drury this weekend with flying as rostered.

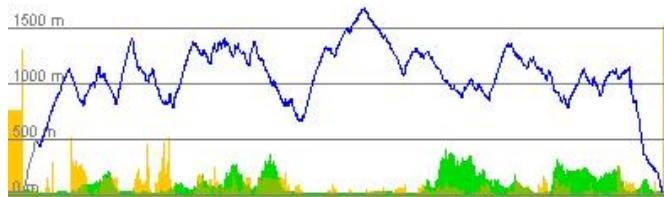
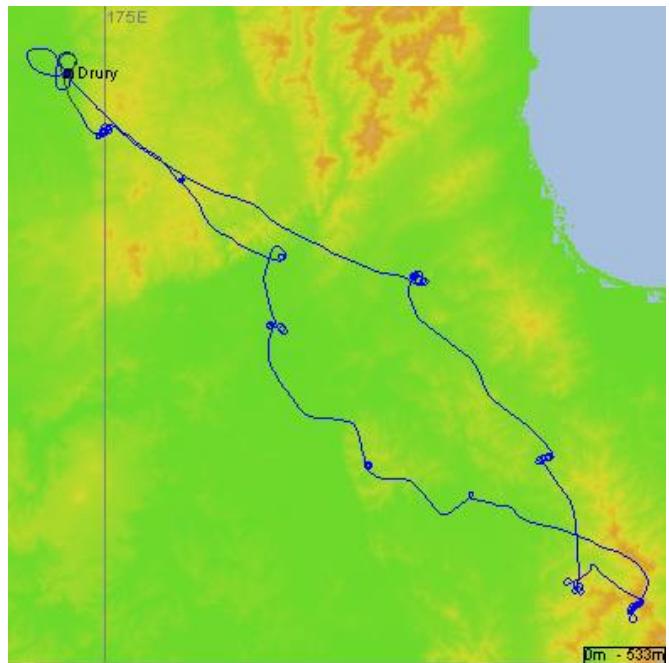
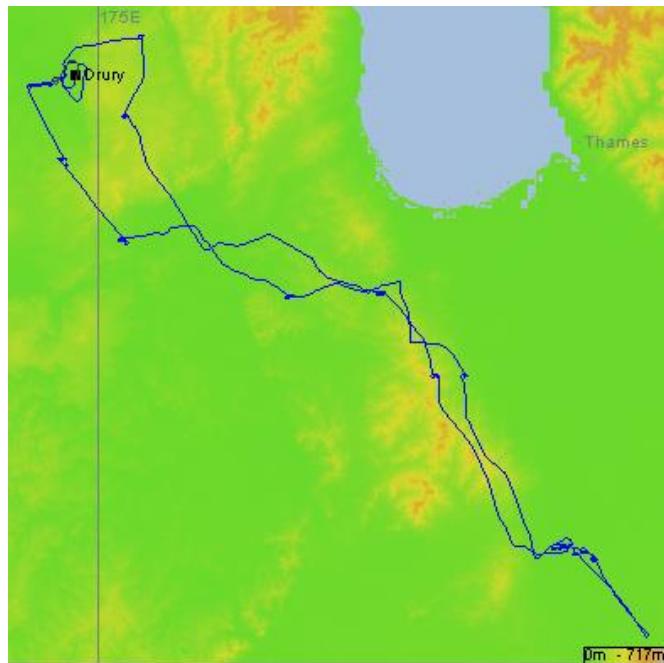
A New Member

It's a big welcome to new member Sophie Macdonald, who has already had a first flight at Drury. Sophie is the daughter of the club's honorary solicitor, John Macdonald, himself an

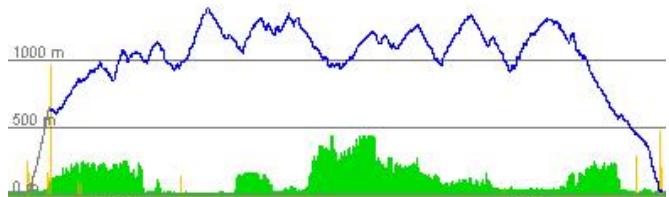
experienced glider pilot who used to fly his own Discus.

Sadly, we goodbye to Lisa Peart who has resigned from the club.

Flights of the Week



Saturday 9th – extraordinary flight for a poor day by Pat Driessen.



Sunday 10th – nice little trip down towards the Kaimais. Murray Wardell and Maurie Honey in the club's Duo Discus.

Ground Crew

Adam Woolley, courtesy Wings & Wheels



While gliding is a solo sport in many ways, a pilot and their crew need to work together closely and have a nice working relationship. I've often found that my best flights in the past have come from having my father as a crew, I have complete confidence that with whatever happens on the ground, I'm in good hands, also if I need a sleep in to recover from a day's flying, I can rely on him 100% to get my glider ready for me. Of course, when an off-field landing occurs, we rely on the crew member to retrieve us. Sadly, for our sport, finding a good crew is getting increasingly difficult.

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On a club level though, a pilot may be aiming for a badge or just going out to practice some XC techniques, often relies on a club member to come pick them up if an outlanding was to occur. Prior to the flight it's extremely important to ask politely your friends whether they'd be willing to pick you up should you have to landout, followed by ensuring your trailer is fully ready for the retrieve, your car is near full of fuel, finally, your keys are in the car... A friend once had to use his own car on a 10hr road retrieve, to retrieve a pilot who had his keys in his pocket 400km away!

Competition Crew

The situation when it comes to a competition is entirely different, a really good crew can add so much to a pilot's result, equally, a poorly chosen crew can draw energy from the pilot. The key, once you get to the competition environment, is

respect and involvement, to have routine and finally, a thorough debrief on the flight at the end of the day is also important, draw them in, they helped you with your daily success. What this does is that it encourages the vital support that's required, but also makes for a nice relaxed environment, one where the crew can learn on your behalf for their own soaring success too.

Empower Your Crew

Treating your crew as equal, giving them the power to make decisions within their responsibilities, and giving them a voice too, really helps with an enjoyable and successful competition. The crew choice should be one that you trust, has a determination to learn and help the pilot, and one who has some technical knowledge is preferable. They should be able to help with the daily chores (arranging lunch or being able to help with the washing), but also be there to give you motivation or moral support when it's needed. A good crew is a great backup for yourself with avoiding distractions at launch time, helping you think about things you should be thinking about, keeping you motivated, happy, and relaxed, whenever each occasion arises in the day.

It's great to share this sport with others, especially if you can build up a lifelong crew relationship, or support an upcoming junior at your club for their own ambitions in their future!

For Sale



PW5 KF. Current Annual until Dec 2022. Ready to fly. Approx 800 hours flying. Radio, altimeter,

airspeed indicator, electric and mechanicals variros. Includes open trailer. Also Includes free use of hangar space at Drury until 31 Oct, 2022, if required. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Ideal for single ownership or cheap syndicate. Reason for sale is that glider is surplus to requirements. Phone Murray on 0275 875 438

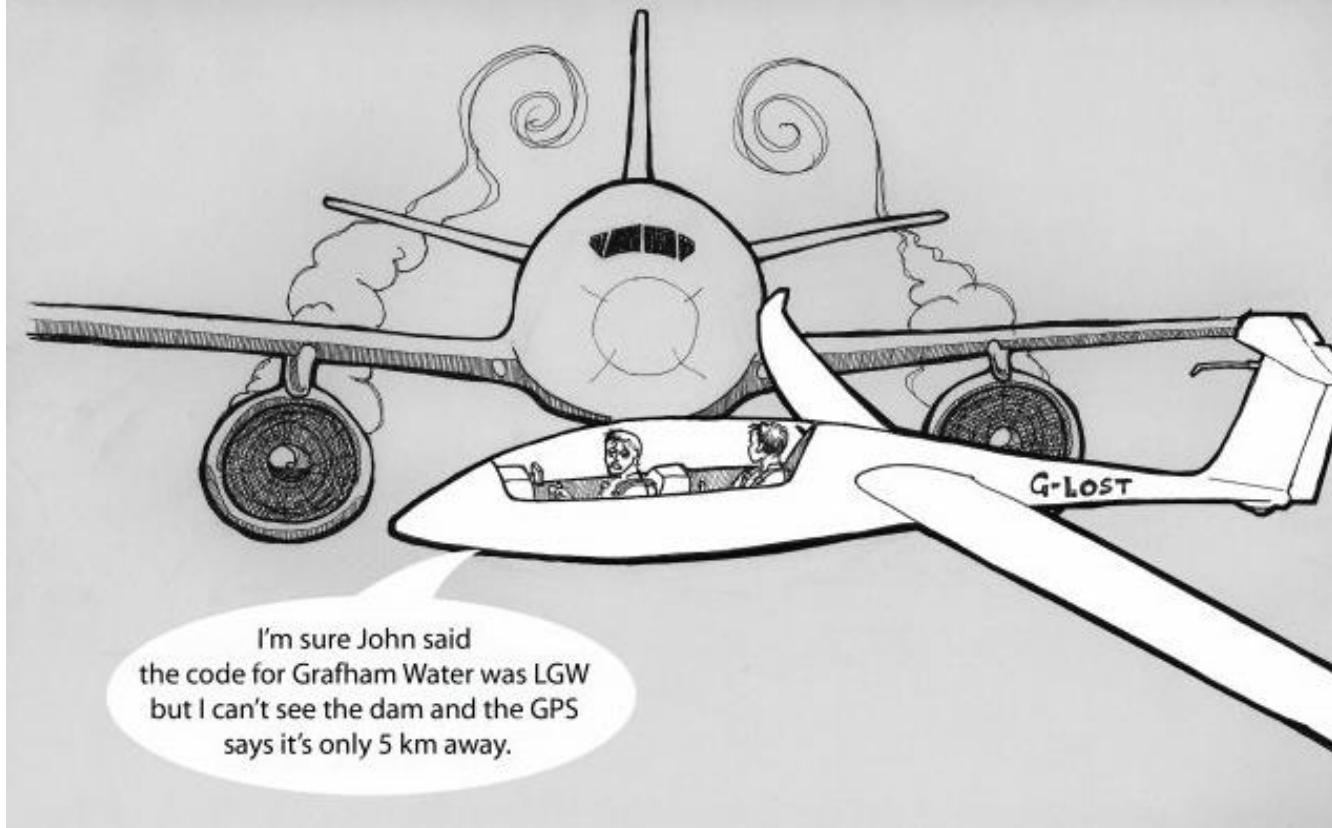


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Share for sale in **Grob G109** (ZK-GOC). Touring type motor glider in excellent condition. Upgraded with Limbach L 2400, so has much better take off performance than the standard G109. Contact Russell Jones on 021 180 5544 or email russell.jones@orcon.net.nz

Wanted

Drury hangar space wanted. Contact Peter Himmel on 0210768805 or himlp@xtra.co.nz



ADS-B might have saved the day.

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