



WWGC Newsletter - September 2022

From the President - Simon Casey

Yay! Finally after a row of wet unflyable weekends, a great weekend of flying with awesome thermals on Sat 17 and Sun 18 September. Although the ground had dried out, it was still soft and the grass long. But the launch areas were mown enabling operation from 03 on both days. Thanks to the new mowing team consisting of Martyn Cook, Allan Johnson, Ben Wilson and Tony Van Dyk.

Nice to see a big queue of gliders ready to launch. We had a great turn out of single seater pilots but where are the students? Weather permitting, now is the time to get back into your training. Use the [booking system](#) to get your name early on the training list for this coming weekend.

Achievements

Thanks to investigative work by Bruno, Ben Wilson has had his 300Km flight from January this year confirmed and has now got his Gold Badge. Now he is on to his Diamond badge!

On Sunday 18 September, Reegan had a goal of a 90 minute flight in MB. But he flew 2 hours & 48 minutes. Brilliant achievement Reegan. Looking forward to seeing you fly in NB.



Birthday Launches

For September, the free birthday winch launch goes to:

- James Austin
- Stewart Barton
- Victor Lenting
- James Goldsworthy
- Rowan Higgins
- Bailey Parker

Winter Presentation Series

We have had some really successful presentations so far including:

Preparing for badge flights from Bruno

Thermalling in weak conditions From Tony Van Dyk and Kevin Clark

Radio Procedures and Etiquette from Ben Wilson.

Since the last newsletter, we have had two more. They are:

Wave flying in the Wairarapa from Stewart Barton and Grae Harrison. You can see part 1 [here](#) and part 2 [here](#).

And

Preparing for Glider Competitions from Mark Wilson. You can see it [here](#).

The last presentation in the series is a season opening talk from our CFI David Hirst and confessions from members titled "I Learned about Flying from That" on Sunday October 2. If you are going to be training for flying season, then this session is a must!

TVD Defibrillators

We now have two high spec heart defibrillators at the club. Special thanks goes to Rosie Swanson from Greytown Sport & Leisure who helped us secure funding from Air Rescue Services Ltd. But thanks also goes to Tony Van Dyk who generously donated more funds so we could secure the higher spec models. I would like us to refer to them as the TVD Defibrillators in recognition of Tony's contribution.

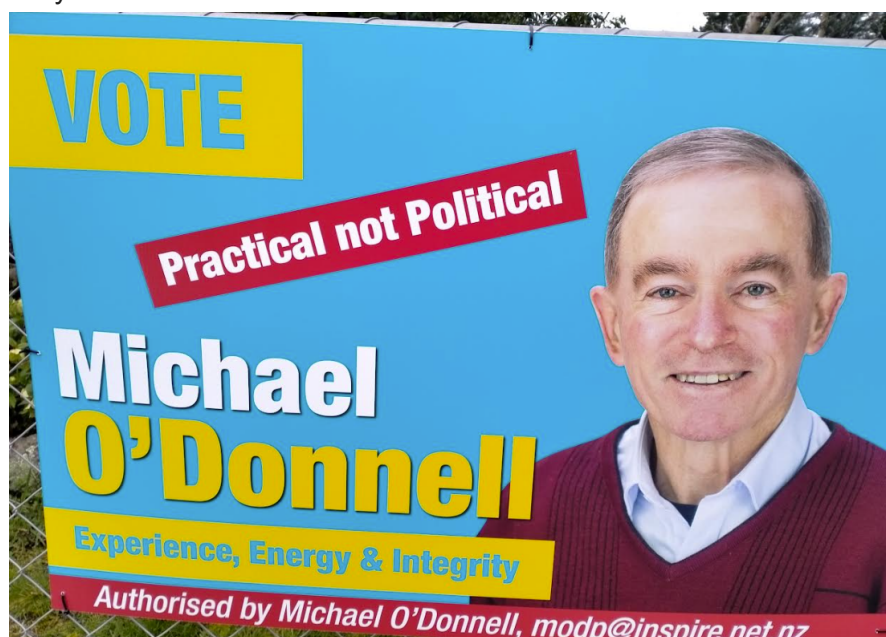


One of the defibrillators will be installed on the southern wall of the club house and the other will be kept in the launch point van. We will make the local Marae aware of the location of the club mounted defibrillator in case they need it.

I visited the Wellington Free Ambulance and they are keen to provide us training in the defibrillators and in general CPR. We may run several courses depending on who is interested. At the end, you will be given a WFA CPR certificate. I would like all members who are not already CPR certified to participate. I will advise separately of the course dates which will be run at the club rooms.

WWGC Club Member for Carterton Council

To help influence the local body politics, we have our esteemed member and instructor Michael O'Donnell who has put himself up for election as a councillor at the upcoming local body elections in Carterton.



Pity he doesn't live in the South Wairarapa District Council where he could be our representative for making the council even more favourable towards gliding! Good luck Michael!

Carterton Daffodil Festival

A number of our members assisted William in showing off gliding at an amazing stand at the recent Daffodil Festival. The Lion's Club who were the organisers were so impressed with having a fully rigged glider on display that they waived the display fee! They rigged it in the pouring rain but the weather turned to brilliant sunshine in the afternoon. They were inundated with queries. Although we expect a number of vouchers to sell as a result, it was very valuable making visitors to the festival aware of our sport. Thank you William and team.



Reegan and Taylor at the stand.

Youth Camp

Kieran Cassidy is organising the youth camp to be held at our airfield to be held between Fri 21st Oct 2022 - Mon 24th Oct 2022. So far there are 13 attending with ages ranging from 13 to 19. As with all youth camps, we are excited to host this and look forward to the vibrancy the youth bring to our club.

Next Donation Project

As you probably know, the donation for a toilet at the airfield was so successful that we ended up being able to purchase two. We have one already on 29 but the one earmarked for 03 is being delayed until we can get approval from the council to get it installed. The irrigators are the problem.

But are there other projects you think we should seek donations for. Because of the need to repay the loans, they take priority over other projects. So donations will mean we can prioritise them.

So please email admin@soar.co.nz if you have a project in mind. I will put the suggestions to the vote with members and the most popular will be put up for fundraising. Entries close at the end of the month.

Web Conferencing Equipment for the Club House

We have agreed that the regular committee meeting will not longer be held at Mike Lennard's Stout St Chambers as more committee members are now residing in the Wairarapa. Also more are joining remotely on Zoom. So all subsequent committee meetings will be held at the club rooms with those wanting to join via Zoom still being able to do so.

But Zoom meetings at the club rooms have been relying on private members bringing the equipment to make it happen. Mark Wilson² has volunteered to ensure we have a proper setup with the equipment we have now and supplementing it with a camera, microphone and speaker to make it fit for purpose.

That will make any other meeting based at the club room to be joined remotely.

WWGC Clothing

Are you after WWGC branded club clothing such as jackets, T shirts, collared shirts and hats? Summer is coming and it is the best time to promote your club by wearing our branding. If so Email admin@soar.co.nz and if there is sufficient interest, I will instigate a clothing order.

Irrigators

Until now, the irrigators have been run at night time and have not conflicted with our use of the airfield. However, in a recent meeting with the SWDC, they have advised they will want to run the irrigators regularly all day at least one day a week. In consultation with the club, this will likely be a Tuesday but they may be able to forgo or move the day where we have an event or a multi day training course. In the event that we wish to go flying on a day that the irrigators are in operation, we will still be able to fly if we are able to operate on 29.

They have also advised that the irrigator may also be parked on the fence line of runway 03. Clearly this is an extra hazard but they have agreed to ensure that it is highly visible for gliders on approach to 03.