



## WWGC Newsletter July/August 2023

### **From the President - Simon Casey**

The airfield remains sodden so much so that we cannot have cars visiting the airfield park on the grass. Even Mu, our 4WD got stuck. The same applies to the trailer park. The ground is so wet that driving on it will form deep ruts which will break open the lime surface. Martyn advises that the trailer park will be finished once the area dries out.

Unfortunately even Hood has been affected and the grass runways have been closed to operations until further notice. That of course means no flying from anywhere at the moment.

The reality is that we need to budget for 4 months of the year being flyable. We have to ensure our fixed costs are covered in really bad years like this one. So Tom is forming a sub committee to come up with ideas on how we best protect our club financially. We will keep you posted.

### **Brian's Farewell**

On a brighter note, we had a great farewell for Brian Sharpe Saturday week ago. We had over 50 attendees. Great stories were told by Grae Harrison and Martyn Cook to suitably embarrass Brian!. With the ground being so wet, we nearly had to cancel the event but fortunately, Simon was able to grab a GoBus vehicle so we could ferry attendees from Greytown to the club house in two trips.

Below are some photos of the event courtesy of Mick (our new caretaker) & Simon.







## **Visiting Papawai**

As Mick and Ondy are yet to familiarise themselves with all the members, can you please advise them in advance if you are intending to visit the airfield. We had a situation where a member hooked up a trailer and took it off site. Mick didn't know whether he should call the Police!

Mick's contact phone./text number is 027 249 3634

## **We Need a Trailer**

Unfortunately our trusty or should that be rusty trailer has failed its WoF and it does not look as if it is repairable. We need a trailer to get rid of the rubbish and recycling. Do you have or know of someone who has an old warrantable trailer they would be prepared to donate to the club? If so, please contact either myself or Martyn Cook.

## **Solar Panels for Cars**

Martyn is looking into getting solar panels for our fleet so that we don't have so many instances of flat batteries. They are rife at the moment because of the lack of use. This should keep batteries not only topped up but have an extended lifespan as flat batteries reduces the lifespan.

## **Save the Dates**

- Annual Dinner  
William is looking at another venue. We will provide you the date and the venue when confirm although it will likely coincide with the AGM
- AGM  
The AGM date has been set to Saturday 23 September. Time to be advised.

### Is there a Caption for This?

A photo of David Hirst straddling a DG1000 in its trailer. All suggestions welcomed and may feature in next month's newsletter.



This month's funny side

