

# AGC Weekly News

The weekly newsletter of the Auckland Gliding Club at Drury, Auckland

## From the CFI

Hello and goodbye sort of.

Aurelien, our French summer instructor, arrived on Monday. He and I had a check flight on Tuesday that ended with a turn at Thompsons track. We made three turns on the return trip but they were probably not necessary as it was that good. A couple of happy snaps are attached.

Ross Taylor has asked to be relieved of instructor duties. He has given countless years of service to the club as an instructor so it's only fair he concentrates on his personal flying. We all must thank him for his long service to the club. Of course, he'll now be seen flying SW on a more regular basis.

As you will see from the Drury comp poster in this newsletter, the comp will start on the 3rd Jan. We have a Comp Director in David Moody. He volunteered willingly but we do need some other volunteers to help with manning the caravan, phone, grid marshalling etc. We probably know who some of these people will be but if you are keen to help, please let Ross or I know ASAP.

And remember to enter if you intend to fly or help at <https://gliding.net.nz/events/agc-drury-comp-jan-2025>

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## Murray in his PW5 again

### Spot The Difference!



This photo off the Internet reminded me of a landing I once did,...

Ah,... Yes – this landing !

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## Gerard's videos

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### How to Repair and Recut an Instrument Panel



<https://youtu.be/zs10srMsJtE?si=7sXTDFHrIBfhpZht>

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## Member's Ads

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### PW5 ZK-GAT

Ready to fly. Approx 650 hours flying with 211 starts. Two Price Options:

**Option 1:** \$12,000 Glider, covered trailer, basic instruments (ASI, Altimeter, Mechanical Vario, Radio (Becker), Compass)

**Option 2 (Preferred):** \$25,000 The Works (Everything you need to fly in airspace, competitions, records)

Option 1 plus; Trig Transponder, ADSB In Out, S100 Vario, easy one-man-rig trailer fittings, parachute,

For negotiation separately: Oxygen system (2 tanks and EDS Mt High regulator). Ready but not previously installed.  
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**Drury Hangars x 2** (adjacent hangar spaces, access via southern door access in hangar # 1).  
The 2 hangars are for sale (together or contemporaneously) and are available after the sale of PW-5 ZK-GAT.  
Hangar # 1 is the one pictured behind the PW-5 canopy.  
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# **Auckland Gliding Club**

## **Auckland Enterprise Competition**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Jan to 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025**

**All pilots are invited to attend our regular Drury competition.**

**Formally called the “Drury Comps” this event has morphed into an exciting type of competition format that places emphasis on personal achievement as much, or more, than just who beats who. This event is also strongly focussed on providing enjoyment of our sport on the ground and in the air, for the people associated with it. The idea is to provide support and coaching for newer cross-country pilots without dampening the challenge to experienced pilots.**

**This year will be a low-key event designed to minimise the hard work associated with gliding events but without compromising on safety. We also encourage information sharing and social engagement.**

**We have been fortunate to have enjoyed many great days of soaring during our early January competition. This has been attributed to our timing in January which has often supplied great soaring opportunities.**

**We are also fortunate to now have two Duo Discus available as well as the PW6 which can also provide satisfying XC soaring. Combine that with our two invitee instructors as well as some local instructors, we are well positioned to provide XC and competition experiences to those who are at an earlier stage or simply not willing to venture XC without on board assistance.**

**SO – PLEASE LET US KNOW A.S.A.P. if you want to be in one of our Twins, QQ – DX or XY during the competition period. We are drafting a roster of P1 and P2 for that period.**

**ALSO – If you wish to enter its REALLY important to ENTER A.S.A.P. – this is done on the Gliding NZ website under Events – I cannot over emphasise the importance of this as it affects the launch facilities we require. It also enables us to prepare well before the event with details for charging etc.**

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