

Newsletter changes

After many years of putting together the newsletter each week, Peter Wooley has decided it's time to take a break from this role.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Peter for taking on this task and his dedication to it.

As a result of this we are making a few changes to the newsletter (some of which we are still figuring out, so bear with us)

- Initially the “newsletter” won't be on a specific weekly schedule but we will try to get something out every week or two
- If you have any content, feedback or suggestions for the newsletter please send it to newsletter@glidingauckland.co.nz

Facebook

If you are not currently following the clubs facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/soaringauckland> please do follow it (and add comments to posts).

There is some good content there and if you can share the posts to your feed, it is a great way to introduce gliding to your friends.

The latest post shows some great convergence flying along the Coromandel

Also, we are always looking for more content so if you have some great pictures , videos, or suggestions for posts please send to newsletter@glidingauckland.co.nz



QQ with Coromandel in the distance

CEB in for Maintenance

Our trusty yellow steed will be in for maintenance to fix an oil leak next Tuesday (29th Jan), so at this stage it is unlikely we will be flying.

From the CFI

The Enterprise comp started slowly but ended with some excellent flights with personal bests and goals obtained. For me getting down to Titiraupenga twice in two days was quite special.

Airspace.

Unfortunately, we had a couple of airspace violations which caused the TCAS of two jets to go off. I've also received a confession subsequent to the comp of another airspace incursion. I can't impress the importance of knowing the local airspace, (from here to Taupo) well and ensuring you don't encroach.

As I've previously said the best avoidance method is to pull out of a climb 200 feet below the ceiling and only when stabilised in straight flight should you allow the glider to climb up to the ceiling keeping a safe margin.

The next pilot to be found to have breached airspace without ATC consent will have their flying privileges revoked until they can show on a VNC all the local airspace the height limits and the GA areas and how they are activated.

Competition finishes.

This seems to come up annually, rather than have a rant I'll just quote from the GNZ MOAP Part 2 section 2-12,

I suggest you read it in full if you are contemplating practicing "Competition Finishes" as I've just picked the most salient points below.

1.2 Competition finishes conducted below a height of 500 feet AGL may be conducted only at an aviation event authorised by the Director in accordance with CAR Part 91.703.

Under its CAR Part 149 Certificate, GNZ is delegated by the Director to authorise such aviation events.

2.3 Final Glide and Competition Finish Approval. A Final Glide and Competition Finish Approval is a written approval, recorded in the pilot's logbook, for that pilot to conduct a final glide and competition finish in accordance with this section and any other limitations that may be contained in the approval.

3.1 The minimum height of any part of the glider during the manoeuvre is **100** feet AGL or a greater height if specified by the Competition Rules, the affiliate's Rules or any other limitation contained in the pilot's approval.

4.1 Training in the conduct of final glide and competition finish manoeuvres is to be in accordance with Appendix 2-I. This forms a training record and is to be signed as having been completed by the affiliate's Chief Flying Instructor or designated approved gliding instructor.

To summarise , the only time you can fly below 500 feet except for landing or ridge soaring is if you have competition finishes signed off in your logbook and not lower than 100 feet AGL or have a level 4 Aerobatics rating and not lower than 200 feet.

For those wishing to get sign off we can arrange a time to get together to go through the syllabus and do a number of sign offs at one time, just let me know if you are interested.

Gliding Information and Links

The Scottish Gliding centre have recently posted a series of talks by G Dale, they loosely follow his books but give a lot more context to them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWdCWKMifmg>

For new comers to Gliding, G Dale is the author of the Soaring Engine series of books and they are well worth reading, especially Volume 1 if you are just getting started

Gliding Podcasts

The Thermal <https://thethermalpodcast.libsyn.com/>

Soaring the Sky - <https://gliderboy.podbean.com/> (no longer being produced but lots of episodes to listen to)

Membership

We have a number of new members recently joined and several more who have purchased trial flights and expressed an interest in joining the club so this is very positive

New members - welcome to the club

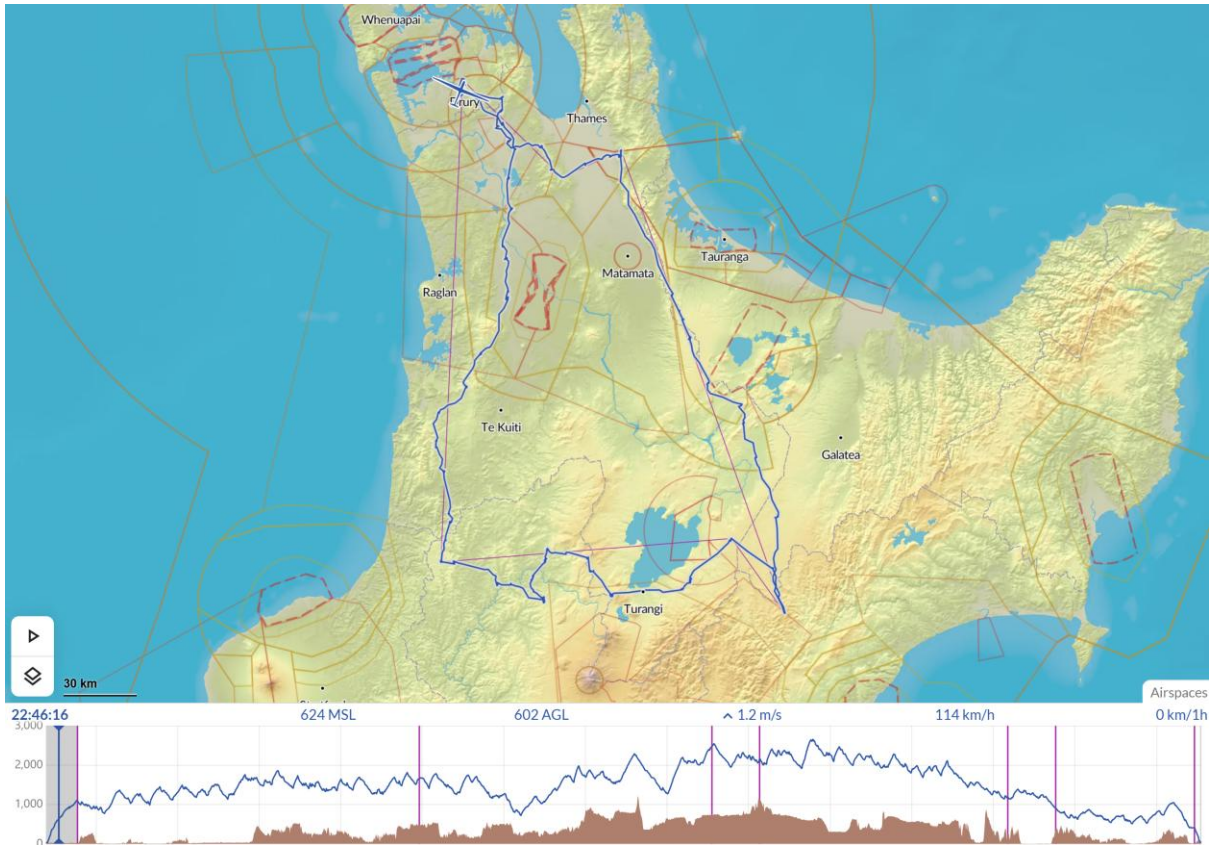
- Luke Noonan
- Ian England
- Laureen Paller
- Howard Guo
- Jean Bezel

Epic Flight - Pat Driessen on 13 Jan.

Distance of 637km averaging 93kph , taking 7Hrs .

This was two days after taking out the winners prize at our Enterprise competition.

Well done Pat!



We are also looking for someone to take on the publishing of the newsletter, so if you are interested please let me know.

Please send any questions, comments, suggestions or editor volunteers to secretary@GlidingAuckland.co.nz

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Temporary Editor in Chief 😊

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