

Here's a quick update of activity from around the club over the last few weeks.

Trial Flights on the Rise

We've seen strong interest in gliding over this soaring season, with more people taking to the skies.

- **16** five-flight packages have been purchased, leading to **90 flights**.
- **17** single-flight packages have also been sold.
- Encouragingly, **five people who started with a five-flight package have now become members**.

Since **July 1st**, we've conducted **69 trial flights**—**55 from five-flight packages** and **14 as single flights**.

The number of trial flights purchased are already **50% higher than the last financial year**.

It's great to see more people getting involved, and we look forward to welcoming more new faces in the coming months.

Instructor Appreciation Day

A special shout out to Anton and all the instructors who are shouldering the extra workload.

On top of all the trial flights they have also just completed a weekend with 12 ATC Cadets getting two flights each.

Thanks for all your efforts – the club could not function without you

First Solo

Congratulations to Lauren Paller, who completed her first solo flight on Waitangi Day!

After a few circuits, she was told : "**Now is the time.**" With little time for nerves to set in she was off. A fantastic achievement—well done, Lauren!

I'm also advised that Simon Gault was on hand filming the achievement and interviewing (reluctant) instructors for a video he is putting together – we look forward to seeing that.

New Members

Its great to see the membership continuing to grow and we welcome the latest new members

- Seth Packard (youth)
- David Graham
- Dohun Lee

Newsletter Editor

We are still looking for someone to take on the publishing of the **newsletter**, so if you are interested (or wish to volunteer someone) please let me know at secretary@GlidingAuckland.co.nz

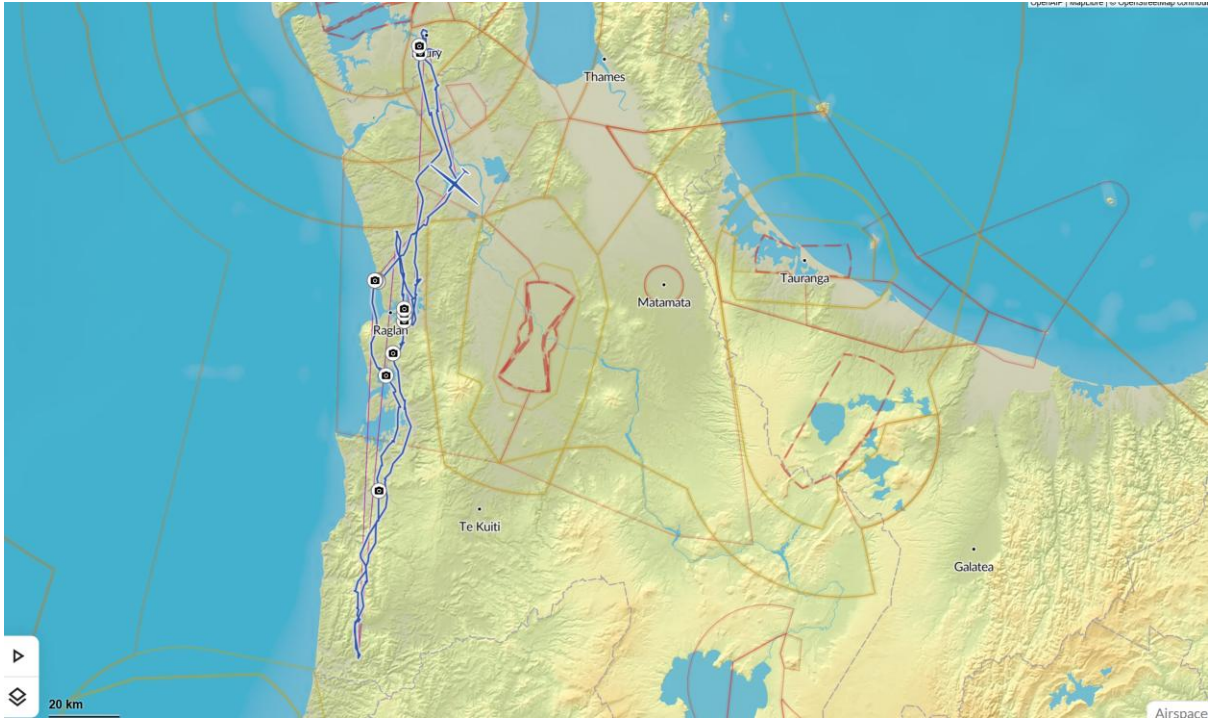
Epic Flight

Once again Aurelian has taken to the sky for another epic flight. This time with Jason and heading down the west coast well south of Te Kuiti.

Check out the all the photos here

<https://www.facebook.com/search/posts/?q=auckland%20gliding%20club>





Russel in his Cub “escorting” Aurelien and Jason back to Drury



Kevin Johnson

Very **Temporary** Editor in Chief 😊