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AGC NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CFI

There is a compulsory preseason brief this Saturday at 10:30am to go over the usual housekeeping items and reminders.

Flour bomb fun day and BBQ is planned for the following Saturday, the long-range forecast is not looking good at this stage.

The forecast for this weekend is a bit grim as well, with a decent front expected to pass over on Saturday.

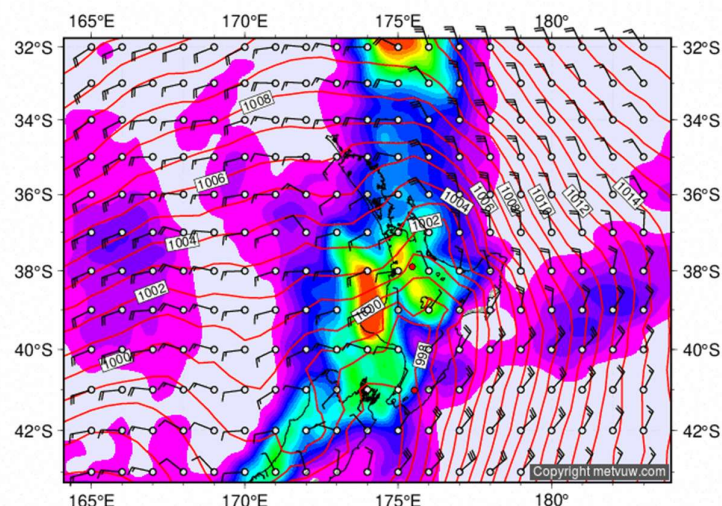
The continual cycle of rain is preventing the strip from drying sufficiently to resume gliding ops.

This Saturdays preview below.

120-hr forecast of MSLP (hPa), surface wind (kts) and 6-hr accumulated rainfall (mm)

Valid for:- 0700 NZDT Saturday 4 October 2025

Forecasts issued at:- 0700 NZDT Mon 29 Sep 2025 (1800 GMT Sun 28 Sep 2025)



Plotted by James McGregor

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WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to Allen Pendergrast and Angelie Madsen for their new roles as committee members!

Allen has joined the committee as an office holder (Chief Welfare Officer) and has a desire to contribute to the running of

the club. He's been a member since 2010 with a work background in psychiatric nursing.

Angelie has also become a committee member with the aim of representing the interests of youth in the club.



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CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER

Congratulations to Allen for also taking on the role of Chief Welfare Officer. This role is relatively new within NZs gliding sphere and as such he has provided a description of his role below.

“GNZ recently introduced a position to which I have been appointed concerning the welfare of all club members in general, with more specific protocols regarding Children and Young Persons.

It is based on Gliding NZs Code of Conduct (found on the GNZ website in the section “Integrity”) and the MOAP Safety and Welfare Policy Section 1-3 paragraph 4.

The purpose of the position is to uphold the Code and Welfare policy, to hear and respond to welfare concerns (any action,

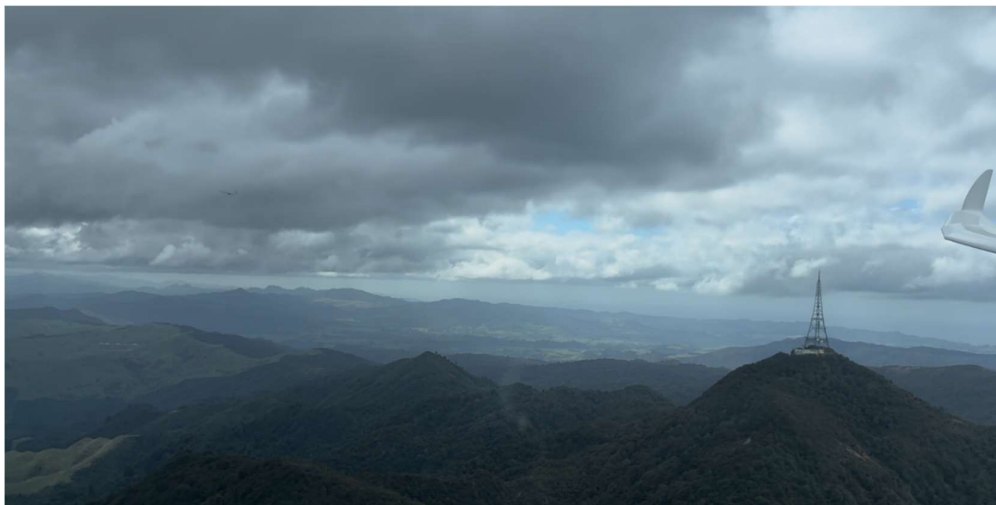
comment or behaviour) that compromise the Code and Welfare policy.

It is for the benefit of all including adults, children and young persons. Any person can raise a welfare concern.

For Children and young persons (under the age of 18) parental consent is paramount and for the duration of any gliding competition or overnight camps a CWO must either be present or readily contactable to address any welfare concerns.

This is not a “policing”, investigative or intrusive role. My responsibility is to receive all and any welfare concerns and respond impartially and expeditiously.”

MIDWEEK MATAMATA HOON



With a fantastic forecast for ridge flying, a few club members headed down to Matamata yesterday.

Frank Excel completed a spectacular flight to Port Jackson in his glider FE.

Ross Taylor took QQ down for a BFR and was challenged to spin it.



Keith took Kevin and Luke ridge bashing in DX, building their experience with low-to-the-ground, high wind conditions.

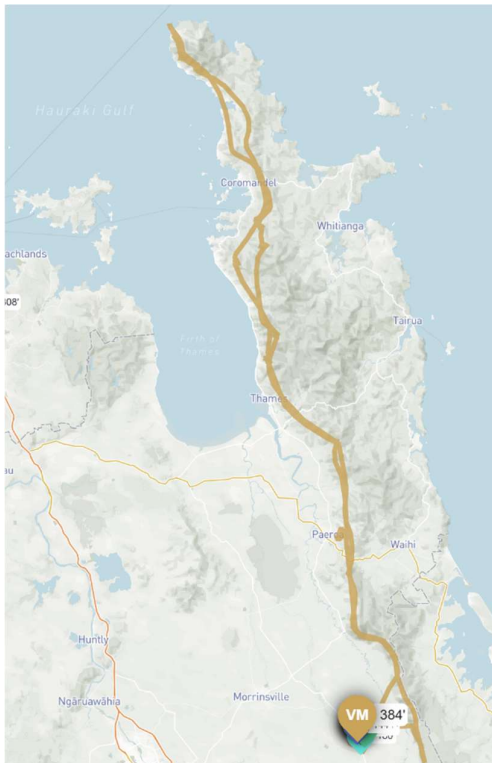
Winds were approx. 18kts at the airfield and 30-35kts on the ridge, which allowed for some great soaring. They managed to keep the vario positive even flying at 100kts! There were some very interesting

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energy lines/convergences perpendicular to the ridge, which they also explored.

Prior to flight, there was a discussion and subsequent experiencing of areas of sink in locations where lift was expected on the ridge. This was due to wave dumping effects from hills well up wind of the ridge which was suppressing the rising air.



Frank after completing his run to Port Jackson



Frank's track up to Port Jackson [It would be if his tracking was working... This is from David Johnson [VM] who he was flying with].



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GERARD'S VIDEOS – “Your Ticket to the Alps”



DUTY PILOT ROSTER

The following is the duty pilot roster for the next four weeks.

4 th Oct – Angelie Madsen	5 th Oct– Allen Pendergrast
11 th Oct – David Graham	12 th Oct – Geof Green
18 th Oct – Geoff Gaddes	19 th Oct – Gerard Robertson
25 th Oct – Ian England	26 th Oct – Ian O Keefe

UPCOMING SEASON

Summer is approaching! With plans to open up the airfield in mid-October, granted the weather plays ball, it is only necessary to highlight events we have coming up this summer. Keep an eye on this space, more events may be added!

The South Island trip also needs more participants! Contact Ross Gaddes if interested [rsgaddes@gmail.com]

11 th Oct	Flour bombing and winch day.
22 nd – 30 th Oct	Matamata XC Course
15 th – 16 th Nov	ATC 3 Squadron
17 th – 21 st Nov	MSC Task Week
22 nd Nov – 7 th Dec	South Island Trip
29 th Nov – 6 th Dec	Northern Regionals
8 th – 12 th Dec	ATC National Camp
15 th – 20 th Dec	Central Plateau Soaring Camp
15 th – 19 th Dec	Youth Glide Matamata Camp
2 nd – 10 th Jan	Club Class Nationals and Auckland Enterprise Competition



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31 st Jan – 8 th Feb	Multiclass Nationals
14 th – 23 rd Feb	Central Districts Competition
7 th – 15 th Mar	Grand Prix

CLOSING REMARKS – Angelie Madsen

Hi All!! It's a pleasure to be working on the newsletter for the foreseeable future! If you have any contributions, photos or comments, please send them through to angelie.v.madsen@gmail.com. I'm aiming to have a newsletter out weekly on Wednesday/Thursday :)