

Ross MacIntyre

1933 - 2025



It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Ross MacIntyre. Ross died peacefully on the 28th November in Bittsham, near Cambridge in the UK. He was 92.

Many of you will know the name; he has been an honorary life member of our club for the last 30 years.

Ross was CFI when I joined and was one of many of our instructors that taught me to fly. At that time he owned a very nice LS3 (GJL as I recall) that he shared with Peter for seven years. He played a key role in Gliding both in New Zealand and on the world stage.

He joined the Wellington Gliding club in 1959. He became the Press Officer for GNZ in 1963 and wrote many articles to lift the profile of gliding in NZ. In 1970 he became the Awards Officer and continued in that role until he left NZ in 1992 to return to Britain. The Angus Rose Bowl was awarded to Ross in 1984. As awards officer he made many suggestions to the improvement of the code nearly all of which were accepted.

Once back in the UK he became NZ's representative at the FAI and continued to play a key role in the development of the Sporting Code. Among his many contributions was guiding the changes necessary to usher in the introduction of GPS technologies. In 1999 he became chairperson of the Sporting Code Committee.

When the FAI met in Switzerland in 2010 they chose to award Gliding's highest award, the Lilienthal Medal, to Ross.

Our condolences to his wife, Marion and sons Craig, Andrew and Doug.

- Ray

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Weekend Roster

Saturday 20th Dec

Instructor:	D TODD	R BURNS (G109)
Tow Pilot:	T STRUGNELL	
Duty Pilot:	A NEGATI	

Sunday 21st Dec

Instructor:	A FLETCHER
Tow Pilot:	P THORPE
Duty Pilot:	M KUYS

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Club News

Operations from 27th December to 4th January

Due to restrictions imposed on us by Base Operations the committee has decided to shift our operations to the **Auckland Gliding Club** airfield at **Drury**.

We will continue to operate from NZWP from the 5th to the 11th January.

Weekend Reports

Saturday 13th Dec - No Flying was held

Sunday 14th Dec - No Report

CFI Corner

*"We often define risk by outcomes. Did you make it? Was it safe? But that's faulty logic. I didn't land safely because it was a good decision - I landed safely despite a poor one. **And that's the danger of getting away with it**"*

Staying Alive - Ryan Farran

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Fundraising update for the new training glider

We've climbed from \$5900 to \$6319 since last month.

A reminder that our sales from chocolates, chips and drinks all go towards the new twin and that you can pay via bank transfer to the account below. So please indulge yourself and your friends!

As always, Lionel's all ears for debenture pledges. You can reach him at:

[✉ lionelpnz@gmail.com](mailto:lionelpnz@gmail.com) | [📞 021 534 103](tel:021534103)

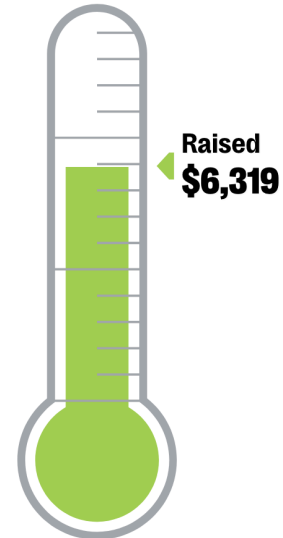
Help us continue our tradition of training up excellent pilots by making a donation to

North Auckland Gliding Club

Account number: 38 9027 0013160 00

Next Fundraising Goal

\$10,000



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Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Dec	27		C BEST	R BURNS	
	28		A MICHAEL	P THORPE	
	29		S WALLACE	G CABRE	
	30		I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	31		C BEST	R BURNS	
Jan	1		A MICHAEL	G CABRE	
	2		D TODD	P THORPE	
	3		A FLETCHER	G CABRE	
	4		I WOODFIELD	T STRUGNELL	
	5		R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	6		I WOODFIELD	R BURNS	
	7		D TODD	R CARSWELL	
	8		I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	
	9		R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	
	10		C BEST	R CARSWELL	
	11		A MICHAEL	R BURNS	
	17	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	18	T PRENTICE	A MICHAEL	R BURNS	
AKL Anniversary	24	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	40 TBA
	25	P SCARBOROUGH	C BEST	G CABRE	
	26	E YEOMAN	A FLETCHER	T STRUGNELL	
	31	A SHIPOV	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	40 TBA
Feb	1	B SLY	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
Waitangi Day	6	K JASICA	I BURR	R BURNS	

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	7	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	C BEST	R CARSWELL	40 TBA
	8	A NEJATI	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	40 TBA
	14	B GAMBARO	S WALLACE	T STRUGNELL	40 TBA
	15	M WEYNA	A MICHAEL	R HEYNIKE	40 TBA
	21	S CHAND	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	22	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	
	28	T PRENTICE	I BURR	R BURNS	
Mar	1	R SEMMENS	C BEST	R CARSWELL	
	7	P SCARBOROUGH	S WALLACE	T STRUGNELL	
	8	E YEOMAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	14	A SHIPOV	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	15	B SLY	I BURR	G CABRE	
	21	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	R BURNS	
	22	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	A MICHAEL	R CARSWELL	
	28	A NEJATI	C BEST	T STRUGNELL	
	29	B GAMBARO	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	