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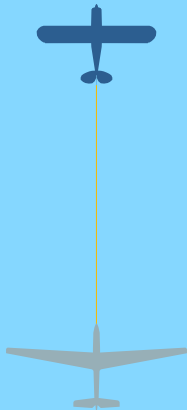


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AGM TOMORROW SAT 16th JUNE AT CLUBROOMS 4PM

AWARDS NIGHT SAT 30th JUNE AT CLUBROOMS 6PM



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Above, Malcolm Piggott at it again. NI refurbishment of the fuselage and tailplane well under way. Final coats now being applied. Big assistance from David Cleaverley and Sarel Venter. Below, A very happy Patrick Lalor after his first solo Saturday 9th June



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Congratulations Patrick Lalor on your First Solo last weekend on 9th June and welcome to new member Joseph Rauch who travels all the way from Coromandel to fly with us.

May was an interesting month with a few days of winching due to the unavailability of a tow plane and in preparation of a Winching weekend for Wai-kato Rangers. They were cancelled yet again due to weather so lets hope they can rebook with some clearer sky's. We have had well attended 'winch launch' and 'reading RASP' briefings. as well as putting up a successful Quiz Team for the Matamata fundraising night for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The snowmen have started work on NI's fuselage and are already starting to repaint her. Our AGM is this coming Saturday 16th June among other things we will be discussing the options and fundraising for a new Club twin seat glider, please come and have your say.

Our Piako Precision Tournament begins in June and concludes in September. The ultimate prize is a 6-course dinner for 2, excluding wine, on a Sunday or Monday night at Simon Gault's award winning "Giraffe" Restaurant in Auckland's Viaduct Harbour. Most will know Simon as a TV personality and top New Zealand chef. He is also a glider pilot and NZ aerobatic champion. There will also be spot prizes and a championship dinner after a trailer backing day to complete the points and find our champion.

Have you booked for our 6pm Club Prize Giving Dinner 30th June? Click here to book now.

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\$35/head.



Easterly wave day on the 2nd June. Tow plane PNE minor break down unfortunately, but might have been a pretty interesting ride anyway.

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Club member Nick Odom and Bill Mace enjoying sunny conditions.

Ralph Gore presenting a refresher session on winch launching.



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Some of you may have noticed our new tow plane has been away for a few weeks. The muffler is having to be replaced and we have had to import a new one from the US. We are also taking the opportunity to do away with the torpedo, which should save about 30kg and improve engine performance. We are very lucky, as always, to have the very gener-

ous support of the Tauranga Gliding Club with the use of PNE. Often their good deeds are just accepted as part of our operation, but without them we would really struggle to keep things going. It isn't just the use of PNE, but lots and lots of other things that just happen because of their generosity. Good on you Tauranga and a very big 'THANK YOU'



FAI AWARDS

Last edition I published a list of FAI awards achieved by club, associate and life members. I overlooked including Alan Belworthy, who is an associate member and not only has 3 diamonds, but also very nearly achieved an FAI 750km from Matamata. My most sincere apologies! I realise that I also neglected to mention quite a few 'other' associate and life member awards and that finding out the awards for all life members is actually going to be a quite difficult task.

The intention of the list is to inspire and challenge existing and up and coming pilots. I can promise, these awards are not easy to get without really good preparation and planning. Our club has done really well over the last 12 months with 9 or 10 new FAI awards, which is a good sign of healthy activity.



Team PGC (plus Genny) at the Westpac Helicopter fundraiser, Matamata Club 24th May. Did you know our donated 2,000ft Trial Flight sold for \$470! All for a very good cause.

Wed 16th May



Sunday 20th May



Tim talking RASP Sat 2nd June.
I am sure this means we will get
much better weather from now on.

NZMA (MATAMATA)

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MARKER BOARDS. GRASS RWY 10/28 EFFECTIVE OPR LEN 750M

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GRASS RWY 10/28 WIDTH REDUCED TO 125M, MARKED BY WHITE
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Current NOTAM for Matamata Airfield. We were unsure how this affects winch launching. Discussion with Bruce Langlands (MPDC the airfield operator) says we can operate 28 normally and 10 on the Kaimai side of the airfield, but avoid landing on clubhouse half out from the fuel pump. The Nth West clubhouse side of the runway was damaged by NZ Aviation and it will take time for the ground to re-stabilise. He promised well over a month ago to change the NOTAM for gliding, but verbally confirmed we can continue operating the winch and launch from where we normally do. Keep a lookout for marker boards in unusual places



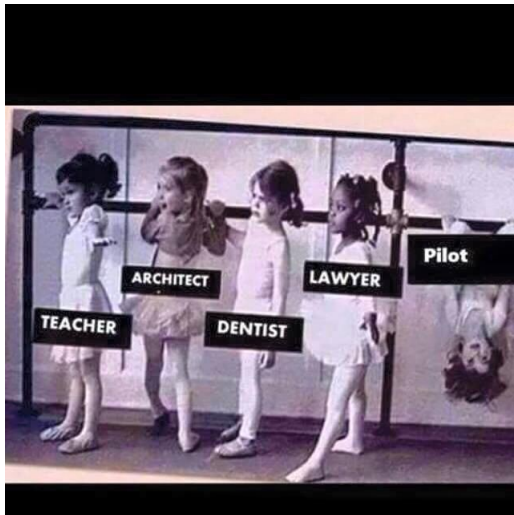
Kaimai Wind Farm have still not made a submission on their proposal to cover the Tirohia spur with twenty four approx. 700ft wind turbines. Their web site says they are aiming for early June, which means it could be getting close. Visit their web site <http://www.kaimaiwind.nz/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th June 2018	AGM (discussing 2 seater)
30th June 2018	Mid winter dinner
23rd June– 29th Sept	Piako Precision Tournament
29th Sept 2018	Start of Season Briefing (compulsory)
24th Nov-- 30th Nov	Northern Regionals

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"And let's get one thing straight. There's a big difference between a pilot and an aviator. One is a technician; the other is an artist in love with flight."

E. B. Jeppesen

