

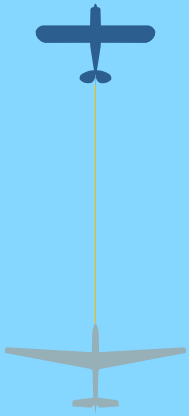
# The Flypaper



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## FIRST SOLO'S



Dr Steven Thrupp— 12th Nov.  
 Part of the ab-initio course and now flying the PW5—SN

Stephen Barfoot- 12th Nov  
 Also part of the ab-initio course.



Monty Hoehn 14th Nov  
 Talented youth member who completed much of his training with Derek Shipley



Alex Vuvalis—16th Dec  
 Also did a couple of days of the ab-initio course



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Yes, I know its been a while since the last Flypaper. There's quite a bit happened in the last couple of months and plenty more coming up, so hopefully this will get everyone up to date.

Due to Covid, our Awards presentations were done at our well attended SOSB on 3rd Oct. It didn't quite have the same pizzazz as a mid-winter dinner, but 2020 has been an unusual year. Full list of awards are further on.

Congratulations to our 4 newest solo pilots. Also Cross Country Pilot ratings for Patrick Lalor, Pedro Lang and Colin Kelly. Plus new FAI Official Observer ratings go to Patrick Lalor, Colin Kelly and Mark Shrimpton.

We have quite a list of new members, so welcome to Alex Vuvalis, Bud Walmsley, Lachlan Glass, Murray Barker (back into our Pawnee after a few decades) and Stephen Barfoot. There are a couple of very recent ones, but will have them for addition to the next FlyPaper.

David Jensen has recently flown the biggest distance of any Piako club member ever (1,005kms). Though not an FAI distance due to 7 turn points, it is still the longest flight in the clubs history. His article follows!

Next event coming up is the Christmas camp 26th Dec to 2nd Jan, when quite a number of Auckland club members visit us. During this time 27th to 30th Dec the MSC is running their second North Island Grand Prix competition. Live telecasting will be on <https://gliding.net.nz/tracking> . Contest Manager is Tony Davies and Contest Director Dave Dennison.

Preparation is all set for the clubs annual migration to Raglan starting on Sunday the 3rd Jan. There will be a working bee on Saturday the 2nd to pack up the club house starting at 8-30am. Raglan is a spectacular place to fly, especially if the weather plays ball. It is also a place to be wary of the hazards. There is a quite a bit of detail in the 'How we do things' SOP, so take the opportunity to read over them. The roster is on page 10, so please check to see when your duty is. Please note the actual roster, is the one on the web site. There have already been some changes, due to people swapping.

Norman Duke again ran the National ATC gliding camp at Matamata 7th to 11th Dec. The weather was a little less than perfect, but the event ran well as usual.

Finally, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas over the festive season and a Happy New Year.

Steve



## Snippets



Proud new syndicate owner in ASW15 GGD Mark Shrimpton while Dave Johnson looks on.

Pedro Lang on a flight to Thames and back in GEO with Steven Care 16th Sept



Colin Kelly with his newly acquired Ventus 2b GDR. He has already clocked up quite a few hours (and miles) in it.



Monty Hoehn on the ridge



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## CLUBS FIRST 1000KM FLIGHT

### The First...and Last time I will do that...

I'd worked out it was possible.

I don't think anyone had done it before.

It would need to be close to or during summer to get enough daylight hours.

The weather would need to be consistent all day without the risk of showers or a front lurking about.

I'd need 20-30 knots SW winds all day.

Each leg would need to be at least 125 kms long such that only 4 trips would be necessary.

I'd need at least 70 litres of water (in the wings) to keep the speed up.

I'd need lunch and plenty of water...and a good book perhaps...

And lastly, the family would need to be distracted such that I wasn't required anywhere else...

1000 kms on the ridge.

Why you might ask?? A very good question which I don't really have a good answer for except "because it was there".

I created turn-points called "Kaimai 1" 10 kms south of the Tga road-crossing, and "Coro 1" just short of Ma-naia Bay (where SH 25 turns east). 125.6 kms between turn-points.

So the task (which will look rather repetitive...because it was);

Gordon - Kaimai 1 - Coro 1 - Kaimai 1 - Coro 1 - Kaimai 1 - Coro 1 - Kaimai 1 - Te Puru - Bop Depot - Gordon.

1500 ft tow towards the high point meant I could start straight off tow by diving towards the rail bridge and on to the nursery ridge...and we were off. I won't bore you with all the boring details because I'm sure you have all flown all or parts of the task area. The wind blew all day, there were a few showers before lunch but not heavy enough to stop for or go around. The lightest wind strength (15 knots) was around Thames (especially just north of the town) which is often the case. I barely saw another glider all day.

Stats –

Task distance 1005 kms

Average speed 156 kph

Time on task 6 hrs and 36 mins

Number of circles – none (ie I never had to stop and climb)

Average height – about 1800 ft (lowest point 1000ft at Hikataia...quite normal).

Quite rough in places which kept me to Rough Air Speed (120 knots) at times.

Consumed 2 muesli bars, drank 2.5 litres of water and expended 2 litres. 1 Bundaberg Ginger Beer and a packet of chips at the end of the day.

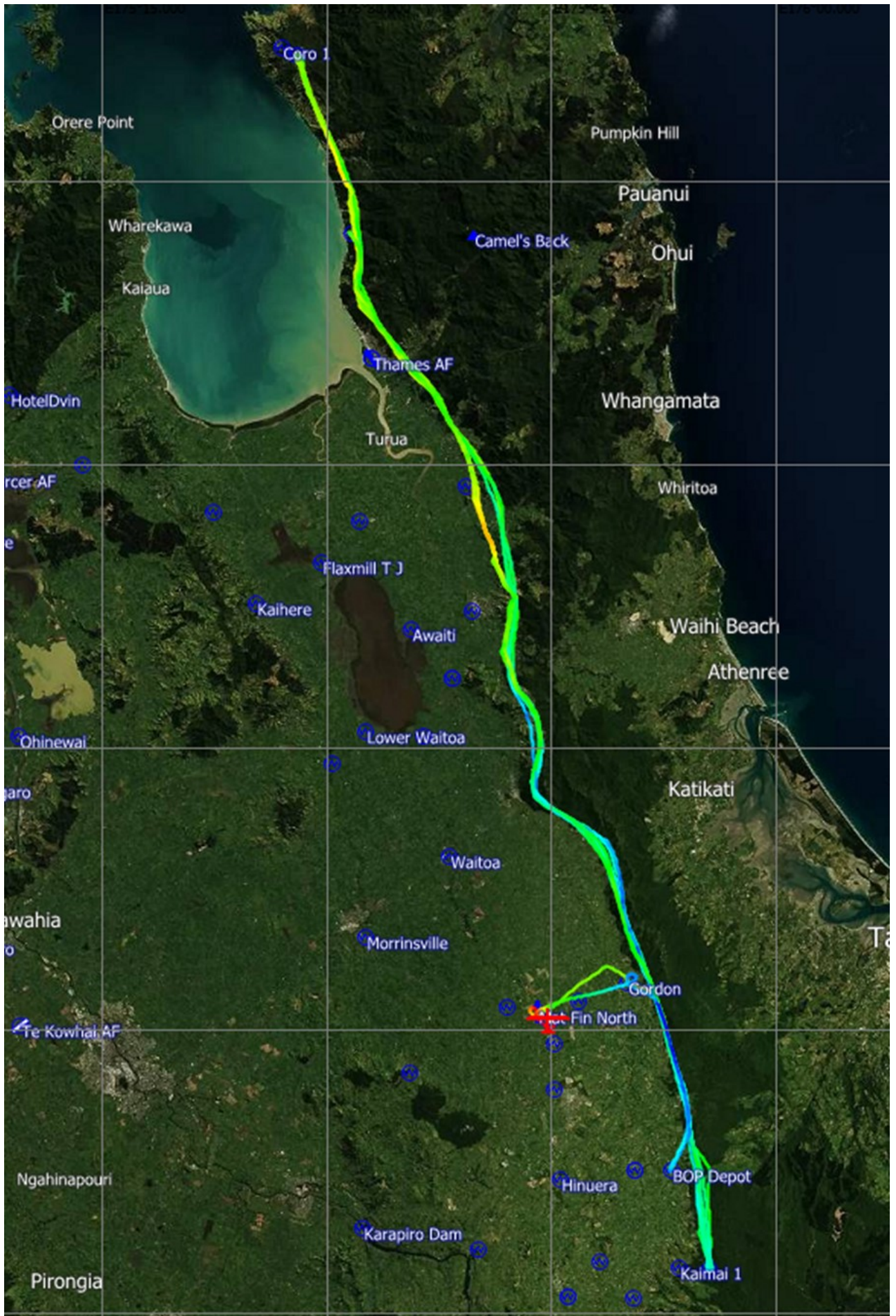
Washed a material amount of salt off the glider at the end of the day (sea spray off the Firth of Thames).

If I'd had the fortitude I could have done another 250 kms...but why?

Would I do it again – NO. But I've done it now, now it's your turn...(but get on with it as the wind farm proposed for Tirohia will make it much harder).

Next up...a 500km FAI triangle...harder than it sounds...

ZK-GVR (and David Jensen) – 12/12/2020



## More Snippets

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Steven Thrupp all smiles after converting to GSN 23rd Dec



Winch launching 10th Nov



*Photo: Pedro Lang*

Bob Gray, Rainer Kunne Meyer and Steven Care doing aerobatic ratings with Peter Thorpe from AASC

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Progress discussion on twin purchase



Celebration dinner at the end of the ab-initio course 13th Nov

# AWARDS



In addition to our annual safety discussion (Start of Season Briefing SOSB), club president Iggy presented our Annual Awards and Trophies.

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President's Pot **TIM BROMHEAD**

DeRenzy Pot **LUKE MCPAKE**

Dave McPherson 1 Diamond Trophy **TIM BROMHEAD**

Care 200 Trophy **TIM BROMHEAD**

Catlin Trophy **STEVE CARE AND GENNY HEALEY**

Ken Bartlett Trophy **RAE KERR**

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Luke McPake – first solo

Dave Dennison – 5hr, silver height, gold distance = Silver badge & two legs of Gold

Patrick Lalor - 5hrs

Mark Shrimpton – silver distance

Nick Odem – first solo

Colin Kelly – (second) first solo gliders



## ON LINE COMPETITION (OLC)

We led the way 2019/20 and it seems we are in front this season as well. It would be good to get a few more pilots on the list!

#	Points	Club	23-12-2020	KM	Flights	Pilots
1	21,490.92	<a href="#">Piako Gliding Club</a>		21,347.49	126	15
2	17,471.57	<a href="#">Auckland Gliding Club</a>		18,295.09	56	13
4	6,965.94	<a href="#">GlideOmarama.com</a>		6,370.42	15	1
5	4,550.44	<a href="#">Canterbury Gliding Club</a>		5,142.20	25	9
6	2,986.24	<a href="#">Taranaki Gliding Club</a>		2,682.79	35	9
7	2,899.16	<a href="#">Taupo Gliding Club</a>		2,945.61	21	4
8	2,538.32	<a href="#">Nelson Gliding Club</a>		2,810.17	23	3
9	2,146.14	<a href="#">Omarama Gliding Club</a>		1,809.10	8	3
10	1,795.41	<a href="#">Central Otago Flying Club</a>		1,566.82	8	3
11	1,743.52	<a href="#">Gliding Wellington</a>		1,668.53	6	2
12	1,303.82	<a href="#">Auckland Aviation Sports Club</a>		1,540.37	10	5
13	1,145.69	<a href="#">Wellington</a>		977.89	4	1

name	U	25Flights	Duration	Overall Points OLC-Plus	Speed-OLC average Speed
<a href="#">Tim Bromhead</a>		19	68:16:00	5,391.47	82.53
<a href="#">DP Jensen</a>		14	52:03:00	4,198.40	96.12
<a href="#">Patrick Lalor</a>		13	27:47:00	1,851.39	40.59
<a href="#">Sarel Venter</a>		11	21:25	1,432.55	38.66
<a href="#">Mark Shrimpton</a>		10	18:52	1,286.28	36.68
<a href="#">Bob Gray</a>		4	14:19	1,132.16	79.18
<a href="#">Colin Kelly</a>		9	21:12	1,093.80	35.41
<a href="#">Tony Davies</a>		9	14:36	1,067.65	33.96
<a href="#">Derek Shipley</a>		11	20:41	1,063.99	24.48
<a href="#">Pedro Lang</a>		14	27:25:00	1,047.06	17.23
<a href="#">David Johnson</a>		3	11:11	874.43	87.2
<a href="#">Royden Hooker</a>		5	6:14	429.44	23.55
<a href="#">Steven Care</a>		2	3:30	349.29	60.67
<a href="#">David Dennison</a>		1	2:53	183.58	63.92
<a href="#">Chase Cahalane</a>		1	1:49	89.43	22.47



# CONTEST RESULTS

Most of this season's contests have had challenging weather. Not only has our club had a good representation but has had outstanding results. 1<sup>st</sup> places have gone to Tim, Sarel and Bob, with plenty of 2nds and 3rds in the mix. It is good to see club members venturing South this year, with Tim set to compete at the Nationals at Omarama in January.

## Central Plateau Soaring Competition 31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

Open 5 comptrs

Racing 5 comptrs

1<sup>st</sup> Tim Bromhead

1<sup>st</sup> Sarel Venter

2<sup>nd</sup> David Jensen

3<sup>rd</sup> Brett Hunter

## South Island Gliding Championships 15<sup>th</sup> Nov to 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

Open 9 comptrs

4<sup>th</sup> Tim Bromhead

## Northern Regional Championships 28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Open 7 comptrs

Racing 15 comptrs

2<sup>nd</sup> David Jensen

1<sup>st</sup> Bob Gray

5<sup>th</sup> Brett Hunter

3<sup>rd</sup> Rae Kerr

6<sup>th</sup> Dave Dennison

## Springfield Soaring Championships 29<sup>th</sup> Nov to 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Enterprise class 23 comptrs

2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Bromhead

20<sup>th</sup> Derek Shipley

21<sup>st</sup> Sarel Venter

The following is the roster at Raglan. There have been some swaps already made, so that actual roster is the one on the club web site.

## RAGLAN ROSTER

Sun 3rd Jan	John Currie	Genny Healey	Luke McPake		<u>Steven Care</u>	Sarel Venter
Mon 4th Jan	Scott Montagu	Jim Lyver	Luke McPake	Genny Healey	<u>Norman Duke</u>	Steven Care
Tue 5th Jan	Tony Davies	Jim Lyver	Luke McPake	Mark Shrimpton	<u>Sarel Venter</u>	Dave Dennison
Wed 6th Jan	Tony Davies	Godfrey Larsen	Mark Shrimpton	Alex Vuvalis	<u>Sarel Venter</u>	Malcolm Piggott
Thu 7th Jan	Bill Henwood	Chase Cahalane	Rob Munn	Alex Vuvalis	<u>Sarel Venter</u>	Dennis Crequer
Fri 8th Jan	Jacob Stead	Chase Cahalane	Royden Hooker		<u>Sarel Venter</u>	Norman Duke
Sat 9th Jan	Iggy Wood	Lachlan Glass	Rob Munn	Steven Thrupp	<u>Dave Dennison</u>	Malcolm Piggott
Sun 10th Jan	Paul Waterhouse	Paul Castle	Pedro Lang	Chris Money	<u>Rainer Kunнемeyer</u>	Dennis Crequer
Mon 11th Jan	Colin Kelly	Gareth Cartwright	Aiden Cartwright		<u>Dave Dennison</u>	Norman Duke
Tue 12th Jan	Colin Kelly	Gareth Cartwright	Aiden Cartwright	Jim Lyver	<u>Phil Smith</u>	Steven Care
Wed 13th Jan	Iggy Wood	Nick Odom	Robin Britton		<u>Rainer Kunнемeyer</u>	Malcolm Piggott
Thu 14th Jan	Bill Henwood	Godfrey Larsen	Pedro Lang		<u>Dave Dennison</u>	Phil Smith
Fri 15th Jan	Richard Small	Nick Odom	Pedro Lang		<u>Norman Duke</u>	Steven Care
Sat 16th Jan	Scott Montagu	Patrick Lalor	Greg Wills	Alex Vuvalis	<u>Phil Smith</u>	Malcolm Piggott
Sun 17th Jan	Olivia Henwood	Jim Lyver	Rae Kerr	Steven Thrupp	<u>Rainer Kunнемeyer</u>	Dave Dennison

### Current club trophy flights

There is not much competition for trophies this year, so they are still up for grabs.

#### [Les Riesterer short course Trophy](#)

Dave Dennison 61.4 kph 13th Nov

#### [Care 200 Trophy](#)

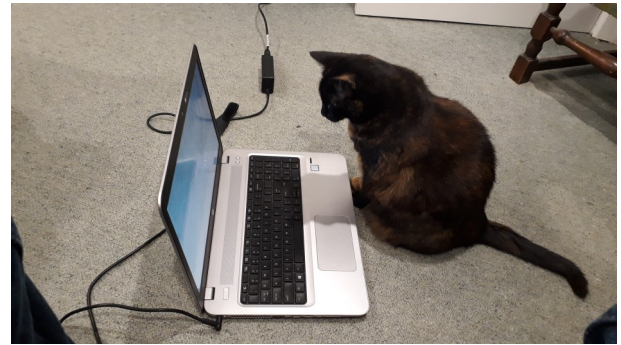
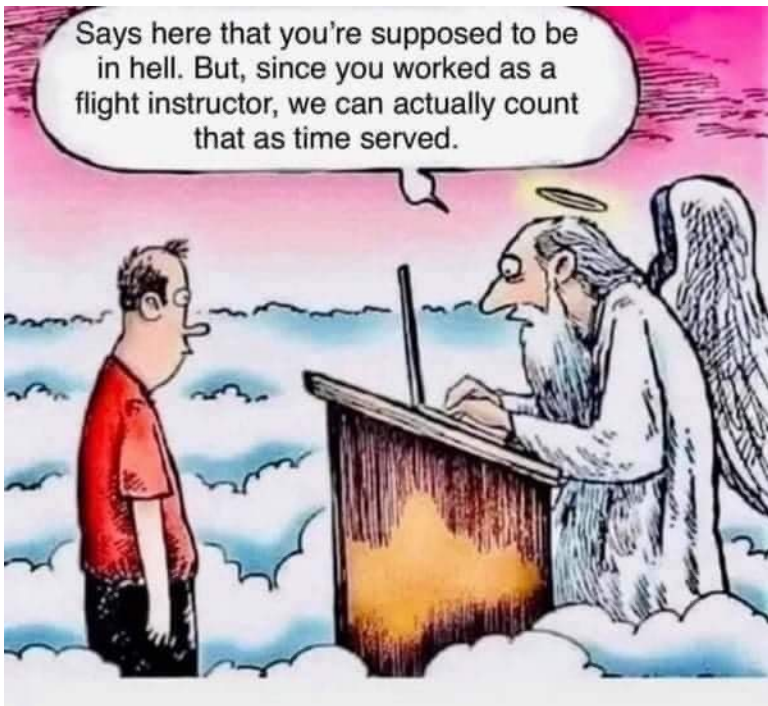
Steven Care & Genny Healey 137.2 kph 12th Dec

#### [Catlin Trophy \(100 km\)](#)

None

#### [Dave MacPherson 1 Diamond](#)

None



Interesting!!!! Genny's cat.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Nov to 2nd Jan	Xmas Camp at Matamata Airfield
27th to 30th Dec	Grand Prix Contest at Matamata
2nd Jan	Working bee at club house 9-30am (free lunch)
3rd to 17th Jan	Club shifts operations to Raglan
29th Jan to 7th Feb	Club Class Nationals at Matamata
6th Feb to 13th Feb	Vintage Kiwi Rally—Te Kuiti a/f
20th to 27th Feb	Central Districts Regionals—Waipukurau

### PIAKO GLIDING CLUB COMMITTEE 2020/2021

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President:	Iggy Wood
Vice President:	Tim Bromhead
Secretary:	Patrick Lalor
Treasurer:	Dave Dennision
Club Captain	Genevieve Healey (Jnt)
Chief Flying Instructor:	Bob Gray
Chief Tow Pilot:	Scott Montagu
Bar Manager:	Sarel Venter assisted by Derek Shipley
Committee:	Steven Care (Jnt Club Captain) Scott Montagu Sarel Venter Colin Kelly
Maintenance Officer:	Colin Kelly
Seconded for project purposes Gareth Cartwright and Jim Lyver	