

# Waikato Whispers



Waikato Hot Air Balloon Club: [www.waikatoballoonclub.co.nz](http://www.waikatoballoonclub.co.nz) Tel:07 856 0060

**CLUB NIGHT** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Parkside BBQ tea and cold inflation – details below

**CLUB DAY** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February Flying if the weather is fine from Innes Common 6am.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Club Night:** Meeting from 6:30pm at Azure Park for a BYO BBQ tea. This is a social evening for everyone and a training night in setting up the walk through balloon in the new frame built up by Mark Brown. You can access Azure Park from Huntington Rd or drive around to Azure Rd. There are swings etc here so ideal for younger ones to come along with the grandparents!

**Club Day:** Innes Common 6am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Keep a watch on our facebook page for updates as the weather forecast presently indicates a wet windy Waitangi Day weekend!

We do potentially have some new members who we hope will be able to come along and join in. Breakfast after flying at the Farmers Market at the Te Rapa racecourse. If you enter from the Fairview Motors gate you can stop and get cash out at the ANZ Bank. Plenty of shade under the trees. With members travelling down from the Auckland region this makes meeting up a lot easier after flying. At this stage we hope there will be at least three balloons flying so plenty of opportunity to give our new members some crew training.

**AGM:** Yes folks it is that time of year again when you need to elect your Committee for 2016. The AGM will be held Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of February. Venue yet to be confirmed.

Nomination forms attached. Nominations need to be emailed to Linda by Saturday so they can be circulated to everyone.

We would like to see some fresh faces on the committee. Liam is standing down as President due to study and long working hours. Linda is standing down as Secretary as she has several family matters which are needing her focus and time, as well as study commitments. Shina is standing down as Treasurer as they are between houses at present and unlikely to be in their new home until mid 2016.

It may be that the new committee need to co-opt some of our new members to the committee to help with tasks.

**CAA Rule Part 100:** This comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. Whilst presently not focused on private pilots it will have a significant effect on the commercial aviation industry. There are approximately 300 small aviation operators in NZ who MUST HAVE a Part 100 Certificate by February 2021. The cost of achieving this is likely to cost each operator in the vicinity of \$20,000.

For now the Club is exempt from this Rule. However, compliance to safety is paramount. The Club has a very good record in this respect – acknowledged by the CAA, which enables us to organise and run events such as the Riverlodge Balloon Meet.

**Vector Magazine:** Members can view/download the Vector magazine from the CAA web site.

[https://www.caa.govt.nz/safety\\_info/vector.htm](https://www.caa.govt.nz/safety_info/vector.htm)

You can also look up older copies.

President	Liam McGirr	027 757 0528	<a href="mailto:Lj.mcgirr@gmail.com">Lj.mcgirr@gmail.com</a>
Chief Pilot	Dave Norris	021 351 957	<a href="mailto:nenya@ihug.co.nz">nenya@ihug.co.nz</a>
Secretary	Linda Norris	0275 386 206	<a href="mailto:bellan@vodafone.co.nz">bellan@vodafone.co.nz</a>
Treasurer	Shina Barrington	027 522 9331	<a href="mailto:me_oh_my_85@hotmail.com">me_oh_my_85@hotmail.com</a>
Whispers			

**The WAIKATO HOT AIR BALLOON CLUB Inc.**

I.....

**Nominate:-**.....

For the Position of:-.....on the 2016 committee

Seconded By:-.....

I agree to be nominated for the above position.

Signed.....

**The WAIKATO HOT AIR BALLOON CLUB Inc.**

I.....

**Nominate:-**.....

For the Position of:-.....on the 2016 committee

Seconded By:-.....

I agree to be nominated for the above position.

Signed.....