

# Waikato Whispers



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

**CLUB NIGHT** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February details below

**CLUB DAY** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February Flying if the weather is fine from Innes Common 5:45am.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Club Night:** Meeting 7:30pm Woodworkers Guild Hall Storey Ave Hamilton. SGM followed by club night activity. We will have updated maps and web site details of the new Hamilton Zone. The topic of the SGM will be emailed out separately.

**Club Day:** Innes Common 5:45am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Keep a watch on our facebook page for updates as the weather forecast.

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 two 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 2017. The AGM will be held Sunday 19<sup>th</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. David is standing down as Treasurer and as Chief Pilot. It is also time to look at using an on-line system which will do all the reconciliation, GST, P&L and Balance Sheet which will make the task of being Treasurer a lot easier. Using an on-line system means we do not have to have software licenses that need to be moved as new people are appointed to a role.

## CAA Rule Part 91.111 and 91.221: Documents to be carried

Rule 91.111

Except as provided in Parts 103, 104, and 106, a person must not operate an aircraft unless the following documents are carried in the aircraft:

- (1) except if rule 91.101(c) applies, the current airworthiness certificate or a certified copy of the current airworthiness certificate:
- (2) the aircraft flight manual or an equivalent document acceptable to the Director:
- (3) for New Zealand registered aircraft:
  - (i) the technical log required by rule 91.619, unless for aircraft operating under an air operator certificate from a fixed base an alternative means acceptable to the Director is used to inform the pilot of the maintenance status of the aircraft:
  - (ii) a completed form CAA 2173 Weight and Balance Data or equivalent:
  - (iii) a completed form CAA 2129 Aircraft Radio Station Equipment Approval Levels:

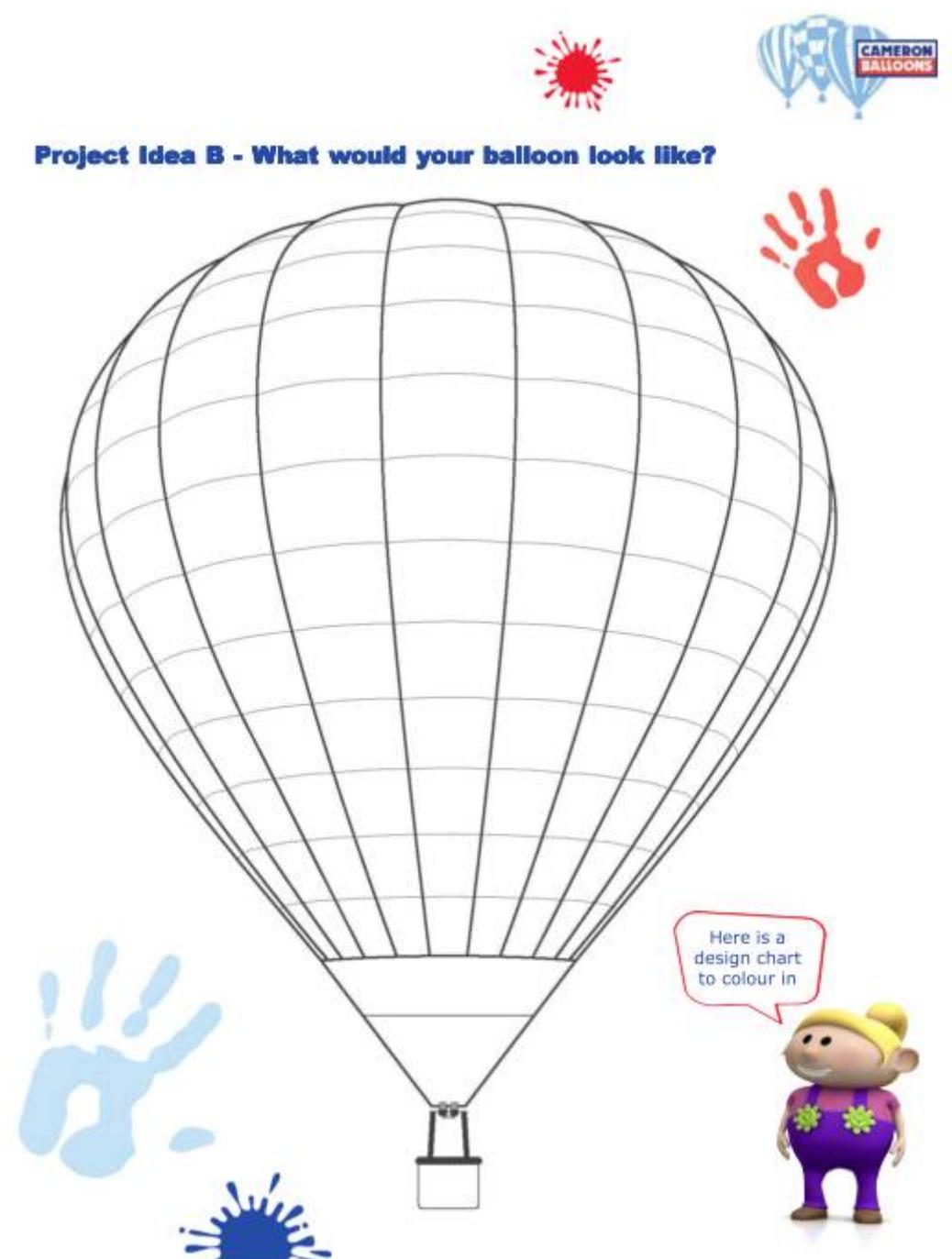
Rule 91.221

Flying equipment and operating information

(a) A pilot-in-command of an aircraft must ensure that the following equipment and information, in current and appropriate form, is accessible to every flight crew member of the aircraft:

- (1) an accurate means of indicating the time:
- (2) appropriate aeronautical charts:
- (3) for IFR operations, every appropriate navigational en route, terminal area, approach, and instrument approach and departure chart:
- (4) for night operations, an operable electric torch for every flight crew member.

**For our Younger Members:** (Ref: Kids Learning Resources by Cameron Balloons)



## For our Junior Balloonists: Crewing Safety - continued

### During the Chase

- **DO** familiarize yourself with the balloon you will be chasing. Know the colours, pattern, banner, number and registration number. This is important during a fiesta when there are many balloons in the air and some can look the same from a distance.
- **DO** review maps before the chase to become familiar with street names and the sensitive zones **SZ's** in the local area. Think about the direction the balloon is heading and look closely at the map to decide on the best roads to take.
- **DO** use proper radio terminology if you are talking to your pilot on the Radio. Listen for your pilot calling as there might be more than one pilot using the same radio frequency. Let the pilot initiate communications. Keep transmission to a minimum. Use phrases like: Chase to <balloon name> or if you do not know the balloon name use the balloon registration number. For the Club balloon the *balloon name* is Waikato Sunrise and the registration is RYB
- **DO NOT** drive onto private property without first getting permission from the land owner/tenant. An adult member of the team must be the one talking to the property owner.
- **DO NOT** cut fences to gain access to a balloon. Leave all gates as you find them;
- **DO NOT RIDE IN TRAILERS**

### Riverlodge Balloon Meet

We have balloonists attending from Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington this year. 28-30 January. Everyone welcome to come down and join in. Over Christmas David & Linda found some hot pools. One is a stream at Kerosine Creek. HOT HOT HOT is the best way to describe it. Probably in the order of 45oC. The other is a Twin Creeks where a hot stream and cold stream meet. You can choose the mix best suited to you. It is also a few km closer to Riverlodge. (photo by Cheryl Wright)



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

For the Position of:-.....on the 2017 committee

Seconded By:-.....

I agree to be nominated for the above position.

Signed.....

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