

# Waikato Whispers



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

## CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

Guest Speaker. Roger Cruikshank Chief Flying Instructor from the Waikato Aero Club will cover "Situational Awareness" – a conditional that both pilots and crew need to understand and be aware of. There have been occasions in the past where crew have not been 'situationally aware' so we can all learn from this presentation. Woodworkers Guild Hall in Storey Ave. 7:30pm  
Club Day – Lakeside activities at Innes Common from 6am. Maybe some flying. BBQ breakfast to follow at the lake – please bring a contribution for a Pot Luck breakfast. Weather updates on our facebook page.

## CLUB DAY SUNDAY 8th November

## JUNIOR BALLOONISTS

Our junior balloonists are welcome to come along to Club Night and join in with any other club activities. Our club day this month will cater for all.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### OMOKOROA SCHOOL VISIT:

What a great day out even though at 6:30am the wind indicated the probability of a basket burn only. A team of five headed over from Hamilton arriving around 7:20 to find that the wind had dropped out. So out with the balloon and we were fortunate to get a couple of tethers in before the wind came up. Apparently the view was spectacular looking out over the Tauranga harbour. After packing up the wind dropped out so it was a great opportunity to test out Mark Brown's new frame for cold inflating an envelope. Worked a treat and we had everyone inside the envelope – the first time Moody Blue has been used as a walk through. The wind stayed away until we were packing up then it came back in.



A local reporter was there and gave us a great write-up in the Katikati Advertiser.

<http://katikatiadvertiser.communitynews.co.nz/>

## CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

We have booked upstairs at The Cook for our Christmas get-together on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm. Come along and share stories, a few ales (or water) and stay on for tea. The Cook have a wide range of options to suit most budgets. Check out their web site for details of the menus available.



<http://www.thecook.net.nz/>

## UP COMING EVENTS:

Our next outing is at the Te Kauwhata school gala on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you can help out please contact Liam on 027 757 0528

The Night Glow scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> November in Taupo as part of the Motorhome and Leisure show has been postponed. Both shows are postponed and at this stage we have had no indication as to when they will take place. Our flying at Riverlodge as part of this weekend has been cancelled. Those who attended the night glow in Tauranga had a great time. Thanks to all who came and helped out – the cold inflation envelope raised \$415 in donations.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO ABERGAS

The Club has a new BBQ thanks to AberGas who have donated to the Club a small portable Gasmate BBQ. We will be putting this to the test on Club Day 8<sup>th</sup> November!

## AUCKLAND CLUB DAY

Still trying to find a day that suits everyone – especially our Auckland members. We are looking at an overnight camp at Parakai Springs. There is a camping ground and airfield all but next door. Some flying, BBQ breakfast and relax in the hot pools – sounds idyllic.

## SENSITIVE ZONES

We have put a Sensitive Zone Registration Form up on our web site. If you are on a property where they would prefer we do not land, please get them to fill in this form and send it back to us. In this way we get accurate details of the property owner and the legal description of the land.

The same applies if the property changes ownership – we need the new owners to re-register the sensitive zone or preferably write to us confirming that we can remove the sensitive zone from our register.

**BALLOONING CALENDAR:** Please let us know of any ballooning events/meets/activities which we can add to the list.

Te Kauwhata tether/cold inflate	Te Kauwhata	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Riverlodge Balloon Meet	Riverlodge	30 Jan – 1 Feb 2016
Wairarapa Balloon Festival	Masterton	24-29 February 2016
Balloons Over Waikato	Hamilton	16-20 March 2016
Lift Off Levin	Levin	24-27 March 2016

**Club Nights:** first Wednesday of the month 7:30pm Woodworkers Guild Hall - Storey Ave - Hamilton.

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