

Waikato Whispers



Waikato Hot Air Balloon Club: www.waikatoballoonclub.co.nz Tel:07 856 0060

CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY 7th October Social night at the Woodworkers Guild Hall in Storey Ave. 7:30pm

CLUB DAY FRIDAY 2nd October Club Day – everyone welcome to help out with the night glow in Tauranga.

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

TETHERING:

New operational procedure – when tethering within a Control Zone we MUST get Air Traffic Control clearance. This is because we are lifting off the ground.

UP COMING EVENTS:

The Club's next outing is Friday 2nd October. In Tauranga. This is the Ignite Night Glow. Our plan is to cold inflate FBC and glow RYB. Six other balloons are confirmed and one other pending. Gates open 5:30 and the glow will take place around 7:40pm. It will be followed by a laser light show. Please contact us if you are coming through as we are trying to arrange gate passes for all crew.

This is now being organised by the Club and the Motorhome and Leisure Show. Community expectation is high. There are several other activities on.

Ballooning is the “talk of the town” and we already have a school visit request. We will basket burn if we cannot hot inflate. Other activities are being organised in conjunction with the night glow.

We are looking forward to an awesome night out together promoting our sport in the community.

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

Tauranga Nightglow & fly Waihi	Tauranga	2 October 2015
Te Kauwhata tether/cold inflate	Te Kauwhata	14 th November 2015
Taupo Nightglow & Riverlodge flying weekend	Taupo	20-22 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

THE LATEST FROM CAMERON BALLOONS:



These larger-than-life characters are based on the hugely popular mischievous little yellow workers featured in the Despicable Me movies. Cameron Balloons were commissioned by Universal Pictures to help promote the upcoming sequel with our inflatable know-how.

As part of the project we built two new identical special shape balloons known as 'Stuart' and two conventional Cameron Z-105 Despicable Me 2 balloons, which can be used as an alternative when location, space or weather will not permit 'Stuart' to appear.

EXTRACTS FROM FACEBOOK POSTINGS



The brown scarf in the photo was worn by a spectator that got too close to the fan. The scarf was sucked into the fan and destroyed the fast spinning fan propeller. The shattered pieces in the photo are remnants of the fan blade. Keeping long loose items away from a fan is so important. Fortunately there were no injuries with this incident.

It is with great sadness that one of our more senior aeronauts has passed on. He flew so high the gods decided to keep him. Rolly Parsons died a few days ago. Rolly was the first to fly over Mt Cook and cross the Cook Straight at a time when balloons were very basic a true gentleman

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

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