

The **Waikato Hot Air Balloon Club** is committed to building lasting relationships with landowners. With the recent bio-security issues pertaining to stock and plants, the WHABC aims to ensure all risks whilst on the property are mitigated, and that all Club Members **SHALL** respect the rights of the property owner.

Known bio-security matters are:

- Myrtle Rust
- Mycoplasma Bovis

The Waikato Hot Air Balloon Club is committed to:

- Gaining consent of the property owner to enter to retrieve the balloon;
- In the event that other vehicles have followed, instruct them to remain out on the street;
- Where appropriate, establish if there are any health & safety issues, and bio-security issues specific to the site, of which we should be aware;
- Carry with the retrieve vehicle disinfectant and spray bottle applicator;
- On receiving permission to retrieve the balloon be prepared to spray the tyres of the vehicle and boots of all crew members;
- For the duration of the Mycoplasma Bovis bio-security alert, the balloon basket **SHALL BE** sprayed with disinfectant prior to inflation;
- Retrieve crew are aware that on crossing the 'red line' (milk tanker access road) they must – if requested – decontaminate the vehicle and boots with disinfectant;
- Where permission cannot be obtained for access to the property, decontamination procedures **MUST BE** followed.

Quarantined Farms

- Balloons will take all possible precautions and actions to not land on a quarantined property;
- In the event a balloon does land on a quarantined farm, the MPI procedures **MUST BE** followed;

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