

# Waikato Whispers



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

**CLUB NIGHT** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

7:30 Woodworkers Guild hall in Storey Ave. Liam Michael and Gail to talk about their time in Australia

**CLUB DAY** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Club Day hopefully with balloons Innes Common. Time to be advised.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Club Night:** Liam, Michael, Katie and Gail have been over in Australia ballooning and from the facebook photos it seems they have had a great time. They will recount their experiences.



**Club Day:** The plan is to have an early morning start at Innes Common subject to the weather.

### For our Junior Balloonists:

Our next JB day will be Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. We have a challenging programme organised for this year and have already made a start on one project.

Night out – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at Bunnings South with the model balloon. Meeting 5:30pm – finish no later than 7:30pm.

**Bunnings:** Bunnings have booked a stand-up balloon tether or the walkthrough balloon (depends on the weather) for Thursday evening 10<sup>th</sup> May as part of a Mother's Day promotion they have organised. Can you please let Linda know if you are able to assist.

## Pilot Training:

We have a pilot training programme starting up next weekend (Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9am – 2:30pm). This programme will run over a 2 year period. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining in please get them to contact David on 021 351 957.

## Drones:

Recent release from CAA and what is loaded on the HCC web site regarding drones. There has been a recent incident here in Hamilton so it is time to get vigilant. We suggest you carry a copy of the HCC requirements and those of CAA.

President	Nicholas Norris	<b>021 213 8861</b>	<a href="mailto:nnorris@sironn.nz">nnorris@sironn.nz</a>
Chief Pilot	Mark Brown/Liam McGirr		
Secretary	Linda Norris	<b>0275 386 206</b>	<a href="mailto:bellan@sironn.nz">bellan@sironn.nz</a>
Treasurer	Lizzy Rushforth		
Whispers			

Committee members: Michael Toulson  
Liam McGirr  
Mark Brown  
William MCDermott  
Veronica Guadarrama  
Gail Dryland



# Report Dangerous Drone Activity

The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand is responsible for investigating complaints about the dangerous use of drones, also known as Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS); Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs); and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).

All drone operators are required to comply with the Civil Aviation Rules.

See [How to Safely Fly Your Drone](#) for more information about the rules.

**If the drone presents an immediate danger, call 111 now and ask for the Police.**

To report other safety or security concerns, please email the Authority:

[isi@caa.govt.nz](mailto:isi@caa.govt.nz)

It is important that you provide the following information:

1. Date, time and location of the event
2. Your contact details
3. Identifying details of the drone operator – name and address (where known), car registration plate number, a photograph or detailed description of the person flying the drone.

The authority is limited in the action it can take when the identity of the drone operator is unable to be established.

For questions about reporting drones, please call:

**0508 4 SAFETY (0508 472 338)**

Answered during office hours (voicemail after hours).

And from the HCC web site

<http://www.hamilton.govt.nz/our-city/parks/Pages/Drones.aspx>

“Drone pilots can use their craft in or over one of our parks without express permission from Council, but must ensure it doesn’t disrupt the use of the park by other people in the community. We ask drone pilots to be courteous and respectful of other park/facility users.”

## Unmanned aircraft (drones and motorised helicopters) fly zones

### Allowed

All parks and reserves (includes Hamilton Lake, Taitua Arboretum and Council-owned gullies)	Noting that flying within 100m of a children's playground within a park is banned at all times.
Car parks (Council-owned)	Flying over only
Council-owned or operated buildings	Flying over only