

# Waikato Whispers



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

**CLUB NIGHT** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 6pm Skycity Boulevard

**CLUB DAY** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June Club Day. Time and location to be advised.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Club Night:** Social night 10 pin bowling 6pm Skycity Adults \$21, Student \$18, kids \$16 Senior \$18. This is for 2 games each.

Dinner afterwards for those wanting to go somewhere – we will decide where during the games.

**Club Day:** To be advised as we are looking at an out-of-town venue.

### 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. This month we will make a start on an important part of aviation – Human Factors. This looks at what we should be doing to keep everyone safe and healthy.

We will also test our knowledge on tying knots and daisy chaining a rope.

I have also set up our own facebook page – feel free to post up any pictures of our activities

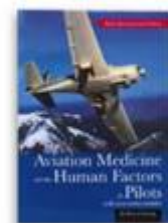


### Pilot Training:

Our next pilot training day will be Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will be doing Human Factors which will run over Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August. You will need a copy of the book Aviation Medicine and other Human Factors for Pilots by Dr Ross Ewing. 9am starts.

Shop around to find the best deal. The Pilot Shop has it for \$40.00 (5<sup>th</sup> edition)

Check also Waikato Aero Club.



Aviation Medicine and other  
Human Factors for Pilots  
(6th Ed'n 2008) - GST Excl —  
\$50.44

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.

## Club Direction

Your hard working Committee recently gave up a Saturday to workshop our legal obligations as the “Board” of an Incorporated Society, and then to plan the direction of the Club both long and short term.

Here is the Strategic Plan for WHABC:



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## STRATEGIC PLAN 2018 - 2023

### Vision

A cohesive group of Ballooning enthusiasts enjoying and promoting the Sport of Hot Air Ballooning.

### Purpose:

- To support the sporting, educational, social and safety aspects of Hot Air Ballooning
- To provide a training arena for all aspects of Hot Air Ballooning
- To encourage community participation in the sport of Hot Air Ballooning

### Mission:

#### WHABC will be:

- Independent
- Here for our members
- Role models who behave with positivity and are inclusive of all Balloonists
- An organisation which is a benchmark for training
- Respected in the Community
- Leading by example
- Committed to the education and safety of our members
- Offering value to its members

#### WHABC requires:

- Airworthy Balloon
- Funding
- Balloonists with expertise in safety matters, documentation, governance, legal knowledge
- Members who share the workload, and commit to enjoying our sport together

#### WHABC will be successful when:

- It is financially stable and sustainable
- Our practices meet legal requirements – both in Aviation and in the manner in which the Organisation runs
- Our members believe the club is a safe and fun place to enjoy the Sport together
- The club has active and engaged members at all levels of club activity

- Junior Balloonists
- Trainee Pilots
- Pilots
- Crew
- Social members
- Our training programme is recognised as meeting the required standard for a PPL(B) Licence
- It is respected in the Community.
- We maintain our respect and positive relationship with CAA



The team have also created a Business Plan for 2018, each Committee member having tasks to achieve. We welcome the assistance of all members! If you wish to see the business plan please email Linda.

### Club Programme 2018:

The Committee met recently and approved the following programme for 2018. Subject to changes as we move through the year but this identifies what the Committee aims to achieve.

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Club Nite: None 7 <sup>th</sup> Committee Day 29 <sup>th</sup> JB's Day	Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Club Nite Liam & Michael – Aussie adventures 5 <sup>th</sup> Club Day : Fly , Pilot Training 10 <sup>th</sup> Mothers day display Bunnings 15 <sup>th</sup> Committee 27 <sup>th</sup> : JB day	6 <sup>th</sup> Club Nite Social – 10 pin bowling 10 <sup>th</sup> Club Day Te Aroha 19 <sup>th</sup> Committee 25 <sup>th</sup> JBS	4 <sup>th</sup> Club Nite: What do I need to do to store my balloon for winter? – Speaker TBA 7 <sup>th</sup> Pilot training: Human factors 8 <sup>th</sup> Club Day Maintenance Day venue TBA 17 <sup>th</sup> Committee 29 <sup>th</sup> JBS
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
1 <sup>st</sup> Club Night Social – Indoor Mini Golf at Centre Place followed by Dinner 4 <sup>th</sup> : Pilot training: Human Factors 5 <sup>th</sup> Club Day South Auckland/ Te Kawwhata Activity TBA – weather dependant 21: Committee 27 <sup>th</sup> JB Day	5 <sup>th</sup> Club Night Emergency Procedures - Dave 9 <sup>th</sup> Club Day Activity TBA – weather dependant 18 <sup>th</sup> Committee 30 <sup>th</sup> JB Day	6 <sup>th</sup> Trolley Derby Waihi 13-14 <sup>th</sup> Pilot training – human factors 16 <sup>th</sup> Committee 28 <sup>th</sup> JBS	7 <sup>th</sup> Club Nite Crew Safety – Student Pilots 11 <sup>th</sup> Club Day Cycling activity 20 <sup>th</sup> Committee 25 <sup>th</sup> JBS
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
5 <sup>th</sup> Club Nite/Xmas Dinner 18 <sup>th</sup> Committee 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Club Activity Auckland	*** 13 <sup>th</sup> : ALL Annual Reports due to Linda  25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Riverlodge	6 <sup>th</sup> Club Day Fly/Tether/Family picnic Venue TBC 9-10 <sup>th</sup> Pilot training TBC 12 <sup>th</sup> Committee  Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> AGM Pilot training 23rd: JBS	6 <sup>th</sup> : Club Night Human Factors – student pilots 10 <sup>th</sup> Club Day BOW Crew training 19 <sup>th</sup> Committee BOW 31 JBS

## Safety & Training

As we embark on the student pilot training programme I am coming across some material that we can all benefit from. The following comes from a CASA workbook and this questionnaire is applicable to us all. Test your knowledge and I will have the answers available on Club Night.

### Exercise 1: Driver fatigue quiz

While we're focusing on engineer fatigue, most of us drive to and from the hangar. How much do you know about driver fatigue? Test yourself with the quiz below.

Statements	True or false?
1. Coffee overcomes the effects of drowsiness while driving.	
2. I can tell when I'm going to go to sleep.	
3. Rolling down my window or singing along with the radio will keep me awake.	
4. I'm a safe driver, so it doesn't matter if I'm sleepy.	
5. You can stockpile sleep on the weekends.	
6. Most adults need at least seven hours of sleep each night.	
7. Being sleepy makes you misperceive things.	
8. Young people need less sleep.	
9. Wandering, disconnected thoughts are a warning sign of driver fatigue.	
10. Little green men in the middle of the road may mean the driver is too tired to drive.	
11. On a long trip, the driver should never take a break, but try to arrive at the destination as quickly as possible.	
12. A 'microsleep' lasts 3–5 seconds.	

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