

# New Zealand Autogyro Association





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## From the Office

Hello members.

Welcome to the third newsletter for the year.

Man, the months seem to be flying by. I hope you have been able to get in some flying on the calm smooth autumn days.

I would like to say Thank you to the members that squared up the subs payments for 2024 - muchly appreciated.

For this newsletter I would like to thank those that sent through their articles, a special thanks to John O for chasing people and filling the gaps.

Upcoming events- Galatea fly in coming up. Andrew is looking at holding the Galatea fly in early November, there will be more details sent out closer to the time.

**The club needs your help-**

We ask that all our members could please send in a recent picture of your Gyro so we can compile a photo bank to add to the website, please email them through to the Club email.

*For upcoming newsletters if anyone has any stories or photos to share, please send them through to keep the newsletters full and interesting. We also seek Members profiles, if you have not yet done one, please do and send it through.*

Until then take care and Fly safe,  
Kind Regards Daniel Belton

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## *Presidents Report*

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Greetings all,

I hope this newsletter finds you all fit and well. The fly in season is done and dusted and just a distant memory. It was good to host a lunch for those of you who attended the Kings birthday fly in at our number 3 airstrip at Daniel and Kirstin's new house. A good location to blend socializing and flying, with out needing to radio permission to depart and arrive.

At the moment we are needing to make some additions to our constitution as required by incorporated societies act. It involves a couple of areas, resolving disputes within the club and a set of guidelines that will qualify a member to hold an office position within the club. Will keep you all informed as this progresses.

Any way, that will do it from me, will let you move and enjoy the rest of the newsletter.  
Keep safe

Regards Garry

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## *Congratulations*

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Congratulations to Phil on going solo.

The smile and thumbs up say it all.

Congratulations



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### *Belton Strip ready for action*

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With John O putting in the hard work in organising the Wanganui Fly in I was delighted to hear he was keen to fly out to my place for morning tea / lunch and fly from here for the day.

With the love and passion for the Gyro scene, being granted permission to build a new house on the farm first thoughts were that the layout had to fit around making space for an air strip behind the house.

A couple of weeks out from Kings birthday weekend it was time to mow in the strip, with work being rather busy and all of our tractors being tied up on a job site I was only left with the ride on mower to make this happen. A



couple of hours later I managed to mow a 450 metre long strip and a bit of a taxi way and park up, things were coming together. Next the windsock- Dad has a wind sock in the shed for these very occasions. The weekend before Dad whilst out flying had a test run on the strip and gave the thumbs up.



A quick grocery shop for morning tea and lunch supplies and we were ready.

Saturday morning and I can hear the sound of a gyro from a mile away, the smile on my face grew. The first of the attending machines are inbound.

With Kirstin in the kitchen putting together a spread for everyone and 6 gyros and ZK ADG on the ground and a driveway full of cars – lunch time.

The afternoon consisted of more food and more flying, it was my turn to be the noisy neighbour for once.

I would like to thank every one that came, and we might just have to do it all again, every one welcome any time.

Daniel Belton



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## Wanganui 2024

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Whanganui Fly In Friday 29 May to Mon 3 June.

Six gyros took part in the Whanganui Fly In over King's Birthday Weekend.

John O'Leary – Calidus (YGG), Paul Scherrer – KBO3 (RKK), Andrew Carter – Dominator (RCB),

Rowan Brunton – Kallithea (KTH), Elton Haakma – ELA (LMO), Gary Belton – Magni M16 (RCR)

There were of course many more people who attended the various casual get together's and functions. These occurred at John's farm with airstrip, the Whanganui Aero Club at the airport, and Daniel and Kirstin Belton's property near Marton, also with airstrip. John's airstrip is "interesting" with it's surrounding hills and nearby 120KV power lines and pylons. His property had shed space for three of the gyros in addition to his purpose built Calidus hangar come den and bunk house. The lined walls were hung with a collection of large pristine radio control aircraft models adding to the atmosphere. This facility was also the scene of three late night talk fests aided by responsible rationing of low octane fuel in small green bottles. The motorhomes of Phil B, Andrew C, and Paul K were also hosted at John's. In summary, the main activities were:

Friday night – a meal at the RSA Club Whanganui.

Saturday morning – three gyro excursion to the airport to welcome other arrivals. Due to weather only Rowan with his Kallithea made it.

Saturday late morning – all the mentioned gyros arrived at Daniel and Kirstin's property for "morning tea". With hot soup and a large spread of many delights, this was as much an early lunch too. This was attended by approximately thirty five people.

Gary put on an entertaining flying display in his Magni and

another highlight was the attendance of Jonathan Mauchline from the Whanganui Aero Club with his vintage J2 Piper Cub, 40hp.

Saturday night – the NZAA dinner at the Whanganui Aero Club, complete with bar and a welcome log fire. Another great spread and well attended by a variety of people from the aviation fraternity.

Sunday morning – breakfast at a café in town. Then four gyros with seven of us on board flew up the coast to visit the Hawera Aero Club. It was a bit hazy initially, but we were rewarded with good views of the varied coastline and a clear view of Mt Taranaki when we got to the aerodrome. Sybie got to fly his ELA and Elton piloted John's Calidus. John got to pilot his ute! Jonathan with his J2 Piper Cub also attended. We were met with a nice morning tea and informative host Les Worsley who was keen to show us the





progress on a total rebuild of a Tiger Moth for Darren Luff. In addition to its primary function the hangar was a combination of workshop and interesting displays of model aircraft, aviation history and other aircraft memorabilia.

Sunday evening – back out to the Whanganui Aero Club for their Sunday burgers, bangers and salad meal. Yet another enjoyable social occasion.

Monday morning – at John’s house, wind up conversations, breakfast for those in need and then a fair bit of weather research and phone calls up north to assist route planning for Rowan’s and Elton’s flights back to Matamata. They finally departed early afternoon for a safe journey home. Paul S had departed earlier in more certain weather south and Andrew had the guaranteed way with his trailer.

Special thanks to John (the constant dynamo), his wife Maryanne and family for being such great hosts, and Diane for her part in the catering too. Special thanks also to the Whanganui Aero Club, and Daniel and Kirstin. A very successful and enjoyable weekend.



Phil Bolton

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## Galatea Flyin is coming

Early November dates to be confirmed closer to the time.

An email will be sent out with all the details once confirmed

Galatea (NZGA)  
Aerodrome — Elev 550  
New Zealand  
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## *Lloyd Heslop checking in*

I recently carried out a BFR for Graeme Clarke. To achieve this I needed to carry out the review and observe him flying his machine. Graeme and family live at Crail bay in the Marlborough sounds. Their only access is by boat a fifty-minute run in a high speed craft from Havlock. I live in Richmond one and a half hour drive then by boat to their home then another twenty minutes to the head of the bay and a short drive up to the airstrip where the gyro is hangered. This could be an overnight exercise.



Hmmm. Fortunately in addition to the Raf 2000 I have another weapon in the guise of a Gumbal g2 Cabri. The mission involved mowing the lawn at a friends at Incyca bay then over to Graemes for BFR..

I rang a friend to see if he was up for a mission . Yes, was his quick response and we duely lifted from Nelson at ten am arriving in



the pelorus sound forty minutes later. It was one of those perfect days with virtually no wind and bright sunshine making the sounds a dreamland. We landed on a tight skid beside the batch and found the necessary keys to start the mower weed eater and side by side achieving a great clean up in under two hours then enjoying lunch on the deck looking north over the flat calm waters. Duty calls. And ten minutes later we were landed at Clark's in Crail bay. from the landing site it's a ten-minute walk to their residence where we were treated to tea and local baking. Yes, we are in heaven. After the formalities and all boxes ticked, we lifted and tracked over water down the sound and through Allen straight to Elaine bay then through Croisilles and on to Wakefield. The sounds are a very challenging place to fly. In the time we were there the wind had come up creating Willy whirls all around the bay. I've noticed in Crail bay that the wind can come from any direction making flying in anything but perfect conditions rather challenging. If anyone knows the right day, it's Graeme.



Cheers Lloyd





## Hawera Trip report

John O



Hi Folks Just a quick trip report on last weekend's flight to Hawera to help fill a gap in the newsletter. Darren Luff long time Wanganui aeroclub member is having a Tiger moth totally restored in Hawera by a very talented chap by the name of Les Worsley.

The restoration is at the stage of wings and bits and pieces needing to be painted so that the aircraft can start to get put back together.

Darren decided to build a new hanger next door to Les and put in a temporary spray booth to keep everything on site .

With a little bit of pressure from other club members

Darren offered to put on a BBQ lunch to show off the new hanger and the progress on the tiger.

I always try and fly with a passenger for company and share the experience so I asked retired ag pilot Don Sanders if he would be interested in coming along. Don flew fixed wing at the start of his career but after a flight in a helicopter with the late Bill Black he was hooked and converted to helicopters. Don didn't hesitate at the opportunity so I said I would meet him Saturday morning at the Aeroclub.

Early morning the day didn't look that flash but by about 10.00 things looked good enough to make it to Hawera following the coast as the weather inland had low cloud.

We headed off with a bit of a tail wind and it only took about thirty five minutes to get there. Don was very impressed with the performance and visibility of the gyro.



When we taxied in Darren was doing a pre-flight on the BBQ and we got gold card parking as we were first aircraft there. Only about four aircraft attended as the weather had put a few off , the rest turned up by road , about twenty people in all .

With plenty of chatter going on the BBQ was cranked up and a awesome lunch was provided by Darren and Christine hopefully more in the future. About two o'clock Don

and I decided we would head back to Wanganui.

The trip back took us a bit longer as my gyro has a tendency to wander of course so we checked out the country side on the way home. All in all a great day out thanks to Darren and Christine.



John O



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## MINUTES OF THE NZAA

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

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Held on the 28th of January, 2024 at the Club Rooms of the Dannevirke Aero Club. Meeting opened at 9.35 am by President Garry Belton. All welcomed.

There were 25 members present.

#### Apologies:

Tony Unwin, John Turner, Geoff Maurice, Kevin Maurice, Llyod Fitzsimmons, Peter Blaymires and Hub Hall. Moved by Noel Smith and seconded by John O'Leary that apologies be accepted

#### Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2023 AGM were taken as read having been circulating the room before the meeting commenced. Moved Daniel Belton and seconded Neil Hintz.

#### Financial Report:

The Financial Report was distributed around the room before the meeting commenced. Muriel asked if there were any questions regarding her report. We had an income of \$1522 for the year and approximately 44 paid up members for 2023. The current balance as at 31 st December 2023 is \$10,149.00. The Report was moved by Paul Scherrer and seconded by Kirstin Belton that it be adopted. As there have been big holdups with the Westpac Bank in changing the account access to Muriel she paid Holistic \$74.69 for our website management. Moved by John O'Leary and seconded by Keith Margan that she be reimbursed.

#### Presidents Report:

Garry made mention of the passing of our former VP David Wright. CAA and RAANZ are both running seminars and road shows to keep our pilots safe. Moved by Dianne Butters and seconded by Neil Hintz that Garry's report be adopted.

#### CFI Report:

Elton reported that in the last year they have updated the autogyro theory exam questions. He reminded everyone to make sure they always fly legally. Moved by Michael Norton and seconded by Daniel Belton that the report be adopted.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**President** Garry Belton Moved by Michael Norton/Neil Hintz

**Vice President**: Elton Haakma Moved by Daniel Belton/Dianne Butters

**Secretary/Treasurer**: Muriel Smith Moved by Kirstin Belton/Keith Margan

**Committee CFI**: Elton Haakma Moved John O'Leary/Keith Margan

**Safety Officer**: Paul Scherrer Moved by Dianne Butters/Neil Hintz

**Safety Officer**: Lloyd Heslop Moved by John O'Leary/Paul Scherrer

**Newsletter** : Daniel Belton Moved by Muriel Smith/John O'Leary

### TROPHIES:

Man and Machine: Paul Kuchenbecker

Furthest Flown: Elton Haakma

Promotions : Daniel Belton

Best Annual Progress : Andrew Carter

Hard Luck: John Saunders

Financial Predictions:

Printing of new Instruction Manual.

Fly-ins \$500 John O'Leary

\$500 Llyod Heslop

Admin costs \$200 per year.

AGM Expenses \$106.23 Kirstin Belton.

Moved by Keith Margan and seconded by Sybe Haakma that these be approved.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. \$300 to be donated to Phillips Grass Roots Resue Helicopter. Moved by Neil Hintz and seconded by Kirstin Belton.
2. \$200 to be donated to Dannevirke Aero Club for the use of their Club Rooms for our AGM weekend. Also that we donate 10 chairs to them. Moved by Keith Margan and seconded by Kirstin Belton.
3. Garry Belton moved Lloyd Heslop be made a LIFE MEMBER for his services to the NZAA over many years. Seconded by Dianne Butters and passed unanimously.
4. Whanganui Fly-in. John O'Leary to be able to pick a weekend that looks like suitable weather even if not Kings Birthday Weekend.
5. Daniel Belton to organise a Life Membership Certificate.
6. Kirstin Belton is to look into apparel for the Association and report back to the Committee.
7. It was suggested that we get a new Trophy to be given out in David Wright's name. Committee to look into this.
8. Muriel to convey our thanks to Debbie Wright for the \$500 she gave us in David's name for the BBQ last night.
9. Llyod Heslop invited all to the Murchison Fly-in on 8,9,10 March.  
Meeting closed at 10.25am .

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## For sale

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## For Sale

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Contact Donald, 0272240533

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## Wanted

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On the hunt for a 2-1/4 panel mount compass similar to the attached.

Contact Philip Middleton on [pasmiddleton@hotmail.com](mailto:pasmiddleton@hotmail.com)

