



# Mercury Bay Flyer

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## Flying Activity: Happy New Year 2025



Our local clouds have been giving us some great pictures and warnings of when to stay off our tractors and out of our aircraft and kayaks.

Summer arrives each year in December and this year has started a lot dryer and warmer than our weather forecasters are predicting.



Flying has seen some great weather to enjoy the jaunt up to Coro Club Cafe



Congratulations Josh Stockwell who went solo 30 December at the Mercury Bay Aero Club in the Vans RV 12 ZKMBB.



A round up of a month at the Mercury Bay Aero Club follows but 15 plus aircraft were here to celebrate the Coro Club reopening after Christmas as shown below.



# Mercury Bay Aero Club

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## Coro Club Café & Venue



Fly ins and local venue.

Niklas and his team have been improving their menu all the time as can be seen from the foodie pictures here.

residents are keen to sample the delightful foods and

**Hours 8am - 3pm 7 days**

[hello@coro.club](mailto:hello@coro.club) or 021 08002970 to speak to the team

## Notices from committee:

### MBAC Committee 2024/25

- |                |                |              |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| President      | Evan Wheeler   | 021 924 807  |
| Vice President | Keith Skilling | 021 333 767  |
| Secretary      | Mike Norton    | 021 667 866  |
| Treasurer      | Bruce Turner   | 021 388 343  |
| Club Captain   | John Gemmell   | 027 498 5381 |
- Ordinary Executive Members – Brian Wigley, Alan Coubray, James Andreae, Graeme Spurdle

New landing fee system has been activated.....see [page 8](#) of this newsletter

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## President's Report



Thats 2024 done and dusted.

### RUNWAY

Runway project finished, new taxiway DELTA completed and open for use.

While most of us are using it, we still have a few who don't. Please turnoff at the first available runway exit after landing. It eases the pressure on grass wear and tear and leaves runway clear for other aircraft in the circuit, especially during busy times.

### IRRIGATION

The application for consent to irrigate is with environment Waikato and should be processed in January. Once the consent is issued, we can get on with setting up the system. An application has been submitted for a grant from the Regional growth fund. We await a decision on a \$250000 grant.

### HANGARS

The 52nd hangar has just been completed. In the new year, some further concrete laying is required and a final tidy up of this area with a driveway access from the road and security fencing.

### CONSTITUTION

Our club constitution is well out of date and requires redrafting incorporating new legislative requirements set down by the government. The plan is to have a draft out to members within the two months.

### FLYING

With the increased popularity of Whitianga as a destination, we have had to take a more proactive approach to noise minimisation where possible and to safe practice. This does mean on occasion, pointing out to pilots that their actions fall outside our circuit procedures. The week prior to christmas, we met with a CAA safety advisor and discussed procedures. This was a productive session and helpful to us in looking ahead to future operations.

### AWIB

We have wind direction and strength now available on I30.5. Please check prior to arrival. There is still a number of pilots landing and taking off with tail wind. This puts undue pressure on the grass surface requiring higher speeds, particularly on landing.

Dont be offended if it is pointed out to you that it is written on airfield plate in vol 4 as not being permitted. It also is confusing for pilots arriving to the airfield planning which runway is correctly in use.

Thats enough for this month.

Best wishes to you all for the new year from MBAC executive committee. May your flying be fun for another year.

Evan Wheeler  
President.  
MBAC

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## New Members

New members Hans Oksvold, Heyden Smith and William Beetz have joined the MBAC this month so please welcome them into our world when next you see them on the airfield having fun.



## Flying Events

This is a good list of the must do s this flying season

**TAURANGA AIRPORT**  
**CLASSIC FLYERS**  
**AERO DAY**  
SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY  
9.30AM - 3.00PM 2025

FOOD & DRINK  
AWESOME AIR DISPLAYS  
NO DOGS PERMITTED

**\$85 FAMILY**  
**\$35 ADULT**  
**\$15 CHILD**  
**UNDER 5S FREE**

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & ONLINE TICKETS

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07 572 4000

### 18 January 2025 Tauranga Air Show

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GREENSTONE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS  
**SUMMER CONCERT TOUR 2025**  
GIBBSTON VALLEY WINERY / SAT 18 JAN  
TAUPŪ / SAT 25 JAN  
WHITIANGA / SUN 26 JAN

**COLD CHISEL**  
The Big Five-0  
The 50th Anniversary Tour

ICEHOUSE  
BIC RUNGA  
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January 26, 2025 -  
9:00am to 6:30pm

**ART DECO FESTIVAL**  
**NAPIER**  
www.artdecofestival.co.nz

13-16 FEB 25

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### ART Deco Napier Thursday 13 - Sunday 16 February 2025

Marlborough Lines  
**CLASSIC FIGHTERS Omaka 2025**  
TICKETS SELLING ONLINE  
APRIL 18th - 20th  
EASTER WEEKEND

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Marlborough Lines **Classic Fighters Omaka 25** is an action-packed, family-friendly event held every second Easter. **Roll on Easter 2025**. Tickets selling online now

### RAANZ National Fly-in Waipukurau Airport, 05-06 April, 2025

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Local advice suggests accommodation will be at a premium so early bookings are advised.

## Balloons Over Waikato 18-22 March 2025

A week of family fun at New Zealand's premier hot air ballooning festival.

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## Mercury Bay Model Club



Wayne Lester has been at it again launching more vessels into the canals so if you're Facebookers check out his launching by clicking on the picture.

A big day recently as he launched new model for the first time. Went well but has since shifted the battery position aft to give a better centre of gravity and will retrial it again



The MBAC website allows you to view the pictures within the newsletter in larger sizes if you are not receiving them on your tablet. Remember to check your browser view if you are unable to download the newsletter on your tablet or smartphone (winmail.dat format appears in Apple tablets/phones)



## Whitianga Aerodrome

**Let's get out there in our flying machines while the long days are here!**

**Next Executive Meeting - Friday 10 January 2025 at 1000hrs**

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## Happy Summer Season

### \*Stop Press \*

(Sizes available T Shirts - 2XL, XL, L, M Caps



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An elderly man, suspecting his wife might be losing her hearing, decided to test it. Standing about 20 feet behind her, he softly asked, "Can you hear me, sweetheart?" There was no response.

He moved closer, about 10 feet away, and tried again, "Can you hear me, sweetheart?" Still, no reply.

Getting concerned, he stepped within 5 feet of her and repeated, "Can you hear me, sweetheart?" Silence.

Finally, he stood just a few inches behind her and gently asked, "Can you hear me now, honey?"

Without missing a beat, his wife responded, "For the fourth time, yes!"



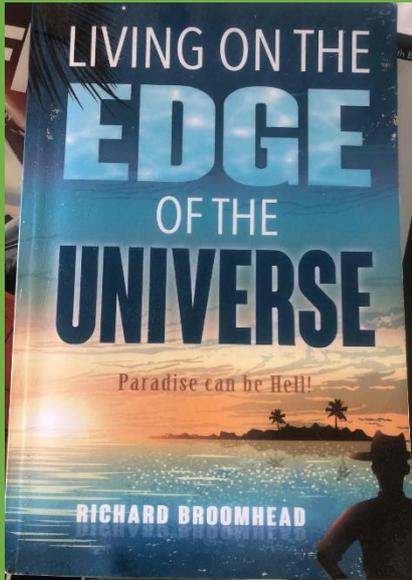
I was in a bar yesterday, when I suddenly realized I desperately needed to pass gas. The music was really really loud, so I timed my farts with the beat. After a couple of songs, I started to feel better. I finished my beer and noticed that everybody was staring at me, then I suddenly remembered that I was listening to my Ipod.



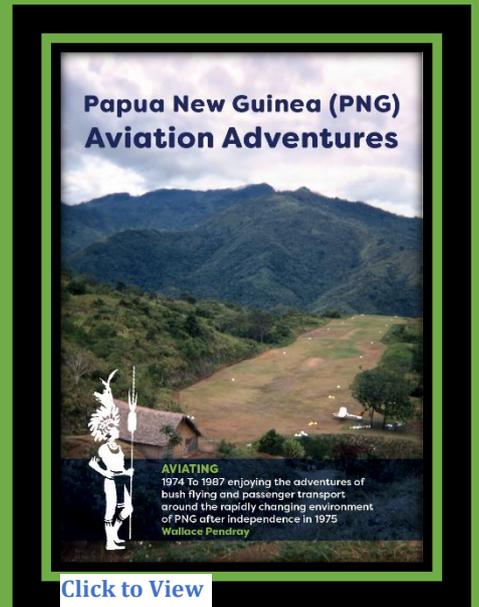
And a short summer video to show you the beauty of Northland.



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Here are a couple of books for aviators to read about the interesting formative years of aviation when things didn't always go to plan the way we expect them too these days.



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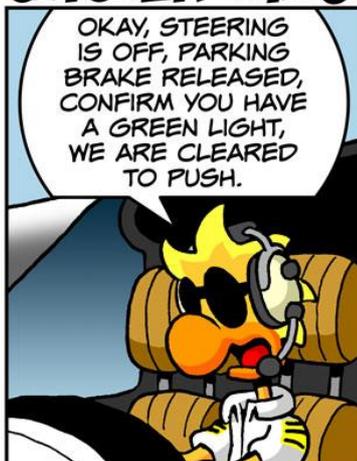
And a fly boy and gals who know how to have fun in our great outdoors



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Pre-flight info in pilots' pockets through IFIS Mobile Alternatively,

Air Navigation Pro from <https://airnavigation.aero/> or <https://www.ozrunways.com/>

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Mercury Bay Aero Club Inc.

## Airfield Landing Fees

### CASH IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED

#### Private Landing Fees

- **\$10 per day** if paid by Credit Card or Internet Banking within 2 days of landing.
- If not paid within 2 days, an invoice for \$25 per day will be issued.

#### Commercial Landing Fees

- **\$25 per landing.**

#### Payment Information

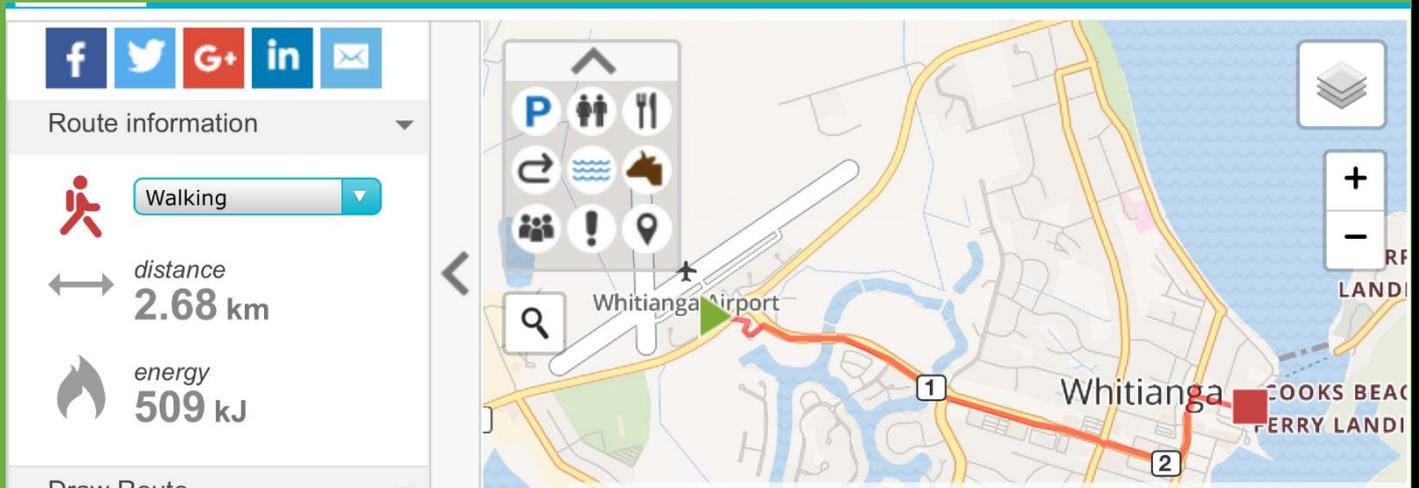
- **For Internet Banking payments:**  
Bank Account No: **02-0496-0012856-000** Mercury Bay Aero Club Inc.  
Enter your name, aircraft registration and date of landing in the reference fields.
- **For Credit Card Payments:**  
Scan the QR code below or navigate to the online payments gateway at:  
<https://mbac.co.nz/shop/landing-fee/>



- **NB:** Cash is no longer accepted.
- GST is included in the fee.
- A receipt is available on request.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Mercury Bay Aero Club Inc.  
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If you would like to walk into Whitianga town and take in the sights -  
Parking is available here on the Airpark aprons: local taxi

07 866 4777 or 021 155 55 58 ... if walking isn't your mode of transport

