



Mercury Bay Flyer

November 2024

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Flying Activity:

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The Tauramunui Tiger Moth weekend was well supported in

beautifully calm weather conditions to enable not only Tiger Moths to arrive but a greater variation that led to 42 aircraft being there on the Saturday competition day. 7 of MBAC's aircraft arrived to enjoy the flight there and back in smooth conditions and good company on arrival with many there for the Friday RSA meal.



Tony's gyrocopter has been seeing new hands checking out the wonders of gyrocopter flying leading to purchase of a South Island machine to bring north to Mercury Bay.

Grass mowing and baleage have been going on during October leaving lots of short grass on the aerodrome so care needed when taxiing along the Airpark taxiway.



Also Tony had a narrow miss late downwind 22 with a drone flying along the beach well above authorised level and well inside the aerodrome boundary. Be careful as summer approaches as these may well be around in peak season.

New VNCs are due out in December.



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FLY Flight of Fancy
 with **Annah Stretton & Friends**
 A special flight for the women of the Eastern Coromandel by helping Project Mammogram reach it's destination
The Coro Club Hangar ~ Whitianga Airport 7pm -10pm ~ 14 November 2024
 Your flight director **Michele A'Court** renowned Comedienne
 An update on Project Mammogram + a safety briefing by a special guest
 Pilots: An interview with **Annah and Sami Stretton**
 Navigator: Getting on with it, by **Maree Smith** from **GET IT ON**
 Inflight Entertainment: An **Annah Stretton Fashion Show**
 Inflight Snacks: Delicious nibbles by **Coro Cafe**
 On-Board Bar Available
 Great Raffles & Auctions of pamper packs
Annah Stretton Goodie Bags
 Tickets available from: Get It On - Tairua & Annah Stretton - Whitianga \$59 per person or \$440 per table of 8
 all proceeds to **Project MAMMOGRAM**
 EARLY DETECTION FOR BETTER OUTCOMES



Notices from committee:



New hangars are underway. Whew! What a journey this has been. We will all be feeling a lot better this summer with them being able to accommodate their aircraft.

MBAC Committee 2024

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| President | Evan Wheeler | 021 924 807 |
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| Ordinary Executive Members – Brian Wigley, Alan Coubray, James Andreae, Graeme Spurdle | | |

MBAC Hangar Rental: Bruce Turner 021 388 343

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Haymaking has recently been carried out on our runway edges giving the aerodrome a new mown look all over so do check that the threshold markers are visible for you to land and take-off in the defined runway areas. 57 bales by my recent count as well as additional silage straight into the trailer.



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.

Daylight saving is here! The new flying season is underway!

Next Executive Meeting – Friday 8 November 24 @ 10:00am



Whitianga Aerodrome is now on Facebook so check out the recent happenings... and future events!

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New Members

New members are yet to be approved at next committee meeting in November



Mercury Bay Model Club

Wet & windy weather has been interrupting the modellers backyard but the wind has enabled a bit of coastal flying to get done by George Fletcher



Nearby Event

Steampunk is always a good parade in Thames, Pollen St for machines and people's elaborate clothes. Their enthusiasm is hard to beat if you need a fun day out nearby on 7-10 November 24.



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Flying Events

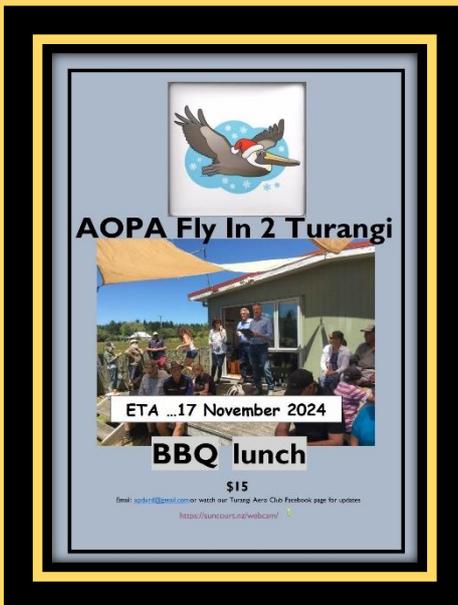
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This is a good list of the must do s this flying season..... **TOKOROA now Sunday 3 Nov**
<https://www.flyingnz.co.nz/events-competitions/calendar>

Turangi Aero Club AOPA Fly in 17 November 24 \$15 BBQ lunch

Contact Alan Turner 021 458 375



Northern Aviators Club have their annual fly in to Whananaki planned for 30 December 24



More to follow in the December newsletter.

Dargaville Aero Club →

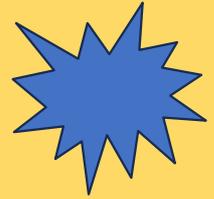


Stop Press:

Headgear and shirts - available from Bruce Turner 021 388 343

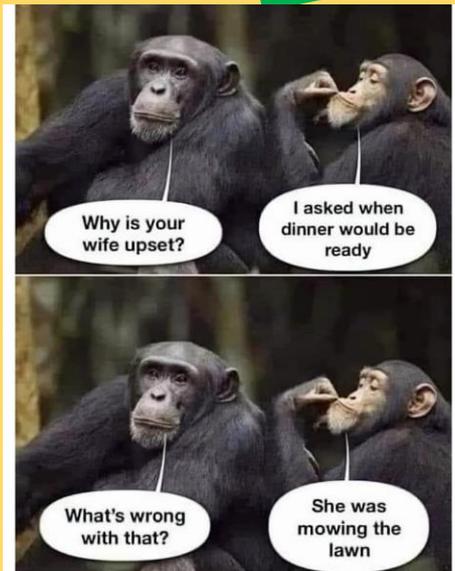
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(Sizes available T Shirts \$35 – (2XL, XL, L, M) Caps \$20



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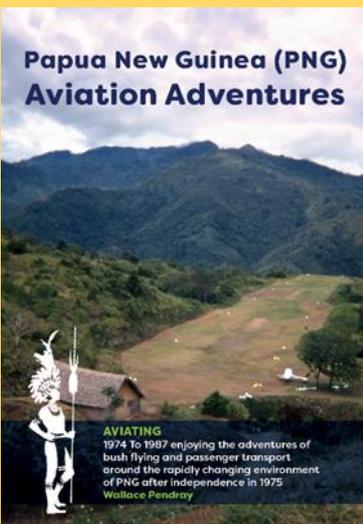
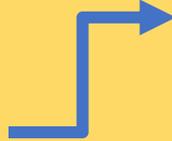
Barrier Air Summer Schedule - Whitianga Effective end of October 2024

Please note schedules are subject to change - please check our website for departure times.

	Auckland - Whitianga	Whitianga – Auckland
Monday	8.30am & 3.30pm	9.30am & 4.30pm
Tuesday	8.30am	9.30am
Wednesday	8.30am & 3.30pm	9.30am & 4.30pm
Thursday	8.30am & 3.30pm	9.30am & 4.30pm
Friday	9am and 3.30pm	10am and 4.30pm
Saturday	8.30am	9.30am
Sunday	3.30pm	4.30pm



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Good books for rainy days beat flying in the murk

Here is a bit of PNG Aviation Adventuring for those who may like to read about the great adventure land of Papua New Guinea. I had a fall from my bike in June and broke my right arm so this gave me time to put a few stories together for my old company friends at Talair, instead of flying, biking and kayaking the winter away. I learned to write. 

11 years of PNG aviation gave me plenty of story time and most of this was written on my ifone. It is in an ebook format that I can send the link to those who may like to read it. \$8 is my planned costing which I intend

to forward to PNG for one of our ex PNG local staffers who has has lost his vision. If you internet transfer to this account then text me to confirm, (Editor front page) I will send the book link to you.

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