



Mercury Bay Flyer

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Flying Activity:



A recent visitor not often seen at Whitianga popped in one sunny day. A Cessna 320E Executive Skyknight.



[Click to View Kaituna Romneys](#)

Shamus Howard

has been getting that helicopter well used during August so click this picture for a look at the action on Whitianga Aerodrome. [CLICK to View](#)



There were only two flyers for coffee at Puanui early one morning recently but one was an air beater so I took the opportunity to grab the spare seat with Shamus to enjoy the coffee flight too. A while since I've had a ride in one of these so saw a quite different landscape view as we flew south via Whenuakite and Pumpkin hill.

Sir Keith Park Memorial Airfield Inc.



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Coro Club Cafe & Venue



[Coro Club Café](#) Team are back on duty to help you celebrate the days getting longer, dryer and warmer...Please call ahead if flying in for food and beverages. 021 0800 2970

Menu <https://www.coro.club/menu/>



Notices from committee:

MBAC Committee 2026/7

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 Vanderwee	021 185 2409
Ordinary Executive Members – Alan Coubray, Graeme Spurdle, Steve Chilcott, Rob Llewellyn		

MBAC Hangar Rental Contact Bruce Turner 021 388 343

Notices from committee

The club has a Toyota Corolla available for visiting pilots who would like to get around Whitianga. The car is parked outside the tractor shed at the moment but will be located eventually in the tractor building. Pilots can contact Graeme on 0272737142 to gain access to the car via a lockbox holding the keys. Cost of \$20 per use.



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Murray was observed clearing our runway drains one clear and frosty morning in August. A great job when you can see the before and after shots.



Runway Irrigation is progressing during August with a fine patch of weather enabling the pumphouse reservoir to be placed for connection to the pumphouse

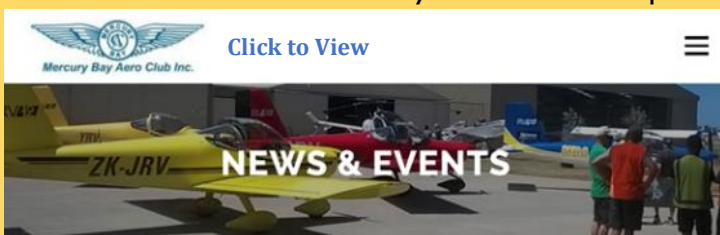


John Gemmell has been out with his cones making sure we stay clear of the truck which is moving the excess taxiway soil away to its new home over Kuaotuna way.



Next Executive Meeting - Friday 4 September 26 at 0930hrs

The MBAC website allows you to view the pictures within the



newsletter in larger sizes if you are not receiving them on your tablet.

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Daylight saving arrives Sunday 27 September 2026!

The new flying season is underway!

Whitianga Aerodrome is now on Facebook so check out the recent happenings! [CLICK to View](#)



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New Members



New members have not called in yet but wait for next month so best you all keep chatting over a coffee at the Coro Club.



Flying Events

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



- **Dargaville Aero Club Saturday Lunch.** Every Saturday from 12:30 pm. **The catered lunches are back on! Now \$15.**
- **Whangarei Flying Club Sunday Lunch.** Penny burgers every Sunday \$7 Contact Rusty 021 1738942 **Penny burgers are now back on!**
- **Rodney Aero Club Saturday Morning Cuppa and Coffee.** The RAC will have the clubrooms open and the jug on for a Cuppa or Coffee every Saturday morning. You might even get a biscuit or the occasional scone! Call in on your way to Dargaville lunch.

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TAIL DRAGGERS & FRIENDS

'26 TAIL DRAGGER WEEKEND FLY IN



Waipukurau Aerodrome	Bridge Pa Aerodrome
Saturday 31 st OCTOBER	Sunday 1 st NOVEMBER
STOL: \$15 Great Lunch! Jailbar Bombing SuperCub Trial Flights	Cub Cup Precision Landing: Scenes and Tea Local Strip Flying SuperCub Trial Flights

Casual Night out on the town Saturday | Come Early for Friday Night Dinner at the Bar Bridge Pa



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Ross: 012 2629550 | Stephanie: 021 769 963

Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand (Inc)

RAANZ NATIONAL FLY-IN & AGM

Feilding Airfield

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13TH TO 15TH NOVEMBER

Hosted by the Manawatu Aviation Club and the Feilding Flying Club




JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!

- ✈️ Enjoy a weekend of flying, friendship and fun
- 👥 RAANZ AGM
- 🗨️ Catch up with friends and meet new ones
- 🍽️ Saturday evening dinner (details to follow)

Contact:

- 📞 Stan Hyde 021 045 3801
- 📞 Pete Kernohan 021 804 733
- 📞 Sarah Colliver 027 322 0274

See you there!

CELEBRATING NEW ZEALAND'S RECREATIONAL AVIATION COMMUNITY | FLY IN - HAVE FUN - STAY SAFE

FOR SALE

Titan T51 ¾ scale kit aircraft located at Thames Aerodrome.

Engine Vitara 2.7 L V6. Gun Ports, clam shell gear doors, jettisonable canopy

Has yet to fly. Call 021 772 351 to arrange inspection



Mercury Bay Model Club



Wayne Lester - Uh oh here we go again.



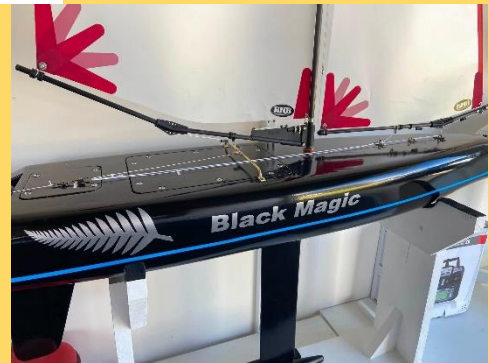
Finished Black Magic which is mk2 version with some small differences, very pleased with performance on its 1st day out.



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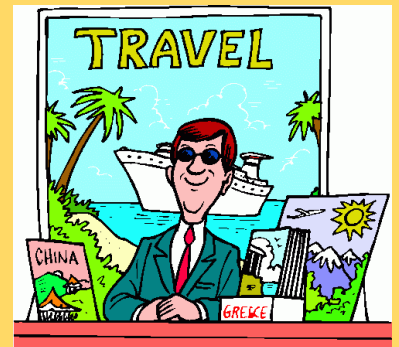


Light hearted comments to keep you going until daylight saving gets you flying again.



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Definition of the jet age:
breakfast in Rome, lunch in Paris,
dinner in London, bags in
Singapore.



Stop Press



Headgear and shirts - available from

Bruce Turner 021388 343

Shirts: \$38 Polo & T Shirts \$25 Caps
\$25



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Pacific AirHub Blades Inventory

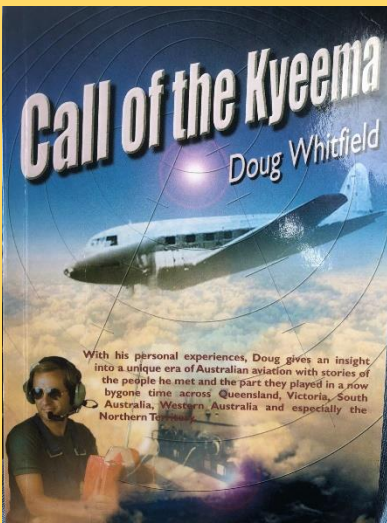


The inventory includes serviceable and recently repaired blades supplied with NZCAA, FAA, EASA, TCDA and CASA release documentation, as applicable.

For organisations interested in purchasing multiple blades or complete sets, we would be pleased to discuss preferential package pricing.

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Call of the Kyeemia

Doug Whitfield

With his personal experiences, Doug gives an insight into a unique era of Australian aviation with stories of the people he met and the part they played in a now bygone time across Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and especially the Northern Territory.

MAIN ROTOR BLADES					
Part Number	Condition	Price	Details	Cert	
AS332					
332A11-0030-06 (Qty 2)	Repaired	\$125,000 ea		TCCA Form One	
332A11-0030-08 (Qty 1)	Repaired	\$125,000		TCCA Form One	
AS350/355					
355A11-0030-04	SV	\$65,000	TSN: 3,440H	NZCAA Form One	
355A11-0030-02	SV	\$60,000	TSN: 10,288H	NZCAA Form One	
355A11-0020-09 (Qty 3)	Repaired	\$44,950 ea	TSN: 3,680H, 3197H & 1,911H	NZCAA Form One	
EC135					
L621M1010057 (Qty 4)	SV	\$92,500 ea	TSN: 3,888H - 5,632H	NZCAA Form One	
BO-105					
105-15150 (Qty 4)	SV	\$35,000 ea	TSR: 2,784H	NZCAA Form One	
BK117					
117-151521/451 (2 ea)	SV	\$195,000 Set of 4		NZCAA Form One	
117-151521	Repaired	\$295,000 Set of 4	TSI: 0.0	EASA Form One	
117-151521	SV	\$195,000 Set of 4		FAA 8130-3	
117-151521 (Qty 3)	SV	\$99,000 ea	TSI: 0.0	NZCAA Form One	
S76C+					
76150-09100-053	Repaired	\$49,950 ea	TSI: 0.0, Repaired by ACS	FAA 8130-3	
EC120					
CR21A1006101 (Qty 3)	SV	\$99,000 ea	TSN: 0.0, TSN: 2,872H, 17,128 rem	NZCAA Form One	
CR21A1006102 (Qty 3)	SV	\$31,000 ea	TSN: 12,870H, 7,130H rem	NZCAA Form One	
AS365					
365A11-0050-08 (Qty 4)	Repaired	\$105,000 ea	TSN: 5,470H, TSI: 0.0	EASA Form One	
B204					
204-011-250-001 (Qty 2)	SV	\$130,000 ea	TSN: 561H, 1,938H rem	NZCAA Form One	
TAIL ROTOR BLADES					
Part Number	Condition	Price	Details	Cert	
BK117					
117-317491 (Qty 4)	Repaired	\$32,000 Set of 2	TSI: 0.0, TSR: 0.0	EASA Form One	
117-317491 (Qty 4)	SV	\$28,000 Set of 2		NZCAA Form One	
117-31743 (Qty 6)	SV	\$9,000 Set of 2	Narrow Chord TRB's	NZCAA Form One	
117-31742 (Qty 2)	SV	\$9,000 Set of 2	Narrow Chord TRB's	FAA 8130-3	
117-31748 (Qty 2)	SV	\$9,000 Set of 2		FAA 8130-3	
B641M1001101 (Qty 2)	SV	\$18,000 ea	TSN: 1,737H	NZCAA Form One	
EC120					
CR42A0300102 (Qty 8)	SV	\$3,000 ea	TSN: 2,872H	NZCAA Form One	
AS365					
365A12-0070-00 (Qty 10)	SV	\$2,050 ea	TSN: 4,170H	NZCAA Form One	
B206/204					
206-016-201-135	Repaired	\$1,250	TSN: 2,302H, 197H rem	CASA Form One	
204-011-702-121 (Qty 2)	SV	\$15,500 ea	TSN: 561H, 439H rem	NZCAA Form One	

Records, release documentation and photographs can be provided for any blades of interest.

MANY SPARES AVAILABLE - CONTACT OUR TEAM TODAY

 Happy Spring Season

Sierra echo echo
Yankee oscar uniform
November echo xray tango

Properties For Sale on our Airpark



Home is where the hangar is.

7 Yankee Lane, Whitianga

By Negotiation

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\$1,095,000

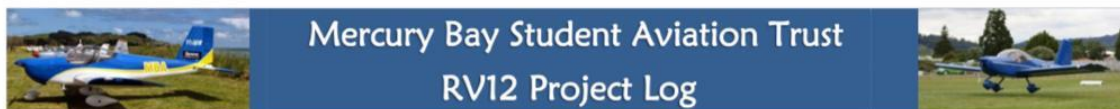
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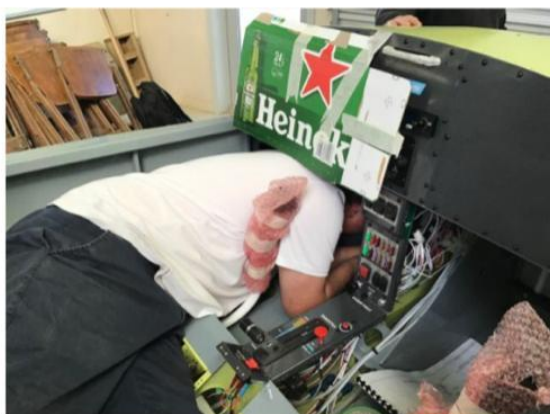
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MBAS - Click picture below to view their FACEBOOK link



Date	Hours	No. of students	Job reference
19 th August 2026	12:30-17:00	7	Paint Preparation, Revision Checking, Canopy Latch, Engine Cowling



Paint Preparation

During the week, Douglas undercoated the first wing, this week, Noah and Marley removed that wing from the paint booth and scuffed it back ready for the final coat. They also put the second wing into the booth ready to be undercoated this week. Unfortunately, Douglas struck a problem during the week of running out of air supply when painting, to remedy this, we have added a second compressor and joined them together, hopefully this will solve the problem.

Heater Flap Controls

Sam is back under the floor by the rudder pedals to attach the cables to the heater flaps, it's an easy job in theory, but access makes it quite difficult.

Revision Checking

Cameron and Ashlee are going through the revisions in the manual and checking them against the version that we built the aircraft too. If there are any differences, they will be checked and remedied.

Canopy Frame Fitting

Jan and Jim have been doing some work on the canopy frame, they then fitted a cardboard spacer to the fuselage and managed to test fit it towards the end of the day.

General Maintenance

We realised today that some of our existing gear was in a bit of a bad state and needed repair, one of these items was the stand that holds our wings, it was getting a bit too wobbly for us. Marley, Ashlee and Noah had it pulled apart, braced properly and back together in no time. We are now confident nothing will fall.



Thanks for Following !



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Mercury Bay Student Aviation Trust RV12 Project Log

