

# *The Flyer* **Crash 'n' Splash**

Nelson Model Aero Club

<http://nmac.org.nz>

June 2019

## President's Piece

We had some great weather in April and May, and a couple of very busy Sunday mornings – it was great to see so many planes and pilots out enjoying themselves. There was a wide variety of models, ARF, foamies, scratch built, and 'hybrids' – it just goes to show you can have fun with whatever direction you're currently taking in the hobby.

**Membership Cards:** these have been processed in several batches, the latest one was sent to MFNZ last weekend. MFNZ take a little time to print and send us the cards - if you haven't received your card yet it won't be far away (but contact me if you have any concerns). We understand that if you have paid you are 'covered' by MFNZ and are current (show your old card at any event you attend).

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that everyone who was a member last year will re-join this year (except one – but I expect that he will join when he has the opportunity). My membership list totals 65 people which is a good number and puts the club in a healthy position.

**New Members:** We have one new member this month, **Blake Gilmour** is keen on scale modelling and has built several models, and up to now usually flies at the local park. He is a capable flyer and as his models get bigger he needs more space. Please introduce yourself and welcome Blake when you see him out flying.

**Emergency Procedures:** The sandflats are in a rural location and in an emergency the address to give the services call taker is not obvious. We are going to erect the sign in the pits area (draft design is below).

If you put 'Wakapuaka Sandflats Glenduan' into Google Maps it locates to a point outside the gate (also a useful piece of information to give visitors and new members).



Tell the operator you are at

*the 'Wakapuaka Sandflats Glenduan'.*

This is on State Highway 6 north of Nelson. Entrance is through the left-hand gate.

*Go to the gate or advise the call taker of your exact location within the reserve.*

**Flying Guidelines:** We send out the flying guidelines a couple of times each year (the last time was with the previous newsletter in April). I hope that you have taken the time to read and reacquaint yourselves with them (especially newer members). There are lots of instructions in the guidelines and the majority are there to keep you safe and other pilots and members of the public safe. These are the key pilot communication instructions;

- **Don't stand on or immediately next to the runway when taking off, landing or flying UNLESS you have the agreement of all pilots flying at the time. You must go to the pilot box after take-off.**
- **When using the pilot box stand close enough to enable clear communication between other pilots (i.e. calling "landing", "dead stick" etc.)**
- **Respond promptly to calls from other pilots (i.e. "Clear for take-off?" – "CLEAR!")**

I normally take a box of red cones out with me on a Sunday morning to mark the pilots box – but I often forget (or I can't make it on the day). We are going to place some paving slabs to permanently mark the pilot boxes to help you locate the place to stand. Not a big deal when you're on your own, but important when other pilots are flying.

**Wings Badges:** Congratulations to Terry and Mike L. who passed their wings badge test last month. We have several more members who are ready to sit their wings badges. If you want to sit the wings test please speak with Andrew, Wayne, Bill, Doug, Ben, Peter, or Murray who will be more than happy to go over the questions and flying schedule with you - and will take you for your test when you're ready.

MFNZ have updated their wings information - have a look at the links below to see their info;

- Wings Page: <http://www.modelflyingnz.org/wingsscheme/home.html>
- BP Test: <http://www.modelflyingnz.org/wingsscheme/basicfixed.html>

**Pits and Ground Care:** Terry has been very generous with his time mowing and weed-whacking and the pits area is looking great. Thanks once again Terry for your good work.

Happy Flying,  
Murray Irvine

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## Notices

### Your committee

Your committee members for 2019/2020:

President	Murray Irvine
Vice President	Paul Troon
Treasurer	Peter Stevens
Secretary	Andrew Reeve
Power Captain	Doug Stratton
Heli Captain	Lance Walford
Committee	Ron King
Committee	Gary Iti

CnS Editor	Paul Troon
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**The CnS newsletter is published every two months; Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec.**

### WhatsApp Group:

If you are not connected to WhatsApp give Murray or Phil a call.

### Facebook:

We are on Facebook. For those Facebook users out there, look up the Nelson Model Aero Club and add a 'like' to our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=nelson%20model%20aero%20club>

#### **Special offer for NMAC Members**

**COOL POWER – 1 Gal (US) or 3.785 litre containers \$65 each**

**BACK IN STOCK - NITRO ~ \$35 per litre**

I don't have any bottles for the nitro so it's BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle).  
Contact Peter Stevens.

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## Access Track condition

Some new members may not be aware that we have a problem with our access track at Wakapuaka when it is wet, this of course is particularly evident during the winter months.

After the severe drought conditions earlier in the year there was no doubt a great deal of enthusiasm for getting back to flying, this resulted in vehicles being driven on the access track while it was too wet and the creation of quite a mess.

If the track is wet enough that your vehicle sinks in or slips and slides, this is an indicator that you should not be driving on it. If it has rained recently and you are visiting the site please check the track before driving on it, and if in doubt park at the entrance and walk in with your model.

The object of this exercise is not to prevent the inconvenience of you becoming stuck, but to protect the track so others can use it and to minimise environmental disturbance to the Council owned reserve we are kindly permitted to use for model flying.

Please remember that use of, and particularly vehicle access to the reserve is a privilege not a right. Lets all work hard to keep that privilege for future generations of flying enthusiasts.

NMAC Committee

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# From around the club







