

Matamata AeroClub

AGM 2020

President report 2020

Another year has passed, and what a year it has been!

Looking back, we had a few wins: We have 52 members (48 ordinary, 2 life, 2 associate). We might lose some, some of those will be because the council now offers direct landing fee arrangement at the same rate that the AeroClub charges as membership fee, but some will probably also leave for other reasons. For the club plane we have 17 currently under training, conversion, or full ticket, some will not continue, but most will.

Last year I foreshadowed that we'd need a few changes, and changes we had: Lots more people are actively taking part in activities, mostly microlight pilots:

- Aircraft Maintenance: Thanks Andrew and Egmont
- Clubhouse Maintenance: Thanks Oscar, Andrew, Shanon, Egmont, plus the rest of the microlight team
- Fuel: Thanks Oscar
- Constructive advice: Thanks Committee
- Sausage sizzles and movie night: Thanks Duncan and Pip
- General participation in club activities: Thanks to the microlight team for all your help and support
- \$\$: Thanks Rainer

Still more things to do, largely around more social activities, promoting the club, and administrative jobs, plus of course, we'll need to keep the above things going and still have time to have fun flying.

Covid has halted a lot of activities, but it also has made us think how we could do some things differently. Committee meetings are now predominantly held on-line, saving lots of travel time, and we can still get together face to face if we want to; we had a couple of training sessions on-line and we'll probably keep that going as well. But then it has brought some of us closer together because we did not waste time on doing things that were not really needed and rather spend some quality times together – Thanks guys!

Rainer will talk more about our plane later, but we've done a surprising amount of flying in FLD despite being hamstrung by Covid. We also now have a brand-new glass cockpit – again thanks to those who have been involved getting that going!

Overall, we had a quite productive year with lots of cooperation from committee members, as well as some others – thanks guys and girls!

What else is happening around the airfield? Middle earth/NZ Aviation has left, and that was before we knew about Covid. We briefly looked into potentially purchasing the building, but

nothing came of that. The people who have bought the building then also decided that they did not want to stick around Matamata and now the building is gone as well.

We still don't know whether we will have the Walsh on the airfield – they have decided to postpone any decisions till November. Looks like we'll have a visit from the Tauranga Young Eagles next weekend – why not say hallo if/when you see them.

You all will be aware that the Council used to make the toilets available to people being transferred to Rotorua for Managed Isolation. They have changed the process now to set up portaloos instead near the caretaker house. Let's wait and see how traffic management around this new process will work, where they'll park the buses and how Airfield users can safely transit the zone around the entrance to the airfield.

We are changing the membership renewal process: After the AGM a membership renewal form will be emailed to all current members and mailed to those who don't have an email. This new form will bring us in line with current privacy rules and will ensure that we have accurate and up-to-date information about you and planes owned by you. Please fill in your details and email them back within 30 days of the AGM, which is also the latest day membership fees fall due. Membership and associated privileges will cease for those who have not paid or have not returned the form by that date, so PLEASE remember to do both by 12th October 2020.

So, I'd like to finish my report by thanking the committee members for all their hard work. As in the past, Rainer has carried the lion-share of the load as treasurer and instructor – a special thanks to him. But overall, it was a team effort – Thanks Andrew, Duncan, Egmont, George, Oscar, Pip, Rainer, and Shanon! It was a pleasure to be on this committee with you and I really enjoyed the sense of cooperation and friendship by you all.

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