

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015



1. Campground

The campground is ticking along quite well, with just maintenance issues to contend with, although we got a bit of a shock to find extensive frost damage to water pipes over the exceptionally cold winter. The 13 pipe repairs were covered by insurance.

We have renewed Rudi de Ridder's contract for looking after the cleaning of the amenity block, emptying the recycling bins, and mowing, perhaps with a bit of assistance from OAL's contractor (Andrew) on mowing and irrigation maintenance.

We have purchased a rugged second-hand zero-turn mower to replace the cheap tractor type that we have been using, which don't last long. The Hustler Fastrak Super Duty 48 inch zero-turner is in excellent condition with low hours and cost under \$8.9k. We sold the John Deere for \$2.5k. We expect the heavy-duty Hustler to last many years.

When closing down the camp in April, we noticed that quite a few caravan electrical WoFs were coming up for renewal, and a couple had already expired – so a reminder to please check yours. Not having a current Electrical WOF exposes OSC as well as the caravan owner.

The camp only just broke even over the two-year Nationals cycle, and fees have remained static for the past four years. The decision was therefore made to increase the rate by \$1 for GNZ adult members and by \$3 for non-members. So the new rates are:

\$20.00/night Non-GNZ members
\$16.00/night GNZ members and their immediate family
\$14.00/night Site owners (\$2 discount)
Children half price.

2. WiFi

The high-power broadband internet WAP system installed last year has been enhanced with a fourth WAP unit inside the terminal building. It continues to be worthwhile, with a profit of nearly \$1,700 (excluding GST and after depreciation) last season. This was despite the direct competition from Glide Omarama's new system. For this season, we are going to allow multiple devices to be used on one account – a few people have requested this so they don't have to log off one device before logging on to another.

3. Terminal Building Facilities

The greatly improved quality of the projector image for daytime briefings that we got from the screen we put in last year has been further improved by a new projector lamp.

4. Kahu Café

Most of you will be aware of the saga surrounding the Kahu Café – with the Council demanding significant improvements prior to continued operation, and OAL struggling to find a way for it to carry on. A way was found, thanks to more than \$20,000 in cash donations and a zero interest loan of \$25,000 from OSC. This, combined with its own reserves, meant OAL had the cash to do the required upgrade. The OSC loan is really only there as a contingency backstop for OAL in case unexpected capital expenditure arises. In any event, any funds drawn down under the arrangement will be paid back to OSC at the rate of 50% of OAL's levy on the café business, and the agreement will be reviewed in 10 years' time if it hasn't been fully repaid by then.

A new concrete deck has been poured, with a permanent Archgola deck cover. Some minor internal improvements were made and the café was able to open at the end of October.

5. Camp opening

Once again, in lieu of an OSC donation, Youth Glide Canterbury did a fantastic spring-cleaning job prior to the camp opening just before Labour Weekend. Thanks guys.

6. Camps and Competitions

First up is Jerry's cross-country course, which has been taken over by Glide Omarama with a shift in focus towards mountain soaring, rather than cross-country per se. It will be run as per tradition in the week prior to the Regionals.

Competitions this season will be the Regionals in November, with the Club Class Nationals and the 3rd Enterprise Omarama competition running concurrently in early January.

The Youth Soaring Development Camp will be 7-16 December.

7. Water usage

Water usage continues to be an issue, particularly around one or two of the chalets. We ask that everybody remain vigilant for over-use and/or leaks and to bring this to the attention of the appropriate person. The Council charges a lot for water.

8. OSC Committee

The other committee members are Pete McKenzie (VP), Jenny Wilkinson (Secretary), Jerry O'Neill, Oliver Winkler, Warren Dickinson and Brian Savage; with Laurie Kirkham as our Treasurer. After some 12 years of great service as our Secretary, Jenny Wilkinson is keen to stand down at the AGM in November – thank you Jenny for your hard work over many years. Neal Irwin, of the Canterbury Gliding Club, has agreed to join the committee and take up the role of Secretary.

Oliver Winkler and Brian Savage have taken over maintenance of the OSC web site. This is pretty basic at present, but expect to see improvements over time www.osc.net.nz

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