

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016



1. Campground

The campground continues to tick along quite well, with just maintenance issues to contend with. We have renewed Rudi de Ridder's contract for looking after the cleaning of the amenity block, emptying the recycling bins, mowing, and irrigation maintenance.

On the weekend of 3-4 September there was a working bee to trim the trees on the northern boundaries and the entranceway. It was a tremendous effort, with too many people pitching in to list them all here; but special thanks to Nigel Davy for his crane and chipper, without which we would have been spending many \$\$\$\$. And special thanks also to Terry Jones for his endurance as the chainsaw wielding 'fairground' rider at the top of the crane! The clean-up work continued on the following weekend, including lots of leaf raking by a small Youth Glide team.

A new stove has been installed in the kitchen, thanks to Graham Erikson for carting it down from Christchurch and wiring it up.

On the financial side, the camp did quite well last season, considering the Club Class Nationals had to be cancelled through lack of entries. The profit after depreciation was \$3,700, about the same as the previous year. It is worth noting that non-gliding people make up about 20% of our income (average over the last 4 years), so without them we would be making a significant loss.

2. WiFi

The internet WAP continues to be worthwhile, with a profit last season of just over \$1,200 after depreciation. We had intended to allow multiple devices to be used on one account, but our WiFi guru was too busy in his day job to get that done. Hopefully we will have it this season.

3. New EFTPOS

With a requirement to upgrade our eftpos hardware this year, we decided to go for the flexibility of a WiFi unit, which can be operated from the kitchen in busy periods. In quieter times, it will be located in the Glide Omarama office for security.

4. Kahu Café

Alex Boyes has donated a couple of large flat-screen TVs, so we plan to offer one or both to the Kahu, with a view to displaying the scores during contests.

5. Omarama Airfield Ltd

Last April, the OSC appointed Clive Geddes to the Board of the airfield company, replacing Pete McKenzie who had resigned earlier. The directors intend to focus on strategic planning

this season, with a workshop for stakeholders already held in early October, and another one planned during the Regionals. They are looking at a number of non-aviation land use options for the airfield property in order to enhance and diversify revenue.

Meanwhile, as everyone will have observed, they recently resealed the area around the terminal, and work has started on widening the East end of the runway.

6. Camps and Competitions

Competitions this season are the Regionals in November, followed by the Multi-Class Nationals in early January. The 4th Enterprise Omarama competition will run in February.

The Youth Soaring Development Camp will be 7-18 December.

7. OSC Committee

The other committee members are Pete McKenzie (VP), Neal Irwin (Secretary), Jerry O'Neill, Oliver Winkler, Warren Dickinson and Brian Savage; with Laurie Kirkham as our Treasurer.

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OSC President

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