

# OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter



**October 2019**

*Welcome everyone to this edition of Outlanding. The soaring season is about to commence with the Central Plateau Soaring Competition and currently there are 12 contestants for this year's event. We look forward to great weather and flying conditions along with the opportunity to catch up with our fellow pilots, friends and families. If you can assist during the week with ground operations please let Tom or Trev know.*

*If anyone has an article or notification to be included into the next newsletter, please have to Trace by 20 November 2019.*

*Fly well and have fun!*

*Cheers, Trace*

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Hi everyone the soaring season is upon us and the flying weather can only get better. The wind has caused a few problems but we have had some good ridge soaring days; while on the subject of ridge soaring remember that you do need to get signed off to fly on Mt Tauhara, your instructor has a set list of requirements that need to be signed off. It's not an issue and can be sorted in a very short time, it's just a matter of being sure you know the hazards associated with ridge soaring.

I hope you are all reading the "What the OP's Team is talking about" there are some very good points relevant to the development within NZ Gliding and reviews on safety issues and glider training progress.

At our last Instructors Meeting Hugh brought up the Warning from CAA regarding circuit procedures see the attached SAFETY MESSAGE below. It says that we must comply with the published circuit joining procedures that in fact we have laid down in the CAA AIP volume 4 information. Please refer to the Centennial Park circuit procedure extract shown below. The wording in the Safety Message is that we "**MUST COMPLY**", this warning was brought about due to the fatal collision between two aircraft at Masterton.

So the message to all pilots both Glider and Power is that we will maintain strict joining procedures as per the AIP Vol 4. I will review the clubs Flying Rules in due course. If a glider is court short and low to the EAST and has no option but to land left hand on runway 22 then that is a safety issue, but must advise Centennial Park Traffic of their intentions.

1. Circuit: RWY 04 — Left hand  
RWY 22 — Right hand  
RWY 07 — Left hand — Not available for take-off  
RWY 25 — Not available for general use  
Use of overhead rejoin not recommended due D426
2. **CAUTION:** RWY 04/22 elevation rises in the middle approximately 13 ft limiting full runway visibility.
3. **CAUTION:** 118 ft high mast (elevation 1716 ft) 0.63 NM NW of aerodrome.
4. **CAUTION:** Windshear on approach RWY 07 and strong turbulence in easterly winds.
5. **CAUTION:** Proximity of Taupo NDB/DME B and RNAV (GNSS) RWY 17 approaches for circuit traffic on RWY 04, 07 and 22.
6. Transiting aircraft should remain clear of the Centennial Park CFZ due to high traffic volume.
7. Model aircraft operate from Taupo Racing Club at any time.
8. Taupo Motor Racing circuit extends on approach RWY 22.
9. Intensive gliding operations 7 days a week.
10. Prior to landing permission must be obtained from the operator who will advise on the status of RWY in use, motor sports, horse racing events, etc.

Circuit procedures has become a major issue for Taupo Airport and has caused problems for the Parachute Operations when discussed at last Taupo Airport Operational and Safety Committee Meeting.

# Safety Message



## Non-conformance with uncontrolled or unattended aerodrome circuit procedures can be fatal

Issued 12 August 2019

A recent spate of incidents and accidents, including the loss of life at an uncontrolled aerodrome, has prompted the Civil Aviation Authority to issue this safety message.

Pilots operating at an uncontrolled or unattended aerodrome must comply with the published circuit directions and procedures in the NZAIP Volume 4 for that aerodrome.

These procedures are established to ensure the greatest possible safety for pilots when they are joining or vacating an uncontrolled or unattended aerodrome.

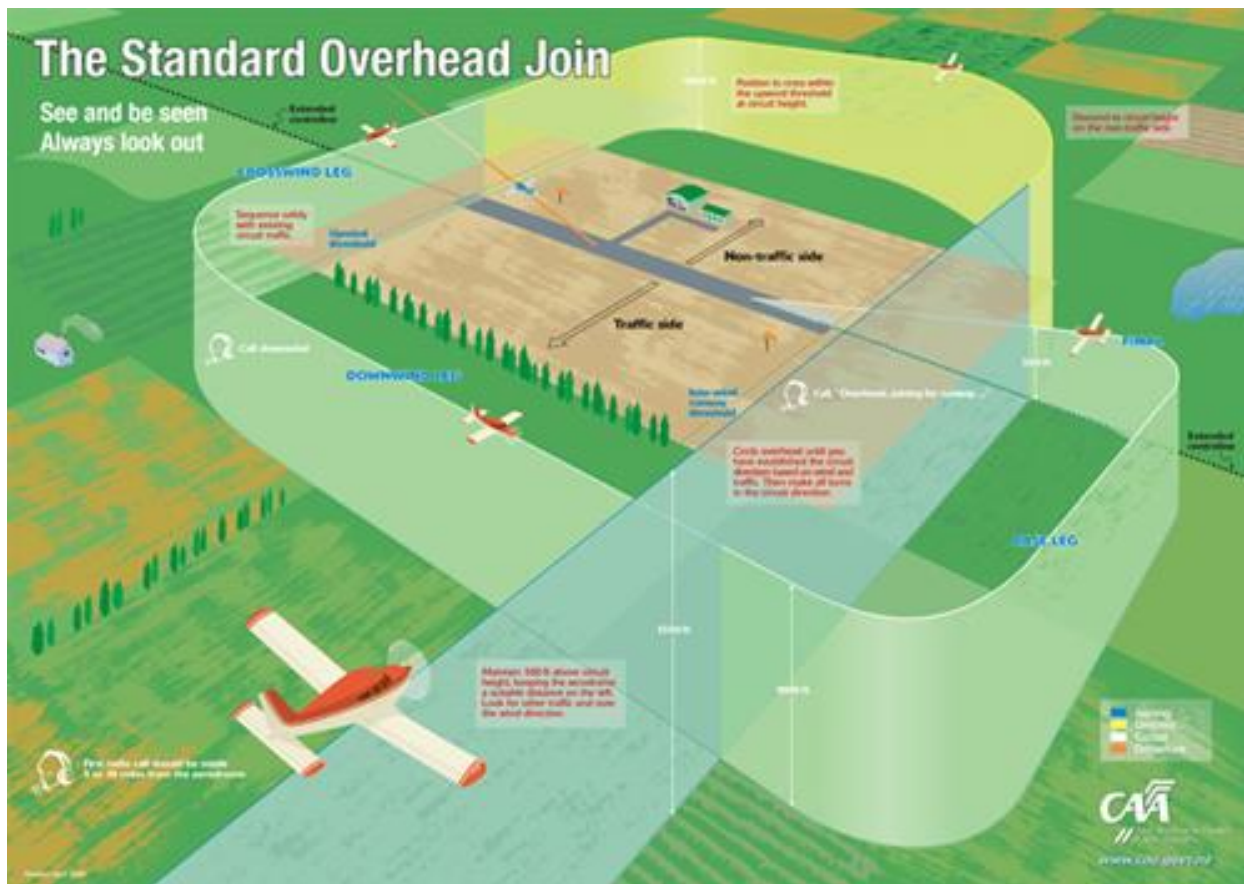
Advising local traffic via a radio call that you are joining or vacating 'non-standard' is not acceptable and does not absolve the pilot from complying with the published circuit direction. This applies to operations of all types, however, some agricultural and helicopter operations may be exempt under certain conditions.

Adherence to the rules, coupled with the use of standard radiotelephony procedures and a good lookout scan, is essential to ensure flight safety. Never assume that you are the only aircraft in the vicinity of the aerodrome, even if no other radio communications from aircraft have been heard.



For more information, visit [www.caa.govt.nz](http://www.caa.govt.nz)

CAA Safety Message  
PROVIDED FOR SAFETY PURPOSES  
SM/01/2019



## Defibrillator

Thanks to the kind generosity of our Patron, Mr Richard Izard, the club is now in possession of a defibrillator which is located in the clubhouse front room near the bookcase. Thank you Richard. Hopefully we will never have to use it.

There will be a training session on its use in the near future.

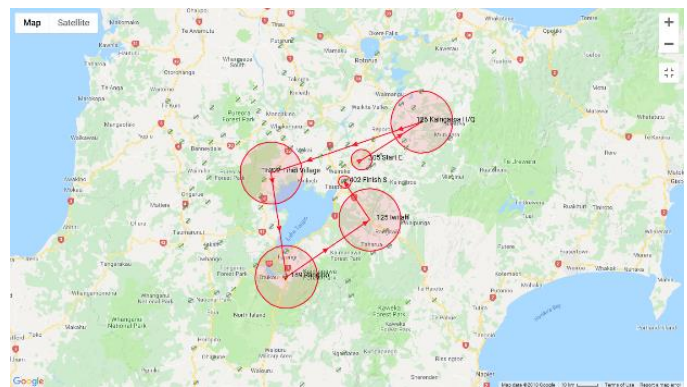
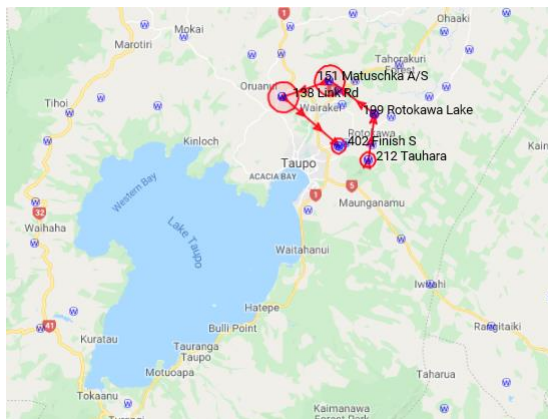


## taskPilot

The *taskPilot* competition will run from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2019 through until 31<sup>st</sup> April 2020. There are a number of tasks to choose from and you don't have to be an experienced cross country pilot to fly some of them. There are *taskPilot* tasks suitable for all levels of experience, so if you are flying around gaining solo time there is a task for you as well as long tasks for the experienced pilots. There are three classes to suit experience and each class is weighted to make the scoring fair. The classes are:

- Tauhara Class – for those pilots yet to obtain QGP status,
- Tarawera Class – for those yet to achieve their Silver C badge, and
- Tongariro Class – for those that have achieved their Silver C badge and higher.

*taskPilot* is also designed to teach you the use of navigational equipment such as the Naviter Oudie and the LX8000 where you will have to load the task, fly the task then download the task for scoring.



The whole idea of *taskPilot* is to:

- give you more of a challenge rather than flying around aimlessly,
- get you familiar with downloading and printing tasks and entering them into your navigation system, be it Naviter Oudie or the LX8000 fitted in GSS,
- get you uploading flights into *taskPilot* and the OLC (Online Contest), and
- get you analysing your flown task.

We didn't have a champion last year, so, who will be TGC's inaugural *taskPilot* champion?

If you have any questions, please contact Trace.

## Taumarunui Weekend

This weekend away is planned to be a social event involving the whole family and not just for pilots. It will be an opportunity to catch up with friends and to make new acquaintances as well. For the pilots it will be an ideal opportunity to fly from somewhere different and to check out what sightseeing there is around Taumarunui.



### Things to Do If or When You're Not Flying

Nestled in green hills at the junction of the Whanganui and Ongarue Rivers, Taumarunui's rich history starts with early Māori (who named it 'the place of big

shelter’) and rolls through the railways and associated pioneering industries of coalmining, forestry and farming.

Today this vibrant town is the launching point for a raft of outdoor activities, including Whanganui River canoe trips and trout fishing for which the area is world-famous. Other options include mountain biking through Pureora Forest on the Timber Trail, and taking the famous railcart trip with Forgotten World Adventures. Railway enthusiasts may also want to check out the engineering marvel known as the Raurimu Spiral, not far away.

Forgotten World Rail Car Tours — Blazing Paddles — Epic Cycle Adventures — Forgotten World Jetboat — Canoe Hire — Taumararua Golf Club — Nevelea Alpaca

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

## Around the Club



Painting apprentice – Phil.

It takes Gordon weeks’ to mow the runways at this rate.

Al Presidente’s - 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday....Cheers!

## Upcoming Events

- Central Plateau Soaring Competition – 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- *taskPilot* competition – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Taumarunui weekend – 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- Christmas Party – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019

## Humour



"That's right! No huffing and puffing for 30 minutes on a treadmill. We've developed a new stress test that is faster and more accurate."