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NEWS..

Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle

Our hearts go out to those affected by the recent Cyclone Gabrielle, especially to any club members that know those that have suffered loss.

Instructors

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At the last committee meeting we discussed the desirability of having someone in the office over the weekends to cover phone calls, enquiries etc when Connor is flying, and also to do any additional flying where Connor is fully booked. Connor will still cover the bulk of the instructing however Sam has agreed to be in the office on Saturdays, and on Sundays we are pleased to welcome a new instructor, Jessie, who will be helping out.

Below is a brief bio of Jessie.

Hi! My name's Jessie Fothergill. I grew up in Wanaka and started flying in 2019 at The Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School. I did this while in my last year at high school and was completely sold on flying. From there I moved to Motueka and studied at Nelson Aviation College for the last two years. Since graduating, I have stayed and worked in Nelson for the last six months as well as returning back to Walsh as an instructor. I'm really excited to now be a part of the team at the Nelson Aeroclub and getting to meet you all over the coming weeks :)

As well as instructing duties, Jessie will also be helping Ed and Connor with the Young Eagles programme. She has been added to Goboko as an instructor, so if you are keen for a fly on a Sunday but Connor isn't available, book a lesson with Jessie. She will start with us on Sunday 5th March. I know you will all make her feel welcome and we are very pleased to have her as part of our instructing team.

Dave

YOUNG EAGLES

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This month and next month we are fundraising to help pay for some flying in April. If you see us at Bunnings on March 19th then come and say hi and buy plenty of tasty snags for our cause!



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Omaka Nationals...

This month Connor and VJ went to Nationals at Omaka. Well done to VJ for competing in two events - the Junior Landing and Forced Landing Competitions.

Both of them enjoyed the day greatly and took the chance to mingle with other pilots and swap tales of aviation prowess...





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Basic Mountain Flying Ground Course

On the evenings of 13th and 20th March 6pm - 8pm the club will run a Basic Mountain Flying ground course for anyone who wishes to further their knowledge of flying around the hills. The course will qualify you for a sticker in your logbook (we know how much you all love stickers!) and meets the requirements of AC61 for the CPL - but will still be extremely relevant for student and PPL pilots. The course is going to be run at no cost to the club, but there will be a \$50 donation required by the attendees which will all go in to the coffers for the Young Eagles flying account at the club.

Anyone interested in enrolling please contact Ed Tappenden on 021 1728222 or edtappenden@icloud.com for more details.

Also, anyone interested in any PPL ground course evening classes contact Connor at the club.

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Finally....congratulations to Connor!

We will be having a few celebratory drinks in the Club bar on Sunday 5th March from 1700 to celebrate Connor now holding an unrestricted C Cat Instructor licence.

It will also be a good chance to meet our newest instructor, Jessie Fothergill. Please come along and say Hi and make her feel welcome!

