

PAUG Newsletter #4

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Hi everyone

1. MAINTENANCE

The grass got a bit tatty for a while as our mower man was away on holiday. Unfortunately, the contractors employed by the council to keep the edges/fence lines mown stopped short of doing the airfield fences for some reason so this made the place look even worse. I will be trying to remedy this as soon as possible. Andrew Allison has returned now and mown the field so things are looking a bit better with a good covering of grass still remaining. This has kept the dust to a minimum over the summer.

There were a number of signs vandalised over the holiday period so I will make a list of these and get the council to repair them.

The fence line next to the new development (old Airtel) is a disgrace and I will do my best to either have it repaired or removed.

Finally, the Western wind sock gave up the ghost and broke in half last weekend. I have been working on a design for new wind socks as the beach end one is all but had it as well. Kopu engineering will have a quote done for me this week so I will put this to the council and try to fast track the process. The new poles will have no chains or barbed wire and will improve the look of the wind sock areas immensely.

2. FUNDING

Again, PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS to join the PAUG, or at least subscribe to the newsletter (<http://airfield.pauanuibeach.com/>). I have had a fair response so far with 34 donations/members and this will help to improve the airfield over the next year. A donation of \$40 should not break the bank for most and is an easy way for me to get some funding without landing fees. I am approaching the commercial operators that I have seen here to arrange fees for these operations.

3. EVENTS

The fly in at Pauanui on 2nd January, 2005 was a great success. We had excellent weather which encouraged a great turnout of upwards of fifty aircraft. Unfortunately the weather in the Ardmore area was not so kind and the warbirds could not make it. An article was published in the Aviation News giving good coverage of the event.

I think that we might have to set a date for a mid-winter fly in – maybe towards the end of May or early June – feedback please and watch the web site!

I am hoping the Red Checkers aerobatic team will be arriving at the airfield on the 7th March to stay for the night. If confirmed, I will see if they will make themselves available so that you can meet them. Maybe a late afternoon practice off the coast?

4. FEEDBACK

As always, if you have any comments, complaints or suggestions I would appreciate an email at bryan@pauanuibeach.com or fill out the form at <http://airfield.pauanuibeach.com/feedback.html>.

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