

# PAUG Newsletter #5

27<sup>th</sup> April, 2005

Hi everyone

## 1. ADMINISTRATION

It's been a while since my last newsletter. I'll be frank! I have had major issues with the Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC). They have disputed every payment that has been required for maintenance of the airfield and have expected that I take over the role of funding *their airfield!* I came close to pulling the pin and walking away from the whole thing (and refunding your donations which at that point had not been spent). This is why you did not receive your PAUG cards (now enclosed) and why little has been done on the airfield.

I would like to emphasise to you all that under the contract I have with the TCDC there are two important points clearly stated:

1. I am not able to profit personally from any funds I collect; and
2. Any shortfall in funding shall be met by the TCDC.

This means that any work that I put in (which is significant!) IS VOLUNTARY! This also means that your kind donations are carefully used by me ONLY TO MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE THE AIRFIELD!

Suffice it to say that after a recent meeting we appear to have resolved this wee misunderstanding and hopefully I can get on with the job in hand.

## 2. MAINTENANCE

The grass will now start being mown again. Fortunately it hasn't had significant growth over the summer!

The signs vandalised over the holiday period can now get repaired. I understand that there are numerous newly design signs being put up around the township and I will try to have commonality in any new signs erected on the airfield.

I have been working alongside Kopu engineering on a design for new wind socks . The new poles will have no chains or barbed wire and will improve the look of the wind sock areas immensely. The design includes all galvanised metal or stainless steel and self lubricating marine bearing hubs. They should last in excess of twenty years even in our harsh environment. Unfortunately, as with all things done properly, the cost is a little more than I had hoped. Now all we need is funding approval. I am going to try to get some donations from local businesses to help out.

## 3. FUNDING

For those who have donated to the cause I have enclosed your PAUG membership cards. With the problems with the TCDC, I have held on to the cards in case I needed to cancel and refund your money. I can now get on with the task of getting some incentives for you as PAUG members.

As always, PLEASE ENCOURAGE OTHERS to join the PAUG, or at least subscribe to the newsletter (<http://airfield.pauanuibeach.com/>).

## 4. EVENTS

How about Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June for a mid-winter fly in. If I can get a response maybe we could have a "dining in" on Saturday night? Can I get the Pauanui Flying Club to get a message to their members? – feedback please and watch the web site!

The Red Checkers aerobatic team visited the airfield on the 7th March and stayed for the night. They thoroughly enjoyed their time here and indicated that if possible they would make it to our next summer fly in weekend. To make this easier for them I am thinking that next new year we have the fly in a bit later on 7th and 8th January – feedback please.

## **5. FEEDBACK**

Any comments, complaints or suggestions I would appreciate an email at [bryan@pauanuibeach.com](mailto:bryan@pauanuibeach.com) or fill out the form at <http://airfield.pauanuibeach.com/feedback.html>.

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