

PAUG Newsletter #6

6th December, 2005

Hi everyone

1. ADMINISTRATION

Again, it's been a while since my last newsletter. The issues with the Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) have been resolved and things seem to be working very well at the moment.

To really drive home the status I will emphasise one last time that under my contract with the TCDC there are two important points:

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!

That should be the last word on the subject..

2. MAINTENANCE

The grass is a little longer than normal. Andrew is leaving it in the hope that we get some rain so he doesn't kill it off altogether!.

The new windsocks are now in place. The design includes all galvanised metal or stainless steel and self lubricating marine bearing hubs. They should last in excess of twenty to thirty years even in our harsh environment. We now have to tidy up the areas around the new socks.

The TCDC paid for one of the windsocks and the other was paid for with donations from:

Richardsons Real Estate	Kopu Engineering
Aiza Limited	Allied Concrete
Red Star Aviation	Jim Allison and Sons
ITM Hardware	Pauanui GAS
Pauanui Pines Motels	Out 'n' about
PopVals Ltd Liquor Store	Mike Hopper

These donations are much appreciated.

3. FUNDING

While we have some funding from the TCDC, the amount they have allocated is still insufficient to pay for all the maintenance throughout the year. I am therefore asking those who donated to the cause last year to do so again for 2006. Another \$40 from each of you will make up the balance I need.

This year I am writing to the various commercial operators and requesting a suitable "donation" for their annual flying. If I do not get the appropriate response I will simply invoice them directly.

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

4. EVENTS

Last year's fly in was a great success with nearly fifty aircraft turning up. Next year I would like to see even more aircraft and it seems that Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th January, 2006 would be appropriate dates. I will see if the Pauanui Sports and Recreation Club can host a dinner and drinks for Saturday night. If you can make the fly in, please let me know your aircraft type and registration as

parking may be a problem. Also, if you would be interested in the dinner and drinks let me know how many as soon as possible so I can tee it up with the club.

The Red Checkers visited us here in Pauanui on 7th March, 2005 and we had a great night together. We took a couple of the lads flying the next day in the Yaks and they were suitably impressed. The murmur was that if they can organise it they would like to visit on our next fly-in weekend but only if it was a bit later than New Years day. I would love to see them here so possibly the weekend of 7th and 8th January.

5. FEEDBACK

Any comments, complaints or suggestions I would appreciate an email at bryan@pauanuibeach.com.

Cheers

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