

No.9 (CITY OF WANGANUI) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

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SQUADRON ORGANISATION

At present the Squadron has 3 Commissioned Officers, 2 Under Officers and a civilian assisting with the squadron's administration and training.

The squadron strength at present is 77 cadets, (51 males and 26 females).

The NCO's all have various tasks to perform within the Squadron. The senior NCO's are conducting lectures at all levels with the Corporals carrying out duties as the Orderly, Duty, Canteen, Store, Administration and Armoury NCO's.

COURSES

At the end of last year Flight Sergeant Tarryn Cleveland and Sergeant Harry Seville were on the gliding camp at Waipukurau.

In the January school holidays Under Officer Robin Kuhn successfully completed the Navigation Course and Flight Sergeant Tarryn Cleveland was on the Cadet Bushcraft Course at Dip Flat, 100km south west of Blenheim.

SQUADRON PERSONNEL CHANGES

Under Officer Michael Hesketh has recently left us and joined the NZ Army.

We welcome back Flight Sergeant Kirsty Calman who has spent the last year at Sherbourne School in Dorset England.

No.9 SQUADRON ATC ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the ATC Association will be held on *Thursday 7 April at 7.00pm* at the Squadron's Headquarters.

The ATC Association is the Parents Committee / Governance body which works with the staff of No.9 Squadron to make it one of the best ATC Units in New Zealand. We welcome input from parents / caregivers and any other people interested in helping out.

The major project we have underway this year is to upgrade the two buildings we own, comprising the uniforms and equipment stores, lecture room and canteen.

With this project and our other activities we are looking for assistance in two areas:

- 1 Competent people to help with refurbishment of both buildings
- 2 Any ideas for fundraising activities – with our manpower we can do anything!

If you can assist in either of these two areas please telephone me on 06 342 7782

Tim Campbell (Chairman)

2004 END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Our guest for the evening was Squadron Leader Warren Thompson, Commanding Officer, Pilot Training School (PTS) at RNZAF Base Ohakea. Squadron Leader Thompson (an ex-cadet of Alexandra (50) and Dunedin (5) Squadrons) gave an excellent presentation on life in the RNZAF.

Prior to the prizes and promotions part of the evening, a mess dinner was held for the officers and cadets, the ATC Association and Squadron Leader Thompson.

It was pleasing to see so many parents and guests at the prizes and awards part of the evening.



Newly promoted Cpl Alissa Hackett shows the John Lockett Memorial Trophy that she has been awarded to SQNLDR Thompson. Sgt Thomas Kuhn is looking on.

2004 Promotions

Promotion to Corporal.

Cdt Joshua Dyke
Cdt Alex Fleury
Cdt Alissa Hackett
Cdt Andrew Hatcher
Cdt John Lavin
Cdt Gerard Mendez
Cdt Melody Mendez

Promotion to Sergeant

Cpl Thomas Kuhn
Cpl Nicholas Joblin-Mills
Cpl Harry Seville
Cpl Natasha Ward

Promotion to Flight Sergeant

Sgt Tarryn Cleveland
Sgt Bryce Hackett

Promotion to Warrant Officer

FSgt Michael Campbell

Promotion to Under Officer

W/O Robin Kuhn

2004 Awards

Most Improved Basic Cadet	Cdt Emma Homes
Most Improved Proficiency Cadet	Cdt Alex Fleury
Most Improved Junior NCO	Cpl Harry Seville
Stoneman Shooting Trophy (Top Basic Shot)	Cdt Cody Gorringe
Parent Supporters Cup (Top Shot)	FSgt Michael Campbell
RSA Marksman's Prize	Cdt Matthew Phillips
Parents v Cadets Shooting Trophy	Parents
Officers v Cadets Shooting Trophy	Officers
Cleveland Trophy for Endeavour	Cdt Melody Mendez
Bushcraft Trophy	Sgt Bryce Hackett
John Lockett Memorial Trophy for Aviation	Alissa Hackett
McPake Trophy for Leadership	WO Robin Kuhn

RECRUITING

At the end of last year a small group of NCO's talked to the Form 2 students at Wanganui Intermediate and other schools with Form 2 students.

As a result of their presentations a number of young people indicated that they would be interested in joining the Squadron this year and our recruiting evening was very well supported.

FLYING

Over the weekend of 12/13 March we had 16 senior cadets experience gliding with the Wanganui/Manawatu Gliding Club at Taonui Airfield, just out of Feilding.

The gliding follows some aviation related lectures in the classroom and provides a different flying experience for those who have been power flying in the past.

The ATC Association subsidised the gliding and my thanks go to the parents who assisted with transport and the others who also offered support.

Cadet Emma Homes all strapped in and getting ready to go gliding for the first time.



SHOOTING

Parents v Cadets

On the evening of 18 November we held the Parents v Cadets shoot which was won by the Parents.

Flight Sergeant Michael Campbell was the top cadet, with Mr Phillips being the top parent on the night.

My thanks to the parents who cooked the food (provided by the ATC Association) on the barbeque for the parents and cadets waiting to shoot.

Our first shoot for this year held on 19 March was very well attended with 44 cadets turning up. Warrant Officer Michael Campbell was the top cadet on the day with 47 out of a possible 75 and I was the overall top shot with 53.

I am hopeful that the cadets' shooting scores will increase as the year progresses and we have been allocated two more .22 rifles bringing us to 8 weapons which will enable us shorten the waiting times.

UNIFORMS

At present we are outfitting the new cadets with their uniforms. All cadets will be in uniform by the end of term.

All first year cadets have received a lesson on ironing and how to clean their shoes.

Cadets will be issued with a Record of Service Book which they are to have with them at any time they are in uniform.

No.47 SQUADRON – HAWERA

It is with some sadness that we note No.47 Squadron has gone into recess.

Over past years No 9 and 47 have had close ties with training and sporting activities.

Recently the unit was not being well supported by the youth and the Hawera community, and numbers had decreased to where they were no longer viable.

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day, Monday 25 April, is at the beginning of the second week of the school holidays. The Squadron in the past has provided Book of Remembrance Guards and other details at the Dawn Parade as requested by the RSA.

There will be an additional practice for the various details during the school holidays and the training staff will negotiate these times.

Dawn Parade will be our compulsory parade, with the Maori Service being voluntary. Details and timings will be given to the cadets at the briefing, last Wednesday of Term 1

In addition we will be requesting 6–8 volunteers to assist the RSA by selling poppies outside Woolworths on a Saturday morning prior to Anzac Day.

CONTACT NUMBERS

The squadron's phone number is 345 7303 and is listed under Air Training Corps in the White pages. The Squadron Web Site is www.9squadronatc@org.nz

If any parents have any concerns or questions I can be contacted on 347 8124.

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Squadron Leader, NZCF
UNIT COMMANDER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date TBA	Assistance to RSA for Poppy Day Collection	6–8 cadets required
25 Apr	Anzac Day	Cadets to meet at the Memorial Hall at 0515 hours for Dawn Parade. Maori Service is a voluntary Parade.
8 May	Davy Drill Competition	Central Area Drill Competition to be held at Ohakea.
TBA June	Inter unit sports day	Sports day with the Sea Cadets and Cadet Corps.