

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

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## ***NEWSLETTER 055***

### **SQUADRON ORGANISATION**

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

The squadron strength at present is 55 cadets, (35 males and 20 females).

### **CHUCK GLIDERS**

Last night, 9 November the Basic Cadets test flew their Chuck Gliders which they built during Term 2 and 3. An ideal night which saw Cadet Waylon McDonnell win the category of longest flight, Ben Sandlant distance and Kathryn Wall the most aerobatic.

*Cadets Fiapaipai Casserley, Ben Sandlant and Alysha Bardell comparing chuck gliders before the flyoff*



### **END OF YEAR FUNCTION**

The squadron's end of year function will be held at ATC on Saturday 3 December. The evening starts with a Mess Dinner for the Squadron Officers, Cadets, ATC Association and our invited guest at 5:15pm.

This is followed with the parents and other invited guests arriving for an 8:00pm start of the promotions and awards part of the evening.

An invite, along with times, is included with this newsletter.

Please note that while we try to keep our records up to date sometimes we do not always have the most recent information. Other families members including grandparents and siblings are always welcome to attend this function.

## OPERATION "TOETOE"

A full squadron exercise was held over the weekend of 28-30 October. We held this exercise in the top of the Waiouru Training Group, in an area known as Club Med.

The 6 staff and 28 cadets arrived at ATC late Friday afternoon and after a final check of gear we departed. A quick stop at Waiouru for tea, and we headed up the Desert Road. We managed to set up camp in the last light of the day and after a briefing, issuing of food, and making a hot drink, everyone headed for bed, although some were a bit excited to get to sleep straight away.

On Saturday after completing setting up of the camp we went to the Waipakahi Valley to cover river crossings where the cadets practiced mutual support and pole methods. Following lunch and a leadership exercise we returned to carry out 3 more interesting leadership exercises. After tea we went for a walk up onto a knoll overlooking the Desert Road and with the start of light rain falling we returned to camp, debriefed the days activities, and the cadets had a hot drink and headed off to bed. All was quiet in the camp when the staff did the final check at 2200.

Sunday morning we held a search and rescue exercise in the tussock and with rain still falling, we decided for safety reasons to use just 4 of the confidence course activities. These were completed in sections and proved to be worthwhile with morale staying high during this time. Lunch, cleanup inspection by staff, followed by the last emu parade and we departed for Wanganui.



*Flight Sergeant James Greenem and Cadets Fiapaipai Casserley, Shane Peebles, Siobhan Cleveland and Joshua Meade crossing the Waipakahi River.*



*Some of section 2 trying to stay on the mat and turn it over as one of the leadership exercises.*

Arrived back in Wanganui, vehicles cleaned, and nearly all the equipment into the Army garage for drying and airing.

Even with a higher number of basic cadets than on some previous exercises we still managed to achieve a wide range of training. We did not cover map and compass, preferring to focus on the river crossings. Map and Compass work will be conducted in the Waitotara valley on a future exercise.

The leadership exercises proved very interesting, and along with the team building benefit not only the cadets as they help us identify future NCO's.

Our safety margin was greatly enhanced by the use of the Squadron Swandri's for cadets who did not have adequate clothing, the use of Jerry cans for drinking water and the loan of the 5x6 metre tarpaulin that provided shelter for briefings etc. We were also carrying spare sleeping bags and clothing as a back-up measure.

Overall a successful weekends training.

## PARENTS v CADETS SHOOT

The parents v cadets shoot is planned for Thursday 18 November, commencing at 1730 hrs. We will be at the range from 1715 and if there is anyone who needs to shoot early due to other commitments please see one of the staff.

There will be a barbeque outside to provide basic sustenance whilst awaiting the opportunity to show your son or daughter your shooting skills. Marcelle Hay and two of her fellow students who are on a youth workers course have volunteered to run the barbeque and also run a couple of games for both the parents and cadets who wish to participate

### RECRUITING

We have written to all the of the schools in and around Wanganui with year 8 (Form 2) students requesting permission to visit and give a presentation about No.9 Squadron and the Air Training Corps.

If there are young people who you know that are wanting to join the Squadron in 2006, please pass their name onto myself, or advise them we will be holding a recruiting night at the beginning of February.

C H QUIRK

Squadron Leader, NZCF

UNIT COMMANDER

10 November 2005

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS TERM 4 2005

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| 16 Nov<br>(Parade Night) | RNZAF Recruiter        | We have requested the RNZAF recruiter to come to the Squadron and talk to all the cadets.   |
| 17 Nov                   | Parents v Cadets Shoot | To be held at the Wanganui Pistol Club Range, Airport Road commencing at 5.30pm plus Barbeque   |
| 19-20 Nov                | Gliding                | We will be going to Taonui airfield outside Fielding to take the cadets gliding. Parent permission forms have already been sent home. |
| 3 Dec                    | End of Year Function   | Mess Dinner for Staff and Cadets at 1715hrs followed by annual prize giving commencing at 8pm.  |
| 7 Dec                    | Squadron Tidy up       | Casual dress  |

Other dates to be confirmed: We will be going to the Intermediates and schools that have students in Form 2 for recruiting, once our NCO's have finished their exams