

## **No. 9 (CITY OF WANGANUI) SQUADRON ATC REPORT ON WEEKEND EXERCISE**

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### GLIDING

6 days of gliding were held for all cadets of the Squadron over 3 weekends during February and March 2010. A total of 60 Cadets took up this opportunity.

All of the cadets received 20-30 minutes in the air and in near perfect gliding conditions, all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Instructors and Gliders were provided by the Wanganui-Manawatu Gliding Club. This occasion reflects the growing relationship with the Club and we look forward to working with them closer in the years to come.

The Club has recently purchased a DG1000 sports glider. With the Club now owning 2 twin seater gliders, we can complete our training quicker and have more Cadets in the air.

### LOCATION

The gliding was conducted by the Wanganui-Manawatu Gliding Club and held at Taonui airfield just outside of Feilding.

### PERSONNEL

Each day consisted of 1 Officer and 10 cadets.

### TRANSPORT

CA CFTSU provided a van for each day of gliding.

### EQUIPMENT & MESSING

Minor equipment needs were sourced from 9 Squadron store. Food and Drink needs were the responsibility of individuals.

### MEDICAL

Apart from a couple of Cadets getting air sickness, there were no medical occurrences.

### TRAINING

After arriving at the airfield at 1000 hrs the Cadets were briefed about safety on the airfield and how the day would be run. Each Cadet had the opportunity to get a pre-flight briefing and one on one time with an instructor. This allowed the Cadet and Instructor to become familiar with each other which makes the flying experience more enjoyable and beneficial for both of them.

At the end of each flight, the Instructor debriefed the Cadet and gave them vital information on how to craft their flying skills.

## GENERAL

We were fortunate to experience mainly excellent weather over all weekends, which aided in the success of the training undertaken. The overall objectives of the day were:

- Familiarise Cadets with gliders
- Receive glider flight training at individual levels

These objectives were achieved well, and it was excellent to see.

Overall, this was a successful and more importantly enjoyable activity for all.

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Unit Commander

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*Above: Cadet Lewis-Jones preparing to take off in the Wanganui-Manawatu Gliding Clubs new DG1000S Glider.  
Below: Near perfect weather that provided excellent flying conditions for Cadets.*

