

The KiwiFlyer Guide to Flight Training

WELCOME to the KiwiFlyer Guide to Flight Training in New Zealand. This special annual supplement includes articles related to flight training as well as profiles and advice from a number of flight training providers from around the country. Participants in this Guide cover a very broad spectrum of aviation in New Zealand and readers will find a wealth of opportunity for flight training whether it be a microlight certificate for Sunday flying, a PPL to take the family on holiday by helicopter, a taildragger or gyroplane rating, through to fully structured programmes designed to place the career pilot in immediate employment as soon as their qualifications are completed.

There is now just one nationalised Diploma in Aviation available in New Zealand (previously there were 28). This has four strands, to be chosen depending on the career choice of the student. Mark Woodhouse from Waypoints Aviation

explains this as part of an article to update readers on the variety of changes made to pilot training in the last 12 months.

More than 1000 copies of this issue of the magazine are being sent to Careers Officers at every Secondary School in New Zealand and students interested in aviation will find plenty of options to consider from the information within. Training is no longer limited to just practical and theory tuition either. Academic opportunities abound for University degrees in aviation disciplines that can extend all the way to Doctorate level research.

There is also much included for existing pilots to consider in terms of getting current for summer or refreshing and extending skills to a higher level.

Even those who might not be immediately interested in training for themselves should find it interesting to look through this guide and observe the many and varied training approaches that

are available. The range extends from small companies and personal one-on-one tuition through to large corporates with fleets of aircraft, an array of lecture facilities and purpose built student accommodation, and everything in between.

In most cases, participants in the guide provided their own material for publishing and often are speaking directly to prospective students. Several have taken the opportunity to tell of student achievements that they are justifiably proud of.

Our industry is a close one and word of mouth is a frequent and trusted form of recommendation. Even if additional or currency training is not immediately for you; if someone asks for your advice on matters of training, please refer them to this Guide and support those organisations who have made the effort to become involved with it. The Guide is also available for download from our website along with most other articles and back issues.

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MASSEY University continues to refine and improve both equipment and training methodology in its drive to offer students the highest standard of aviation education and training in NZ.

In November 2012 two new Frasca Mentor AATDs (Advanced Aviation Training Devices) will be installed at the Milson Flight System Centre. These will complement current Part Task Trainers and Simulators. The Mentor AATD (Advanced Aviation Training Device) is a Part Task Trainer specifically designed by Frasca International (USA) to allow for training in Massey's Diamond DA 40 in order to meet the changing needs of flight schools worldwide.



New Simulators have just been installed at the Milson Flight System Centre.

They support the new generation of integrated avionics such as the Garmin G1000 which are installed in the School of Aviation's Diamond aircraft fleet. The Mentor is a compact, high quality simulator with features that include Jeppesen navigation data, full size flight controls including rudder pedals and brakes, Garmin G1000 instrumentation, Graphical Instructors Station (GIS), multi-channel sound simulation and a TruVision visual system.

In addition, the School of Aviation is currently developing new teaching and learning technology for future Bachelor of Aviation – ATP students. Through a project called 'Digital Future Flight', the School of Aviation is developing 'Diamond Studies'. This is a fully interactive self-paced learning package accessible via any computer or handheld device with internet access and flash capabilities.

Instead of fixed 'in-class' time, students will be enabled to manage their own academic studies by completing self-study whenever they are not required to fly. Students will be expected to be responsible, disciplined, and well organised in planning their self-study and practicum work to ensure they meet pre-determined academic and practicum deadlines.

The lessons will be presented online in a linear fashion, much like reading an online book and will replace a significant number of class lectures. Students will receive learning modules in addition to traditional learning methodology (textbook, manual, or classroom-based instruction), and content will be delivered in a way suited to all learning styles; from visual animations and spoken lectures, to interactive diagrams and 3D models. However the students are not abandoned to their own devices. They may:

- Instigate online forums at any time to ask about aspects they don't understand.
- Assist each other online, with Paper Coordinator input.
- The Paper Coordinator will hold tutorials called "D-Tutorials" at regular intervals during the course.
- Module summary quizzes will be held regularly to test students' knowledge and to highlight areas requiring improvement.

- Using the feedback from the module quizzes, in order to improve students' understanding the Paper Coordinator may then further explain any complex concepts and principles requiring extra attention.

Numerous benefits offered

The benefits from this interactive learning style compared to traditional teaching methodology are numerous. Students can:

- Learn at their own pace.
- Watch animations making it easier to understand complex concepts and principles.
- Interact with complex models, charts and diagrams to improve understanding.
- Retake the lesson if any concept is not fully understood.
- Utilise module summary quizzes to test knowledge and identify areas for improvement.
- Revise for examinations by accessing notes provided for study.
- Finally and most importantly, students will be more readily available on favourable flying weather days whilst using the 'bad weather' days to undertake academic and ground work. This will enable all students to use their time to the maximum capacity, regardless of weather.

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In Aviation the Only Constant is Change

Contributed by Mark Woodhouse

PILOT TRAINING in New Zealand is changing. While this is not unique in our history, the rate of change arguably is. How so? Are the changes good for pilot training or not so good? Well it depends on your perspective and the approach you take to the challenges of becoming a pilot.

While the changes affect both fixed wing and helicopter pilot training, they do so in slightly different ways. This article is mainly about fixed wing pilot training.

There have always been significant challenges, not the least of which are the costs, the training intensity, the experience requirements and the rigour of the ground and flight testing required to gain each level of pilot licence. But the rewards for achieving your dream of attaining a professional pilot licence are growing, as demand for qualified and experienced pilots steadily increases.

So what are some of these changes?

New Zealand Diploma in Aviation

Previously there have been about 28 different aviation diplomas offered by various tertiary institutions around New Zealand, all with slightly different requirements. These are being phased out and from now on there is only one diploma programme available to student pilots enrolled and funded through the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). This is the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation.

The NZ Diploma in Aviation has four strands; General Aviation, Flight Instructor, Agricultural, and Airline Preparation.

All student pilots will complete a normal PPL and CPL in accordance with the current New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority (NZCAA) syllabus requirements. After that, the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation course completion requirements will depend on the strand chosen. For the Airline Preparation Strand, student pilots will follow their CPL with a multi-engine instrument rating (MEIR), an ATPL ground course and training to prepare them for airline multi-crew flying operations, such as Air New Zealand's Airline Integration Course (AIC).

The Air New Zealand Aviation Institute's FTO Partnership

In the last year or so Air New Zealand's Aviation Institute has formed a partnership with a number of Flight Training Organisations (FTOs). Five in fact. They are:

- Air Hawke's Bay (Hastings)
- International Aviation Academy of NZ (Christchurch)
- Massey University School of Aviation (Palmerston North)
- Nelson Aviation College (Motueka)
- Southern Wings (Invercargill)

Student pilots who are enrolled with one of the Air New Zealand FTO Partners will complete programmes for either the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation (Airline Preparation Strand) or the Bachelor of Aviation Degree (Air Transport Pilot).

Despite materially increasing your chances, Air New Zealand

currently makes no guarantee of a pilot position to students who complete their training with an FTO Partner. They have a systematic and formalised recruitment process which includes many factors. However in the process of establishing their FTO Partnerships, Air New Zealand have made it clear that they prefer pilot applicants to have attended formal ground training for their ATPL subjects and that they highly value a good training record. The following sub section is an extract from a series of articles written for Pacific Wings Magazine by Christine Ody. Christine is currently a First Officer in Air New Zealand's Boeing 737 fleet and is the airline's Aviation Institute Project Pilot.

Importance of a good training record *(courtesy Christine Ody)*

Pilots invited to attend an Air New Zealand Group interview may be required to bring their official exam and flight test pass/fail record from Aviation Services Limited (ASL - the body contracted to run all of the regulatory exams and flight tests), especially if they do not hold University Entrance level qualifications. This ASL record shows every attempt at an exam or flight test that the pilot has ever made - so any failures will be very visible.

While the NZCAA licensing system accepts an infinite number of attempts at any exam or flight test (with only small restrictions placed on the frequency of those attempts), employers tend not to be so forgiving. A record that shows multiple failures tells an employer one of two things about the applicant: that they lacked either the motivation or the ability to pass the first time. Neither scenario is desirable in an environment where every moment a pilot spends in training is a cost to the airline.

If you are serious about a career as an airline pilot, 100% effort from day one of your flight training is an absolute must.

ATPL Ground Courses

Student pilots enrolled on the Air New Zealand FTO Partner programme need to have completed an ATPL course before commencing the Air New Zealand Airline Integration Course (AIC). Nelson Aviation College, in conjunction with Waypoints Aviation and Dragonflight Aviation, are offering their Full ATPL Block Course at Motueka three times per year from 2013. Details of these courses can be found at www.nelson-aviation.co.nz and at www.waypoints.co.nz.

The overall pass rate for their Full ATPL Block Course delivered in mid 2012 was 92%, with an average pass mark of 83%. This was the result for the first sitting for all of those students who sat on the scheduled exam dates as part of the course.

The Changing Availability of Student Loan Funding

The government, through the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), has capped the number of Equivalent Full Time Students (EFTS) funded for pilot training at 450 EFTS from 2012, down from 600 EFTS per year previously. The TEC are also funding fewer FTOs than in previous years. A final decision on exactly which FTOs will receive student loan funding in 2013 and beyond, and the number of EFTS each FTO receives has not yet been made.

The Cost and Funding of Pilot Training

The costs of pilot training are high and increasing. Anyone with a car knows that the cost of fuel, while fluctuating, is trending upwards. Pilot training is inevitably going to feel these fuel cost increases. The NZCAA have recently announced the results of their funding review, and it will come as no surprise that fees for their services have risen, in many cases significantly. Much of this increase will need to be passed on.

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While student loan funding is available for pilot training, it is limited. The government has now capped student loan funding for pilot training at \$35,000 per EFTS. This means that student loan funding will not cover the full cost of your training and you will have to fund a proportion yourself. The exact amount varies but can range from \$15,000 to upwards of \$40,000. For example, the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation, including the Air NZ AIC has a minimum cost of about \$110,000 and is about 2.4 EFTS, so only attracts roughly \$84,000 of student loan funding.

Student loan funding is not the only source of funding for your training. For years, before student loan funding was available at all, student pilots worked at all sorts of trades and jobs to save and pay for their own training. Many have argued that such effort led to a better pilot outcome. I suspect there are good and not so good outcomes from whatever way training is funded.

The Rewards

While all of this may seem daunting and economically unobtainable, the rewards are real. Most pilots are in the career because they are passionate about flying and consequently love their chosen profession.

Also, the airlines are hiring - now! The long-talked-about boom in demand for airline pilots is here. Air New Zealand is steadily hiring into their regional fleets and has been for some time. The airline also recently announced plans to hire up to 22 new pilots into their jet fleets in the first six months of 2013, and I expect they will hire many more beyond.

Other international airlines are also hiring the best available Kiwi pilots, with quite a number going to Cathay Pacific's cadet programme in the last year or so. The reputation of New Zealand-trained pilots is strong.

Yes, the investment you are expected to make in your training is huge. But now that the airline industry is hiring pilots, and this demand is expected to intensify, the return on your investment, if you perform well, should be achieved much more quickly than in the past and should be well worth the investment.

If you are interested in a career as an airline pilot — or if you are part way through your pilot training and aspire to join an airline - in Christine's words "100% effort from day one of your flight training is an absolute must."

Work hard, and remember, nothing worth having comes easily.

Mark Woodhouse

Waypoints Aviation Ltd. and Air NZ Boeing 777 Second Officer



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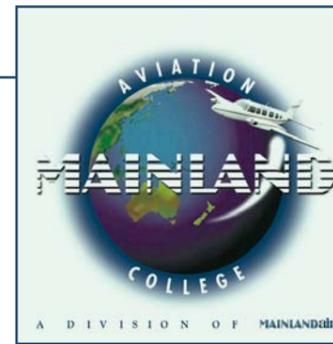
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But whether you are training to become an airline pilot or just want to learn to fly for fun, Ardmore Flying School has the experience and the resources to cater to your needs.

Learn to Fly for Fun

Have you always just wanted to learn to fly for fun?

Seats in our highly popular Part Time Private Pilot Licence Ground Course have been filling fast. Running over 10 consecutive Saturdays, students from all walks of life get the chance to sit in a classroom environment with the opportunity to interact with instructors.

We also have many part time students who fly over weekends or on their days off. Having this flexibility to accommodate these students allows them to work towards their Private Pilot Licence and fly at their own pace.

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It is important for aviation students to attain a tertiary qualification as part of the items required to apply for employment with most airlines. Ardmore Flying School's full time students are enrolled in our program which delivers professional pilot training including:

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The fleet includes 17 Cessna 172R and 3 Beechcraft Duchess (above).

Location, Fleet and Training Facilities

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Ardmore Flying School specialises in tailoring flight training programmes to suit the student's individual requirements. The school is open from 7am seven days a week, 364 days a year except Christmas Day.

New students will generally complete their ground course theory first in one of our four lecture rooms that are air-conditioned to provide a comfortable learning environment at any time of the year.

Different instructors are assigned to each subject with an assistant. This provides an environment whereby students can get much needed mentoring and tuition both in and out of class. The largest class size you can expect to encounter will be 23 students; most average no more than 18.

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DID YOU KNOW that the most rapidly expanding sector of light aviation is gyroplanes? From just one European manufacturer more than 350 new aircraft a year are taking to the skies in more than 39 different Countries. Clearly the performance, safety and reliability of modern gyroplanes reaches well into the lower end of the GA market but when you combine this with simple handling, low operating costs and microlight medical requirements it soon becomes apparent that this is the thinking man's flying machine. Economical to maintain and weather capable, these aircraft can come equipped with the latest glass cockpits and comfort to attract even the most discerning passenger.

Gyrate NZ Ltd. was established in Tauranga in 2005 to address the expansion of gyroplanes in this country and has recently developed further with a sister organisation in Dunedin. When the CAA issued an exemption to CFI Tony Unwin allowing him to provide training for 'hire and reward' on microlight gyroplanes, they created a unique facility which now operates seven days a week from its own hangar and classrooms at Tauranga City Airport. Students train on brand new factory built aircraft equipped with radio and transponder, permitting operation in controlled airspace alongside commercial aircraft in a busy traffic environment. With many private strips and grass airfields easily accessible it is possible to build confidence and develop students to handle the wide variety of situations they are likely to encounter as a general aviation pilot in NZ.

Initially entering aviation as a skydiver, Tony qualified for his PPL on a Tiger Moth and then went on, via gliding and Air Taxi

operations, to a commercial flying career that included Lockheed Tristar, Boeings and Airbus.

Qualifying as a gyroplane instructor in 1993, Tony teaches to an established syllabus and has turned many ab-initio aviators into very capable and confident gyronauts. Conversion from fixed wing or helicopter experience is straight-forward and progress to an instructor rating is actively encouraged.

Gyrate South, based at Taieri airport near Dunedin operates an AutoGyro Europe training aircraft as well as supporting many local owners with their own machines. Following the global trend, further expansion of the Gyrate concept is forecast into the world of more traditional aviation.

In New Zealand gyroplanes are classed as microlights and are administered on behalf of the CAA by Part 149 organisations such as RAANZ or SAC. Pilots require a medical declaration from a doctor equivalent to that issued to a car driver. Gyrate provides

dual training on school aircraft but solo flying must be done in a student's own machine. Those with their own single seat aircraft can be progressed by an observing instructor using a handheld radio.

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Prospective students sometimes like to

talk to past students who are now flying professionally and Ardmore Helicopters are very happy to put you in touch with them.

If you have ever wondered about becoming a helicopter pilot then try an Introductory Flight Lesson. This is where you'll spend time on the ground learning about the aircraft, then take to the sky with an instructor for a local flight. Once airborne, the controls will be yours for some basic manoeuvres and on returning to the airfield your instructor will demonstrate an autorotation (landing without engine power). We conclude with you trying your hand at hovering. Most students are still smiling from this experience a week later.

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At left: Advanced flying opportunities are only a short distance away from Ardmore Helicopters' base at Ardmore.





Career mentoring at Southern Wings

WHAT IS the most important thing we want you to know about Southern Wings as a provider of aviation qualifications in New Zealand?

It is that above all, we care about you and your journey into a career as a pilot, from beginning to end.

A Personalised Approach

Southern Wings is not a big and impersonal organisation where people get lost or where you become a number, that's not the Southern Wings way. We are interested in quality, not student numbers, and we don't aspire to be the biggest, just the best. Our business is not based on economic growth; it is based on student achievement. And our instructors are passionate about flying and all things aviation; they are here because they want to share that passion and their experience with the next generation of professional pilots.

The process of choosing a profession and then a career path into that profession can be quite overwhelming for a young person. A lack of worldly experience, knowledgeable mentors and plain English information can make the process even more perplexing. In the case of aviation there is also the added anxiety that comes with securing the financial resources to complete the necessary flight experience, and the academic requirements required to achieve an aviation qualification that will lead in to employment as a pilot.

Southern Wings is aware of all of those difficulties. We've been around long enough to have covered that ground and walked that path with hundreds of students. For Southern Wings the process begins with a concerted effort to address the requirement for information and to ensure that our staff provide an offer of guidance in the role of mentors. To that end we run regular information days but often the exchange of information and mentoring is more personal, between Southern Wings staff members and an individual or the candidate and his or her family.

Student Funding Available

As an NZQA and Ministry of Education approved provider of the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation, Southern Wings is able to offer a number of positions which are eligible for student loan funding. We are



also looking at innovative ways in which we can assist in providing a bridge between the financial resources available through student loans and the full cost of the selected strand of diploma course.

The Diploma in Aviation is a two year course and is available at Southern Wings as the General Aviation strand for those who want to make a career operating light aircraft, the Flight Instructor strand for those who want to be aviation tutors and instructors and the Airline Preparation strand for those with their eyes firmly fixed on an airline career.

Air NZ Aviation Institute Partner

Perhaps the most appealing thing about Southern Wings for student candidates who are eyeing up a profession as an airline pilot is that we are a flight training organisation (FTO) partner with Air New Zealand, providing an integrated course of training leading students into training and career opportunities with the airline. In essence training with Southern Wings to gain your aviation qualifications puts you many steps down the track towards employment with the airline. Air New Zealand require standardisation of policy and procedures and even navigational systems in advanced training aircraft. We can say that we as a flight training organisation meet the exacting standards set by the airline.

A Great Location

There are lots of other appealing advantages to making Southern Wings your flight training provider; things like that Southland, away from the intensity and bustle of northern centres is more laid back and often considered to be more friendly and warm on a personal level and offers some outstanding recreational and lifestyle advantages. If you enjoy the unspoiled outdoors, Southland is unparalleled.

From a flight training perspective Southland has it all, relatively uncluttered airspace, ready access to controlled airspace and approach procedures and both procedural and a transition into radar controlled instrument environments. Southern weather has attracted plenty of bad press in New Zealand but the irony is that although it can cause some frustration the payoff is immediately evident in that pilot graduates have learned to cope with a wide variation of environmental and

weather challenges and are versatile, robust and confident having established their own and the aircrafts abilities.

There are additional opportunities that becoming a southern trained pilot has as well. We will offer you things like a survival training course, a variety of experiences like mountain flying in Fiordland, access to some remote and challenging landing areas and aerobatic training as standard. Employers know that pilots trained in our environment, by Southern Wings make quality employees; and that will count in your favour when it comes to securing your first general aviation job, even if it is a step on the way to an airline position.

Opportunities and Mentoring

Southern Wings also maintains very close links and working relationships with a wide range of Southern New Zealand general aviation operators, we know them well, they know us well, they have employed our graduates before and know what they can expect and they participate in internship programmes and work experience opportunities we provide for our students.

But the one thing we want you to remember is that with Southern Wings it's not about numbers - it's about quality and it's about us becoming your mentors and doing all we can to walk with you through this part of the journey. Somehow our graduates seem to continue to remain friends long after being a pilot has become their profession.

Contact us today to begin that journey, even if you are not quite ready to start yet or you want some help in figuring this all out. Phone 0800 284 283, email info@southernwings.co.nz or visit www.southernwings.co.nz



Captions:

1. Alpha 160a in front of Southern Wings Invercargill Airport base.
2. Southern Wings aircraft on approach to Milford Sound during a mountain flying training exercise.
3. Southern Wings students attending a pre-flight brief.
4. An aircraft deliberately left out of the hangar overnight provides students an ideal opportunity to work first hand on pre-flying in winter conditions.

New Aircraft for Diploma Students

FOLLOWING a search to find a cost effective, state-of-the-art Flight Trainer the Waikato Aero Club has now taken delivery of two Italian manufactured Tecnam Light Sport Aircraft.

Club CEO Richard Small explains that Waikato Aero Club students "are future airline pilots - we obviously want to provide them with the best training



technology available and the Tecnams do just that. The Tecnams have full electronic flight display screens preparing students for the transition to the Club's Glass cockpit IFR flight environment".

Waikato Aero Club utilises a Piper Archer 3 and a Piper Twin Comanche equipped with Garmin GPS units and Aspen EFIS panels for advanced training.

The Club was among the first flight-training providers to gain NZQA accreditation to deliver the NZ Diploma in Aviation and has 5 students currently

undertaking the programme. Intakes for the 2013 Programme are planned for January and June.

A new flight training funding model has been mandated by Government. Students can expect to make a financial contribution to cover the shortfall between funds available via the student loan scheme and the

actual cost of training.

The Club has already received a number of applications and interest in places for next year is high. To register interest for the 2013 NZ Diploma in Aviation Programme, please contact us on: 07 843 5655, email: info@flywaikato.co.nz or visit: www.flywaikato.co.nz



The Dargaville Aero Club Free Flying School

DARGAVILLE AERO CLUB is open to all students, NZ wide, who are genuinely interested in learning to fly for recreation or aviation as a career. The club offers both microlight and GA training, operating an Italian Fly Synthesis Storch as their primary training aircraft. Also on line are a Cessna 172 and a Fly Synthesis Texan, a carbon fibre aircraft very popular with club members for comfortable cross country trips.

A unique feature of the club is that all tuition is given free of charge. All the student pays for is the cost of operating the aircraft. The club is able to do this from the profits of its own farming operations. Accommodation at the club premises is also offered free of charge. Students need only bring sleeping bags and their own food. Training is available by arrangement on a seven day basis and not just on weekends.

The club is famous for its Saturday lunches, started 30 years ago and still held every Saturday at 12.30pm. As well as being a fun social gathering, this provides a great opportunity for anyone interested in flying to come along and look at the aircraft, meet some club members, ask questions, and go for a fly!

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WITH ALL the articles and stories around these days it is easy to forget about the true reasons one must add the experience of flying in the Southern Alps to their piloting bucket list. In the old days growing up in a flying family I remember often waking up some days with Dad asking “well where will we fly to today”? As a child I thought the world was our oyster – now I know that NZ is our pearl and particularly the Southern Alps.

This fact is often emphasised by the pilots we take flying but it really hit home when I took a good friend of mine (who has just turned 80) flying around our favourite area the other day. Douglas Yarrall is a very experienced pilot who has flown far longer than I have and he is an Instructor in the North Island. He was stunned at the beauty and of all the scenery and different skill sets to learn. He has not stopped talking about it and is imploring his students to come and check out what the fuss is about.

Many people think that mountain flying is a set course or a certain number of hours and then they can tick the box. It is however more like building a foundation so knowledge can be achieved by layering upon your current experience levels. It is really a journey in which you should be prepared to take your toothbrush. Generally we recommend 4 days of around 12-16 hours flying in total - less or more can be arranged, depending on budget and time. We have clients who come back and do this amount each year to continue building their experience levels.

We offer a comfortable learning environment for all pilots, whether new to the sport or old hands getting back into it - the key being to tailor-make the experience to suit. On arrival we make a plan around your own set of skills and your particular interests that you wish to achieve from your flying.

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accessible, shared with us by our pioneer instructors, where most other instructors would not consider taking pilots to visit.

Our focus is on quality of service which is why our standard is high. This allows pilots to gain understanding as well as learning key procedures such as ridge crossing and valley flying. This increases pilot skills generally, building a safety foundation on which long term repeat lessons in the mountains become very valuable.

On the first day we teach height definition which allows the pilot to learn how far away they are from terrain vertically and horizontally. That allows us to lead into valley flying which is how to fly safely in a confined space. We then land at the first mountain airstrip for a hot drink and a home baked scone to allow time for relaxing and a de-brief. After that we carry on in the same manner throughout the day, stopping every hour or so to allow the lessons to cement and also to give the pilot some time to enjoy and soak in the surrounding environment. We have real characters for people to meet and that can easily take up an hour of two of chatting over home baking.

All pilots like to ideally fly in fair weather but this is not always possible. For that reason we train in reasonable weather and in not such good weather. This is great for the day when you do get caught out and it allows practice under calm and controlled conditions.

What we have learnt from instructing in the mountains in the last 12 years is that the standard of the average pilot can be greatly improved with encouragement and discipline, which in turn allows them to expand and grow with their flying and ultimately gain far more pleasure out of it. If you want to see a stunning short clip taken from our ‘office window’, check out our ‘About’ page at www.mountainflying.co.nz.

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Lake Wanaka, looking toward Minaret Station and Makarora. Both have strips that we use for training.



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RidgeAir trainees might find themselves flying this Cessna 402C as Pilot in Command Under Supervision, under the guidance of an experienced Captain.

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Why fly with the North Shore Aero Club?

PASSION... is what drives our Instructors here at the North Shore Aero Club. We are passionate about our students doing well, passionate about our students developing safety orientated attitudes and passionate about helping our students achieve their goals. So when you are looking for a Flight Training School or an Aero Club to gain your Private Pilot License, engage in some aerobatics, or complete a Multi-Engine Instrument Rating, North Shore Aero Club has it all.

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pilots. We have regular events where we invite guest speakers ranging from Glenn Martin telling us all about the Martin Jetpack, sessions on using the iPad as an electronic flight bag to all day SAA forums by specialists on how to build your own homebuilt aircraft.

LOW COST... In 2013 we celebrate owning our own airfield at Dairy Flat for 50 years. The flying school is part of the club, pays no rent to use the airfield and all our aircraft are debt free. We are registered as a not-for-profit organisation and whilst our instructors are amongst the best paid in the country, the club management boast a team of enthusiastic business professionals who give their time and expertise for free. Why do you care? This matters because we are not here to make a profit - our sole purpose is to promote the love of aviation and pass-on our skills and safety culture to our students.

VISIT US... Feel free to pop in for a visit and a cuppa at Postman Rd, Albany - head north from Auckland up SH1, take the Silverdale off-ramp and head south along SH17. We look forward to sharing our passion for flying with you.

John Key visits North Shore Aero Club

PRIME Minister John Key visited the North Shore Aero Club earlier this year to watch the National Championships and Trans-Tasman Wings Trophy competitions. In a speech to the assembled pilots, John explained "If I had not become Prime Minister I would have become a Pilot or a Butcher" and promptly jumped into a nearby 172 to try it out for size.

"How many hours has this done then?" John asked Daryl Gillet, the North Shore CFI, to which Daryl explained how this was one of the oldest aircraft online at the Club, kept in top condition by Flightline Aviation at North Shore.

The Prime Minister stayed for far longer than planned and chatted to club members,

competitors and especially the group of assembled 'Young Eagles', a programme to help teenagers become pilots.

The pilots of the North Shore Team won the 'Team Trophy' for 2012 and all teams were very appreciative of the hosting and excellent organisation of the event - "the best ever Nationals".

When it was time to leave, NSAC President Alan Hull handed the Prime Minister a Trial Flight voucher without an expiry date, "just in case you want to take

up the offer at some future date". "I think I will" said John.



John Key meeting the Young Eagles.



At the controls, trying on a C172 for size.

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LOCATED JUST 20 minutes north of Auckland's CBD, North Shore Helicopter Training (NSHT) is one of NZ's most highly respected helicopter training organisations.

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With R22s as their core trainer and with a full range of turbine machines at their disposal for endorsements, students are exposed to the real world of helicopter operations. Recognising that time is of the essence, NSHT have also set up a successful two-week PPL theory course to cater for those who need to study and pass their

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