

# Aviation Destinations

## Rangitata Island Aerodrome

**RANGITATA ISLAND** Aerodrome is the home of Russell and Lynda Brodie who have created a unique aviation destination that combines aircraft sales, construction, training, accommodation, history, and pilot supplies. Their aerodrome has become a must stop location for aviators with something to catch the attention of all flying enthusiasts.

logos onto clothing for friends, AirGear has grown into a pilot supplies store, specialising in supplies and gifts for aviation enthusiasts. Products include books and DVDs, clothing, models and model kits, jewellery, and a range of second hand leather flying jackets. Clothing can also be monogrammed to your own design.



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### RANS Aircraft import and construction

Russell founded East Canterbury Aviation in 1991 and has since been the sole New Zealand importer and representative of RANS Aircraft (see article at right). They currently have a RANS S-6 and S-10 on line, with more aircraft coming soon.

### Microflight flight training

The Geraldine Flying Group are based at the field and offer trial flights and flight training from RANS and SAC qualified instructors. Fly-ins are hosted at the field at least four times a year and facilities include a briefing room with refreshments available.

### Aerodrome Accommodation

Fly-in accommodation is available at Moth Manor Cottage on the airfield where you can tie your aircraft up right outside your bedroom. Moth Manor is a restored 1920's cottage in a cozy rural setting and includes an open fire, cooking facilities and quality linen. Rates are very reasonable and salmon fishing is only minutes away.

### AirGear Pilot Supplies

From humble beginnings when Russell and Lynda began monogramming aviation

### Aviation Heritage

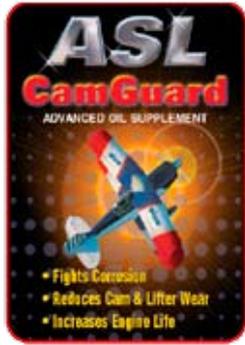
Rangitata Island Aerodrome is also the home of the NZ Microflight Heritage Museum which contains a unique collection of over 20 "first generation" microlights and other memorabilia from the 1980's.

There is also the Ross Brodie "RFC" Memorial Aviation Militaria Collection and Library, containing an extensive collection of aviation books and airforce memorabilia from around the world. This collection is named in memory of Russell's Grandfather who served with the RAF in WW1.

A de Havilland collection includes a Tiger Moth and rare Hornet Moths under restoration, plus other de Havilland items. There are plans currently underway for a new 1200m2 hangar and museum.

### For more information

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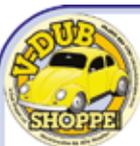
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