

# RANGIORA AIRFIELD ADVISORY GROUP

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Time:** 5.30pm  
**Venue:** Canterbury Aero Clubrooms: Rangiora Airfield

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### AGENDA

**1. Apologies:**

**2. Guests in Attendance**

- Mike Kwant WDC Greenspace Community Projects Officer
- Sylvia Docherty – Senior Policy Analyst
- Mike and Sylvia are to discuss Beach Closure

*Mike and Sylvia will present prior to us continuing with our normal meeting.*

*Notes- Sylvia gave an overview of the consultation process for the NPBB*

*Part of this is how the group or individuals can engage with the process and put thoughts back to Council for consideration.*

*Landing and taking off on the beach. Sylvia showed a map that is in the current bylaw and the proposed or draft map that Council is looking for comment on.*

*The draft shows a no fly zone to the north, which is of interest to aircraft. This change has been proposed to assist in environmental management.*

*16<sup>th</sup> June is the deadline for consultation back.*

*RAAG thought question 2 was leading and not positive for aircraft.*

*Buzz talked through points, including that he was disappointed about not being targeted for feedback. The methodology was about capturing beach users.*

*Perhaps get Buzz's information.*

*One of the rangers went for a fly with Stuart, no suggestion of issues at this time.*

*Planes landing below the high-water mark.*

*Noted that there is limited bird disturbance when landing and flying. Micro lights and some aircraft can be relatively quiet. Light weight vehicles, so don't expect that they are damaging the tua tua.*

*CRAC promotes safe operation. Senior pilot on the radio to guide others.*

*Is the bylaw the best way to address any perceived issue with landing and take offs?*

*Buzz pointed out that flying is regulated and well covered by CAA on how to operate, so is good systems in place for pilot operation.*

*What are the critically endangered birds on the foreshore, this is the only area that planes use.*

*Buzz also proposed solutions to this concern and presented this to the group. Buzz also showed an area that could be designated for aircraft. This showed an area that can practically be used by aircraft. The tyres that are used are balloon type so have a low impact.*

*The flight circuit is out to sea. Not over the estuary. Beach out to sea.*

*Rob pointed out that he has a concession for use of the beach area from DoC. How does that work in relation to a bylaw change?*

*One – limit ground protected area as per the picture that Buzz produced.*

*Two – user agreement like the kite surfers and land yachts*

*Third – have a permit system, least preferred.*

*Get Buzz contacts to Sylvia.*

### **3. Receipt of Minutes of meeting April 2024**

### **4. Matters arising from the previous minutes**

- Buzz and Ian – all in favour.
- NOTAM – electronic, needs consideration on where it should be put. Needs more thought and a proposed solution.
- John Dugdale asked if this was proven, and should we try it at all?
- Buzz suggested it was going to be simple.
- John said we should be pushing pilots to read NOTAMs, signs will be a waste of money. You won't read it as you fly in.
- Buzz said it was to show people that NOTAM active.
- Group suggests that a digital solution is too expensive, a manual low-cost sign that could be a flip style to say, check NOTAM. Its part of an education piece, not the total solution.
- Landing fees group – haven't had a chance to meet since last meeting. John wants info on AIMM and revenue.

### **5. Maintenance**

- Security Gates this needs to get sorted as a priority, gates should be operational or at the very least, installed by now.
- Rabbits

- Taxiway Remediation Update
- Liming of Windssock bases, runway access points, across edge marking, runway numbers.
- Runway edge spraying.
- Insert Owens notes.

## **6. Health & Safety**

- Nil issues

## **7. Airfield Incidents**

- PAN PAN Call 1530 15 May

## **8. Noise Complaints**

- A complaint has lodged with Owen about the noise volume from a band practicing (lot 92 we think) – for discussion and decision as to way forward.

## **9. Executive Group Report**

- Nil Activity

## **10. General**

- 31 July CAA seminar – at Mainpower Stadium. 7 pm – topic – circuit certainty.
- How can we get rid of the swallows so they don't disturb the runway.

Meeting closed – 6.33 pm.