

WHAT'S UP?

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Auckland

Bastion Point

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Bay of Plenty

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(only when the wind is off the lake)
Taharepa Reserve on the lake front
at Taupo

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Napier/Hastings (2nd Sunday)

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Nelson (3rd Sunday) Neale Park

Contact : Ted Howard

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Wellington (1st Sunday)

Eldson Park, Porirua

Contact : Anne and Peter Whitehead

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Trade Directory

Below is a key list of what kite retailers around the country are offering.

Key: SL-Single line, DL-Dual line, C-Custom made kites, Bu-Buggies, F-Fabric, Ka-Kite making accessories, Re-Repairs, Kw-Kite making workshops, D-Demonstrations, BM-Books and Magazines, W-Wind related articles, G-Gift items, O-Other recreational items, MO-Mail order catalogue, KK-Kite kits, Ex-Exhibitions, RL-Reference library.

Kiteworks

181 Symonds St. Auckland.

Phone/Fax (09) 358 0991

Services offered: SL, DL, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re and W.

Rainbow Flight Kites

19 North Road, Nelson.

Phone/Fax (03) 548 8707

E-mail: info@kites-rainbowflight.co.nz

Website:

www.kites-rainbowflight.co.nz

SL, DL, C, Bu, F, Kw, D, W, O, KK and Ex.

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2 Opawa Road – corner of Opawa, Wilsons and Shakespeare Roads.

P.O. Box 2194, Christchurch.

Phone (03) 365 3907, Fax (03) 337 2669

Mobile (027) 431 7716

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Services offered: SL, DL, C, F, Ka, Re, BM, W, G, O, Mo, KK, Ex and RL.

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Presidents words.

If you have not noticed it has been winter here and nothing much in the way of kiting has been happening. Certainly this magazine will not be as large as the last one.

On a sad note my mother Shirley Whitehead has died. Many of you will have met her on the kite field over the years or at Labour day kite making at Raroa or Pukeora. The last few years have not been kind to her so it is a welcome relief.



We are looking forward to the usual events over the coming months. Just check the dates as some events are moving dates and some events (like Otaki) will always change based on the tides.

Matariki at Whangarei May 18 2016

Malcolm Hubbert and the McCullys were invited to put on a display as part of Whangarei Libraries Matariki celebrations.

The main Matariki event was at the Riverside Marina area and the kite flying was located 900m away in Hihiaua Park – a rather narrow area where the two rivers join.

Passing showers and a very wet and boggy ground did not make for enjoyable flying. The wind was gusty as the showers arrived and then nothing after a shower which made a lot of work for Malcolm plus a high risk of the kites ending in the tide. Pretty typical weather for winter flying this year.

I suggested to the organisers that the venue really did not work for a winter Matariki event for 3 reasons:

- The ground was too wet and boggy and it was surrounded by even more water and mud at low tide.
- The flying area and kites were too susceptible to the effects of the wild weather you can get at that time of year.
- Being so far away from the main Matariki event we were in effect a separate kite event without the venue and support to put on a worthy display.

Ray

Kiting in the Tauranga Libraries

Papamoa, Mount Maunganui and Tauranga Libraries hosted Kite Making Workshops, run by John Russell, as part of their July School Holidays Programme.

Starting with an interactive presentation and demonstration, John covered: What is a Kite, The History of Kites, Types of Kites, How Kites Work and Their Uses

To the delight of the participants they then made and decorated a Sled Kite which they could take home to fly.



Museum Kite



To Celebrate the opening of Katikati's New Museum they are holding a 'Fun & Games' exhibition.

The centerpiece in the Museum, beside the reception desk, is a Box Kite made by John Russell.

During the School Holidays John will be holding Kite Making Workshops at the Museum, and they will be flown at a 'Family Picnic' on Saturday 5th November.

Hi everyone. The Otaki Kite Festival 2017 will be held on the weekend of 25, 26 March, International guest flyers, Kevin and Linda Sanders from Adelaide, are confirmed to attend as is Tony Rice from Brisbane. Negotiations are taking place to get other international flyers from further afield.

Expressions of interest are sought for workshops on sport kite flying by Kevin Sanders prior to the festival or open to suggestions for other workshops by guests or other flyers from NZ.

We also have the dates for the 2018 festival, February 24 -25. We are hoping to get George Peters and Melanie Walker as guest flyers for this event.

Looking forward to seeing your new and exciting creations at our next event, (actually I'm looking forward to seeing MY new and exciting creations at our next event...hmmm think I just issued myself a challenge).

Yvonne de Mille

Simon Chisnall

This year marks 20 years that Simon Chisnall has been at Peter Lynn Kites.

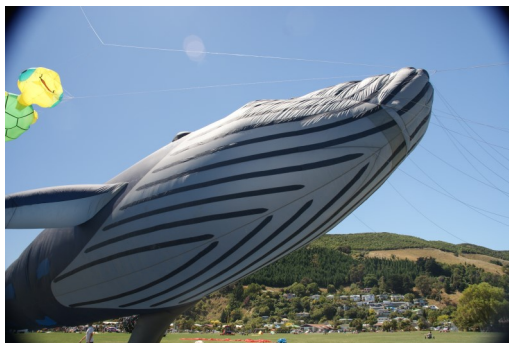
Back in the last century, when I heard that Peter Lynn was starting to put in place a plan for his retirement and selling off the show kite business to Simon Chisnall, Jenny and Craig Hansen, I took the news with an air of resignation. Surely this would mark the beginning of the end of the big kite business and as Peter's design work tapered off, the business would wither and die without him. Surely no-one could follow in his footsteps?

But Simon stepped up to the plate. He worked with Pam Shanahan on the crocodile, the dog and the tiger, but soon he was off on his own. He took the simple idea of the Octopus and developed it into the more sophisticated Cuttlefish. He had the confidence to build a soft kite with forward reaching components and delivered the crab. He wasn't afraid of narrow limbs and built the horse. He took advantage of the freedom that using a pilot kite brings and designed the space racer. He took on the challenge to build a whale and found the detail to make it convincing.

When challenged by Hollywood, he designed Toothless in very short order and developed the concept into the beautiful Pegasus and the new dragons. He looked at the Easter Island Moai and thought "that could fly" and even proved that pigs deserve their space in the sky.

As if the contrast between the crudeness of Peter's designs and the sophistication of Simon's work was not clear enough, he has gone back to re-visit some of Peter's old kites. The ugliest thing in my kite bag is a shark, built by Peter's hand, while in recent weeks, Simon has shown how magnificent a shark can be if skilfully crafted. The old turtle seems very crude now, when compared to the cheerful charm of Terry. The old Lynn dolphin is a poor relation to the sculpted lines of Simon's new one. Did Simon follow in Peter's footsteps? No. He has climbed up and stood on his shoulders and taken the art of soft kite design to a new level. I look forward to seeing whatever is next to emerge from his sewing machine.

Andrew Beattie. March 2016



Labour Weekend Kite Making weekend October 21-24

Where - Ruapehu Mountain Lodge, Ohakune. Workshop costs apart from those for kites will be approximately \$60 (once we have numbers attending we can confirm amount) - this covers food as well as extras for kite making. This is separate to your accommodation costs.

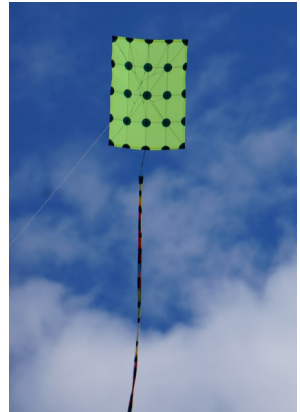
Dates - Friday 21st until Tuesday 24th

Two workshops will be run and you are welcome to do both.

Perrin Melchior of Kiteworks will show us the edo that always flies well. See the photo

Costs for kite \$60 for the carbon, \$15 for the sail, \$5 for the rigging and \$10 for caps, pockets, tabs, rings and reinforcements.

Most of the cost is the 1.2mm x 1.5m carbon rod.





Kite calendar

October 22 to 24, 2016

NZKA members kite workshop Labour weekend.

This annual event is again being held at the Ruapehu Mountain Motel & Lodge in Ohakune. Members interested in attending should contact Anne Whitehead as soon as possible.

Saturday November 19, 2016

Katikati Kite Day Sunday

from 12 noon at Moore Park, Katikati. NZKA members providing display kites are asked to be there by 11am. Katch Katikati is organising supporting events leading up to the kite day. For further information contact John Russell on 07 549 4209.

New Years Day 2017 Mount Ruapehu Kite Day on the golf course in front of the Chateau from 10-30am. The event is again organised by the Tongariro Natural history Society. NZKA members are again staying at the Ruapehu Mountain Motel & Lodge in Ohakune. We have a block booking (In 31st, out 2nd, but members planning on attending and staying in the lodge should contact the lodge directly to secure a room as soon as possible.

January 21 to 22, 2017

Nelson Kite Festival.

February 4 to 6, 2017.

NZKA Annual Festival & AGM Waitangi weekend

This annual event is this year being held at Eltham and is being organised by the Eltham Lions Club to celebrate 30 yrs of NZKA/Lions kite days in Eltham. 2017 is also the 100th Anniversary year of the founding of Lions Clubs around the world. The NZKA is holding units at the High Street Motel in Eltham for that weekend. Members requiring accommodation should book directly with the motel (06 764 5345) as soon as possible. Further information in Whats Up magazine.

March 24to 26

Otaki Kite Festival.

This event is becoming a firm favourite with fliers who have attended in prior years. Contact Yvonne de Mille

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9TH OCTOBER
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Postponed 19th November