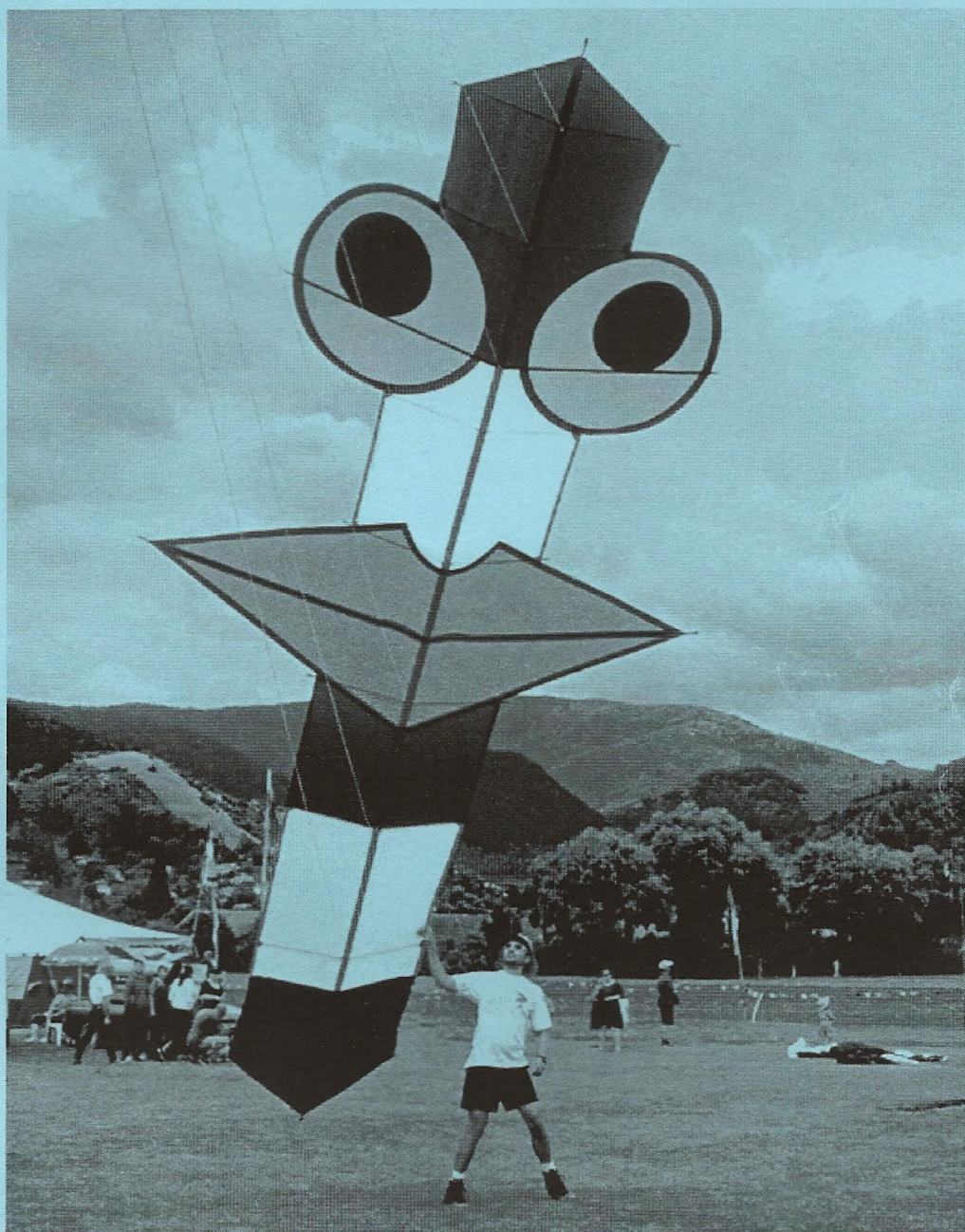


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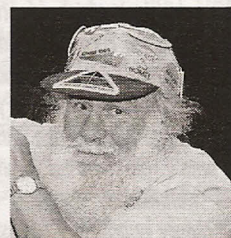
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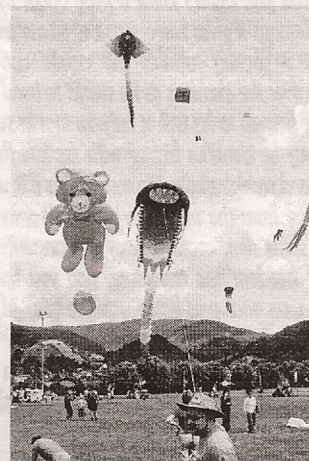


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COVER PHOTO: Hans Podlucky, of Mapua, gave "Lipstick", his latest creation, an outing at Neale Park during the Nelson Summer Kite Festival in January. (Photo: Sybille Podlucky)



## From the archives...

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### EYE IN THE SKY

Philip Kranz, Education Officer at the Dowse Art Museum, decided to put a message in the sky to promote the current exhibition "In the Eye of the Sun". The exhibition consists of artworks from Africa, Japan and the Pacific. The 5m span delta kite, costing \$800 (wow!), was made by Chris Lees, of Lower Hutt. It's made of yellow parka nylon with a large red eye, the exhibition logo, appliqued onto it. The spars are 25mm dowel. The quality of workmanship is poor, but despite somewhat clumsy launchings it does stay in the air for some time – unless the line snaps.

The police have returned the kite on two occasions after surprised motorists have found it lying on the road some distance away from the museum.

Issue #11, March 1987

### MASTERY OVER THE ELEMENTS

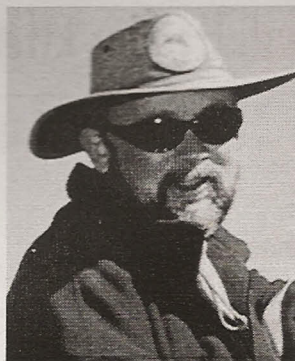
'What do you suppose that it is in kite-flying that makes the damned fool so mad about it?'

'I don't know,' I answered. I took my time to think. 'You see, I don't know a thing about flying a kite. Perhaps it gives him a sense of power as he watches it soaring towards the clouds and of mastery over the elements as he seems to bend the winds of heaven to his will. It may be that in some queer way he identifies himself with the kite flying so free and so high above him, and it's as if it were an escape from the monotony of life. It may be that in some dim, confused way it represents an ideal of freedom and adventure. And you know, when a man once gets bitten with the virus of the ideal, not all the King's doctors and not all the King's surgeons can rid him of it.' – From W. Somerset Maugham, *The Complete Short Stories*, Volume III.

Issue #15, March 1988

### KITING RECORDS

A Hamilton man, Mr Logan Fow, can claim a number of New Zealand records relating to kite flying. In May 1974 at the Epworth Methodist Camp, Horohoro, he flew 34 kites on one line. In the same year, in Tokyo, Japan, he flew 100 kites on one line at the Emperor's Birthday Kite Festival. Mr Fow also owns the longest kite, which he has flown on a number of occasions. It is 30m (100ft) long. He has also flown New Zealand's largest kite at the Radio Hauraki Kite Festival. It is 7.3m (24ft) by 8.3m (27ft) and covers an area of almost 60 square metres. Mr Fow owns New Zealand's largest collection of kites more than 500 of them. – As published in *The Dunmore Book of New Zealand Records*, 1978 edition.



## Whitehead's Words

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SINCE OUR LAST MAGAZINE we should have had summer. As I sit here today, one could believe that a summer did actually exist. Today is a beautiful sunny warm day with nice light breezes, with lots of locust noise from the trees. I remember back a few short weeks, and we have had more rain than seemed possible, we have had near gale force winds, which have stopped the ferry sailings and brought unseasonal cold. And I'm not talking about our little trip to the States. We might have had snow on the ground while we were there, but actually had better weather than could be hoped for.

We have had more kite days than normal this year, what with town councils wanting people to fly for them – Palmerston North, Porirua, the annual Nelson summer kite fly and normal monthly flies.

Nelson was very wet on the Saturday. It rained for a lot of the afternoon, so much so that the water seeped into the tent. We even went to the Warehouse to get a cheap raincoat, to find they had run out. We ended up getting rubbish bags, but luckily we did not need them the next day. Neale park had also been ploughed up and that work had not been finished so we had a much smaller field this year. Having said all that, when the wind came up on Sunday afternoon it was all worth it. Peter Lynn had a large stingray and teddy bear tied to the front of his car. We tied the trilobite to the back of the car, and these kites stayed side by side for at least 2 hours with no problems. There were lots of people at Nelson who are now becoming regular visitors, and it was also good to see a couple of new members from the area, with some nice home-made kites.

Elsdon Park, Porirua, was the venue for a kite fly on Waitangi day. The council helped as usual with the loan of a tractor. We had a strong turnout from Wellington fliers and there were also fliers from Wanganui and Napier. The day was at the beginning of the high wind period we have had, so it was hard flying, and even harder to try and explain to the general public that more wind is not always better for kite flying. We still have a lot of educating to do. We knew it was strong wind, but when Stephen Cook came along later and said that the ferries were not sailing as there was an 8m swell in Cook Straight and that a police car had been closing a road and got caught in a wave and moved 2m, we really knew it was strong. Thanks to all the people for attending that one.

Palmerston North had a kite day beside the river on the following Saturday. Again a lot of the same people turned up – only to be punished once more by strong wind. We put on a good display, in the circumstances, and the promoters seemed to be pleased. They even want to ask us to Mangatainoka. There have been other kite flies suggested by various organizations, so please look at the NZKA web page frequently, especially as, at this time of the year, some people seem to want to hold a kite fly at the drop of a hat.

I hope you have all registered for the annual festival in Wellington, or you will be paying a late fee by now. Also please register early so that we can have numbers for catering. People may miss out on meals if they think they can just turn up on the day and be catered for.

On a brighter note, perhaps summer is finally here and will continue well into April, so we can have a great festival. See you all there.

Peter Whitehead





## Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir

First, congratulations on your first couple of issues of *What's Up?* It's great to have a fresh look and new ideas, and your proofing is excellent.

Second, thanks to Anne and Peter for their work producing the magazine over the past several years. It is a big job producing a regular periodical, and it can be a struggle gathering enough good material. Sometimes, too, the deadlines create another pressure in already busy lives.

Another congratulations to those responsible for the NZKA website. It looks lively, uses the corporate colours to good effect, and the logo is a feature. The layout is easy to follow, and the material interesting. I particularly like the sale and buy section, and the links to other sites. It's a must for your Favourites file.

I love Jim Ayers' kite plans. Why doesn't Jim publish a collection of them, maybe as a special edition or supplement to *What's Up?* His ideas are always interesting, the design of the pages is attractive and lively, and the plans easy to follow. I'm sure the kites fly well too.

Yours,  
Tony Small

Dear Sir

I was rather apprehensive of the propriety of the photograph labelled "Blue Coats of Hawke's Bay" – blue indeed!

At all kite festivals I have attended, some provision, however meagre, has been made for the comfort of fliers, from a longdrop on the outskirts of the field to Portaloos.

But the scene that confronts the viewers in your published illustration is unbelievable. A group of three men (accompanied by three women) relieving themselves in full view of the flying field is disgusting. No wonder the women have turned their heads away in disbelief.

"Shocked",  
Clark's Beach

PS: I haven't had the courage to read the text yet.

BELOW: The offending image, reprinted at editor's risk.



## World kite altitude record takes a tumble

The world altitude record for kites of 3.8km, which has stood since 1896, has been broken by Richard Synergy, of Canada. After 10 years of trying, the 63-year-old Toronto flyer shattered the record with a 9 x 5.5m delta which soared to an altitude of 4.4km.

It took Synergy and his helpers nearly six hours to pay out around 7.6km of Kevlar line to grab the record, and another three to haul it all back in.

An altimeter attached to the kite recorded the feat, which Synergy hopes will make the *Guinness Book of Records*.

## AN EARLIER RECORD-BREAKER?

I have no idea whether anyone in New Zealand has bettered the Coromandel area effort of Logan Fow, of Hamilton, recounted by him in *What's Up?* #15, March 1988:

"I got a visit from the local policeman, a Mr Chestnutt, commonly called Horry, who was the policeman at Coromandel. He commented that my kites were a bit high, as a commercial pilot in a Friendship had gone past at 12,500ft and seen my kite slightly above him. He had radioed Auckland airport and they had contacted the police. Horry was surprised that the kites were so high. I can only assume that I had got on the primary wave lift over the peninsula and the kites just lifted."

This must have been a greater altitude than the 1896 record mentioned in the item above, but Logan may have flagged away a claim on the record to keep the Civil Aviation Authority away from his door.

## Some good news about insurance

by Richard Wotton

Further to Stephen Cook's article about insurance in the last issue of *What's Up?*, readers may be interested to know that following a wee mishap with a kite that drifted off by itself for quite a distance while trailing a wooden winder, I went to my insurance company.

The first bit of good news is that the kite hadn't got into any mischief, so I didn't have to go in cap in hand. I'd heard or read somewhere that most contents insurance policies have a clause that excludes aerial devices and that if you ask to have that reference deleted, it will be. And it was! That's the second bit of good news.

I now have \$300,000 in liability cover as well as having my kites insured. And the third bit of good news? Didn't cost me a cent (well, not an extra cent). Whether or not something gets added on to the premium next year remains to be seen. For now, I'm not asking. I must say that insurance cover has spurred me on to label my kites now!



# 11th NELSON SUMMER KITE FESTIVAL

by Carey Campbell

We recently attended the 11<sup>th</sup> annual kite festival in Nelson. I had always heard the area referred to as "sunny Nelson", but you wouldn't have thought so on Saturday. (Back to that later.)

After bribing fellow kite flyers Richard and Dalwyne Wotton to take some of our gear, we packed the kites (they took priority) and as much of the luggage as would fit into the car and left home Friday morning. As we found we had a bit of spare room we took the kids as well.

Following a pleasant drive in the North Island we boarded the Interislander for the trip across the strait. I'm not good on boats so was pleased to reach the other side. Our children, Vaughan and Nicole, were disappointed the crossing wasn't rougher, but needless to say I was delighted.

We drove through some very scenic country and finally arrived in Nelson. First port of call was the flying field (priorities again) and after a quick examination of the rather disrupted field (the council was resowing the grass) we bundled back into the car and arrived at Ted and Gretchen's home. At this point I would like to thank them for their wonderful hospitality. To put up a family for a few nights is generous, but when it's "the Campbells", well, it's just amazing.

The weather forecast was not great but kite flyers are always optimistic. Come Saturday morning the forecast proved correct and it started to rain. It continued off and on through to the evening, when it stopped just raining and started pouring down. A barbecue was planned for that night and we weren't going to let the weather dampen our spirits, if you'll pardon the pun. Torrential rain and thunder weren't going to beat us. The barbecue was lovely and the company even better. Bearing in mind the next day would be a busy one, everybody was in bed reasonably early.

Thankfully, the rain ceased during the night but the



damage had been done. On the field the huge pools of water from Saturday had largely drained away but mud and slush were going to be the order of the day. Thanks to Anne Whitehead for suggesting ankle-length gumboots from The Warehouse, a life-saving idea. The Campbells arrived all kitted out in their Raven Kites shirts and new boots ready for some impressive flying – a truly awesome sight. But alas, where was the wind?

My commendations to the flyers who worked incredibly hard to get anything into the air. By early afternoon the promised sea breeze finally arrived and up went some impressive kites.

I'm very pleased to say that Geoff reigned supreme with another victory in the rokkaku battle (wiping out his entire family in the first round was the first step on the road to his title defence) and proud to advise Vaughan came third. Looks like I need some more lessons. [I think it's rokkaku remedial for you and me, Carey.—Ed.] Retrieving kites from the quagmire added a new dimension to fighting. It would be great to see more people involved, maybe have different heats and then a final. Tremendous fun.

It was pleasing to see that no-one wrapped a kite around a pole this year, resulting in the Nell Bog Award waiting until next year for a new home.

Thanks again to Ted and Gretchen and the Nelson Kite Club. All in all it was a marvellous few days with a very welcoming bunch of people. I strongly recommend that you consider attending this annual event in the future.

Rest assured "The Campbells" will be returning next year, with, hopefully, four people in the rok battle this time.

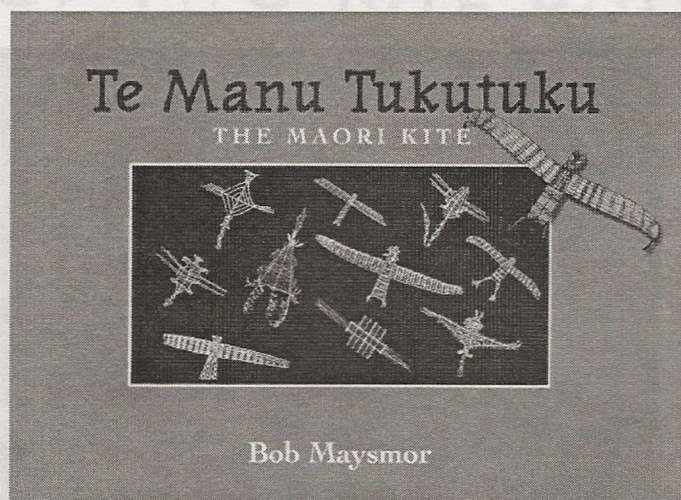
ABOVE: Gretchen and Ted Howard took time out for some formation stunt flying at the festival.

LEFT: A half-submerged Neale Park at about 5.30pm on Saturday.





# THE RETURN OF A CLASSIC NEW ZEALAND KITE BOOK



TE MANU TUKUTUKU, by Bob Maysmor. Published by Steele Roberts Ltd, 2001. Reviewed by Dean Flavell, Maori Education Officer at the Whanganui Regional Museum.

Te Manu Tukutuku (Maori kite) will serve as a great resource and reference for people interested in the wider development of kites throughout the world, recognising various cultural similarities of thought and practice.

This generously illustrated book records a wealth of information pertaining to kite types and materials employed according to their availability and various tribal styles. A variety of reasons are given in regard to usage.

The few remaining original Maori kites, which are in the collections of various museums around the world, are illustrated in both photographs and drawings.

The author has had experience in making Maori kites, and clear, concise instructions are given for those readers who would like to construct one of these fascinating kites.

Stories of origin and history give a deeper understanding of the importance of the Maori kite term *manu tukutuku*.

"Ka rere te Manu tukutuku, Whaka Matatau nga tangata."  
("A flying kite, people become aware.")

Naku noa,  
Dean Flavell

EDITOR'S NOTE: After a conversation with Dean about aspects of Maori kites, I asked him if he would write out what he had told me so I could pass it on to *What's Up?* readers, so here it is:

Aute is the Maori word for the paper mulberry tree, and its bark, commonly known through Polynesia as tapa cloth, was the preferred material of the early Maori kite makers. The bark and its qualities have given rise to such proverbs as:

"He manu aute a taea te whakahoro."  
("A kite made of aute can be made to fly fast.")

"Te aute te whawhea."  
("The aute is not blown away by the wind.")

Kites were sometimes used for divination purposes, and

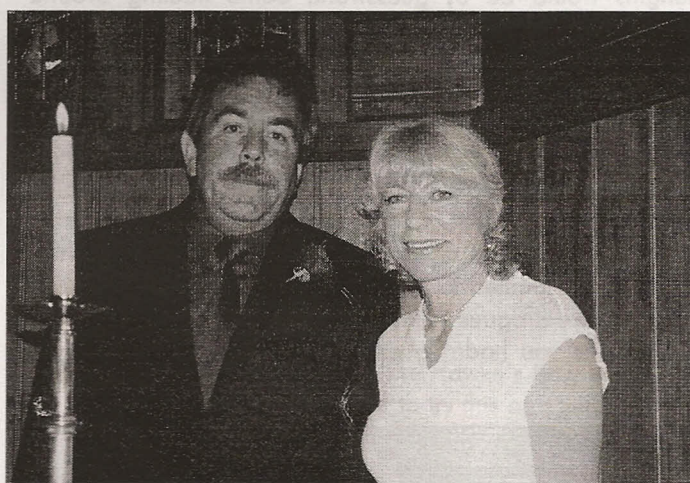
required a line messenger, or *karere*. The maker would acquire a wood called *whau*, which was shaped into a disc with a hole in the centre. The disc was adorned with feathers to help it travel the length of the line.

The idea of the *karere* was to carry the prayers of the priest to the deity or gods to form a connection between them.

The Maori have a fable about these two woods, and through the Maori art of personification they have this curious conversation:

Whau: "Here you are decking a woman's head."

Aute: "Go you to the sea to make net floats and when the fishing is over remain attached thereto."



## The Wedding – 02.02.02

by Anne Whitehead

Considering they were married on 10.10.88 you might get the idea that dates are starting to have an importance with this couple. They were married the same year as us – the other half of this equation wanted it to be 29.02.88 but that caused a few problems – like we had to be in Tasmania for the World Kite Festival, nothing to do with the gift thing!! Anyway, I digress.

Des and Yvonne have had many challenges in their relationship, like many of us, but they decided to renew their marriage vows and this time go for the works – church, the lot. A cunning plan and a good one was a pot luck wedding feast. The bride was fashionably late; there were one or two nervous glances at watches while we sat in the church. Zak looked rather impressive in his suit (let's hope he's as impressive this year in the rokkaku challenge). Banners fluttered in the breeze on the pathway up to the church. There had been a collecting of banner poles from kite flying friends and these were put to good use. Outside the hall more banners floated on the wind. The food, well, it kept arriving too. Lots and lots of it. I think many couples who were there thought about their own partnership and the renewing of ties as we shared with Des and Yvonne and all the family the re-celebration of their marriage.



# Desperate men, desperate measures

by Denis Rainforth

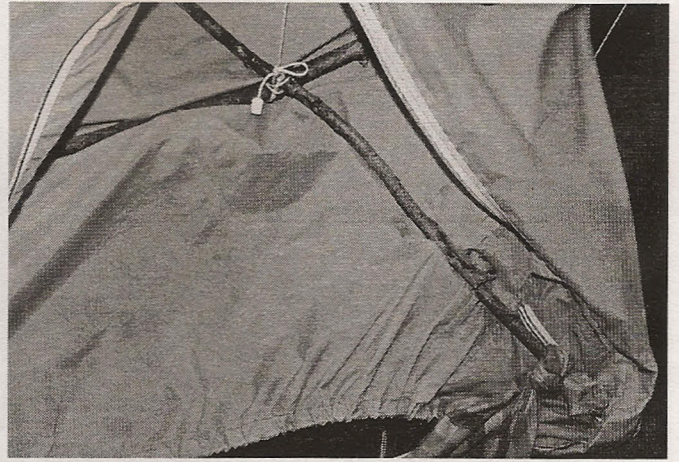
What can you do when there's enough wind-run to sustain a wind turbine for the national electricity grid but it's too strong for the only kite you've brought on your beach holiday?

I soon found myself bored with watching the grandkids building sandcastles at Waitere while the wild westerly made its mad dash toward the Tararua Ranges.

Desperate for something to fly, I remembered my old nylon parka in my backpack. Nylon parka/parka nylon! The challenge would be to convert it to something that would fly, without destroying its use as a garment. A further challenge also presented itself – I had nothing to measure with.

Spars would have to be any likely piece of driftwood, and lengths would be by guesswork. Some fiddling around resulted in two crosspieces holding the body taut and extending up the arms to form dihedral fins, approximately. After much trial (while the sandcastles multiplied on the beach) I was convinced a tail would be necessary. Alas, alack, no more clothes in my backpack, only the shirt off my back! A pair of trousers might have been more in keeping with the body shape, but beggars can't be choosers, least of all when reduced to rags – not to mention underwear. With the shirt-tail knotted to the parka's trailing edge, its sleeves filled up like drogues – and I was sure I was onto something.

(In case you hadn't guessed I'm a newcomer to kiting.



Remember that early excitement, that novelty?)

Now for the wind to breathe life into my creation. If only my anthropomorph would behave with dignity and decorum, instead of twisting and tumbling as if possessed by demons. I don't recall how many bridle adjustments I tried, but by now the tide was lapping around the kids' sandcastles. One last aspirant attempt. Yes, I swear my quixotic quirk stayed airborne for all of 10 seconds. It may not have defied gravity, but it sure beat boredom !!!

## NZKA BANNERS

At the last AGM in Eltham it was proposed that we have some NZKA banners made for promotional purposes at kite days etc around the regions. The following was adopted:

- Association members could make their own banners with a personal or local design.
- The NZKA would supply FREE a large screen-printed logo to be sewn on the banner. The logo and banner are then the member's property. When we come together at festivals we will have different banners that represent us but are all linked by the Association logo. It should look quite dramatic.
- The logo is like the car sticker but with flat ends before and after the words "kitefliers association". This has been done to maximise the logo size for screenprinting.
- Logo width 400mm, height 275mm. It has the black and red printed on a yellow cloth.
- The logo will clearly look better if it is sewn on to a black area of the banner. However, you may do as you wish.
- If the banner design is made to be two sided then we will provide two logos, otherwise one will be provided.

The banner patches have now arrived and are as described. Contact Ray McCully (see committee members list) and he will send you your patch/es to you.



LEFT: Denis Rainforth with his clothing kite.

ABOVE: Details of spar fastening method.



# WELL, BLOW ME DOWN – A TALE OF TWO KITE DAYS



by Richard Wotton

Believe it or not, on Waitangi Day I was heading for Porirua and wondering if the conditions were going to be a repeat of the very light breezes at the previous year's event. Would it come up sufficiently to loft a kite? This question was duly answered.

Not only did the wind loft them, it blew them all over the sky – that is, the ones we were brave or foolhardy enough to launch – and generally gave them a fine old thrashing around before flyers decided that maybe the day was better suited to ground toys.

Reports were filtering through of wild seas in Cook Strait, cancelled ferries, waves breaking over roads, cars, kids and houses. I've been told it was the worst weather in the Strait since the *Wahine* disaster in 1968, so did we pick a good day or what? Still, when you can't get too much in the air you can always make it a social occasion and talk about kites and generally catch up with the doings of fellow flyers.

ABOVE: The new NZKA windsock and a trilobite colour the sky. RIGHT: Sharon Russell and Phil Whitehead discuss the flying conditions, or something . . .

Soft kites were pretty much the order of the day, and the new NZKA windsock, made by Robert van Weers, had another airing before surrendering to the blustery winds.

Wanganui flyer Geoff Campbell learned his way around a few Porirua streets after his Flowform and 50m tube went for a jaunt by themselves. The tube was promptly returned to the field by residents who found it draped over a tree in their yard, but the kite continued its bid for freedom, which, unfortunately, at the time of writing seems to have been successful. While going through archival material for this issue I spotted something which Geoff may or may not think is appropriate. A 9th-century Buddhist monk is quoted thus: "My kite rises to celestial regions: my soul enters the abode of bliss." Hmmm.

## MANAWATU FESTIVAL FLY

I could begin by saying "believe it or not", but you probably wouldn't, so I won't.

On February 9, just three days after our buffetting at Porirua, it was action replay time at the Manawatu Festival kite fly. Nearing Palmerston North around 10am there didn't appear to be much stirring in the roadside foliage but when I got out of the car at the flying field at Waterloo Park, alongside the Manawatu River, it was an instant flashback to Porirua.

A good turnout of flyers from the Hawke's Bay, Wellington and Wanganui areas arrived to try this new venue. Phil Whitehead had liaised with the Manawatu District Council on the event's organisation and contacted as many NZKA members as possible to inform them of what was happening.

While the vagaries of the breeze once again prevented a large number of kites being put up, Phil assured us that from the area where the rest of the festival was taking place it looked pretty good. The crowd facing the main stage were treated to the colourful sight of the kites above and behind the stage while the musicians entertained them.

Shirley and Phil Whitehead hosted flyers at a barbecue at their home in the evening. Many thanks to you both for generously providing food and drinks for a bunch of famished, wind-blown and weary participants.





# WEBMASTER'S SCRIPT

What's new at the "www.nzka.org.nz" website?

☐ The website has a new look.

The Website has got a new look. It's a small change, But these small changes are necessary to prevent our visitors from coming back to the "same ol' thing". Should you have any comments regarding this change please let me know.

☐ Nelson annual festival 2002

A small report on the recent 11<sup>th</sup> annual Nelson Kite festival, held in January, can be found at <http://www.nzka.org.nz/pastfestivals.html#nelson>. I will add more images as they come to hand.

☐ NZKA Photo Album

Some new photos have been added to our photo album, I would welcome any kite shots you may want to send me. Any format is suitable, even hard copies for scanning, that I will return to you once scanned. Here is an opportunity to show the world what you have been making lately. Go to [www.nzka.org.nz/kitephotos.html](http://www.nzka.org.nz/kitephotos.html) to view our Album.

☐ Kite Links

Some new links have been added to our "Links Page" Know a good site? E-mail it to: [nzka@paradise.net.nz](mailto:nzka@paradise.net.nz) To view the links go to [www.nzka.org.nz/links.html](http://www.nzka.org.nz/links.html) Also my Webmaster page has regular features that are updated monthly.

If you have something to say, say it on the world-wide web. Let me put up a page for you and you will have your own web pages containing things important or not so important, such as kite photos, kite stories, or just to let people know what you have been doing with your hobby

lately. Drop me a line if you are interested. This is for NZKA members only, and the e-mail address is [nzka@paradise.net.nz](mailto:nzka@paradise.net.nz)

If you have any comments about **our** website, drop me a line.

Regards:

Robert van Weers (NZKA Webmaster)

E-mail: [nzka@paradise.net.nz](mailto:nzka@paradise.net.nz)

## Easter 2002 Update

We are well under way with arrangements for our Easter Festival at Fraser Park. HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR FORM YET ???

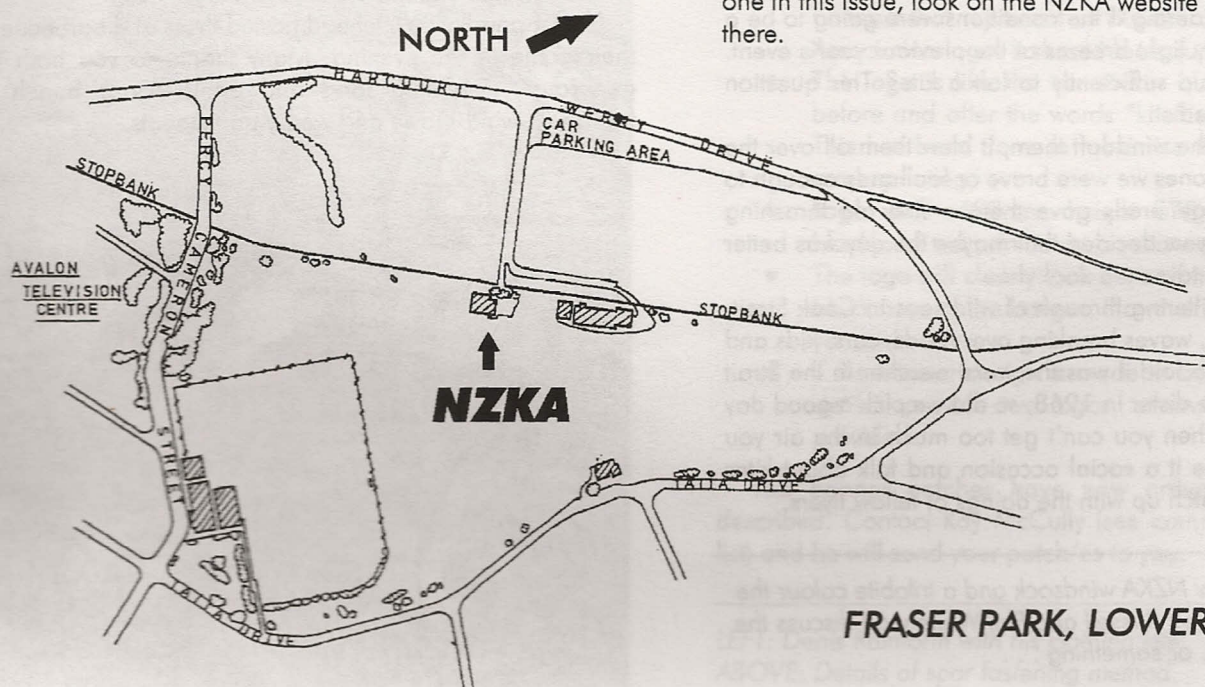
The timetable is as published in the previous *What's Up* but as we will be having some publicity in the local paper beforehand we can expect some spectators on Sunday afternoon. The paper will be there for photos and maybe interviews, so here is your chance for fame!

Don't forget the fighter kite competition and the Saturday night auction. If members are unable to attend we are happy to have donations sent in for the auction.

Please note that although we will have tea/coffee/juice organised we will not be using the Cricket Club bar, so it will be entirely BYO for drinks. The usual outlets are within easy distance of Fraser Park.

We need to have the Cricket Club manned at all times, and the organising Committee would welcome a few volunteers for this, so that they can get a bit of flying in. If you can help with a couple of hours one day, please let the the Committee know.

**NOTE:** There will be \$10 penalty fee for late registrations. If you have lost your registration form and there isn't one in this issue, look on the NZKA website and print it from there.



FRASER PARK, LOWER HUTT



# Of workshops, websites and brown paper kites

by Stephen Cook

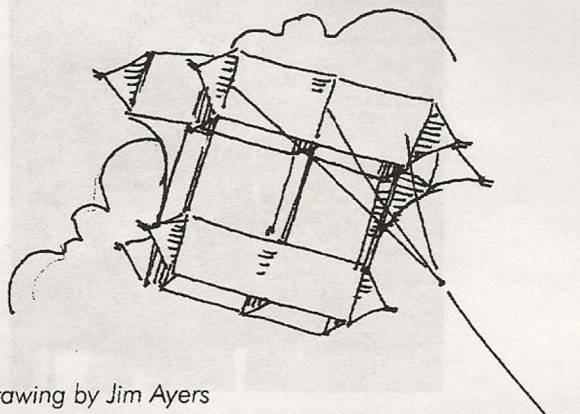
Indulge me while I ramble on about the future, members, communication and other matters of importance (or not, as the case may be!). As a widely scattered group it is important that members maintain contact with each other and events/happenings in the world of kiting. A good start is our own website, ably managed by Robert van Weers, who has maintained a fresh look and some interesting links. [I did like the link about paper staplers – not really a kiting one unless we are making paper kites!]. There is an option there to communicate with each other, and with non-members, to maintain our interest, as well as an opportunity to see what is going on within New Zealand and further afield.

Also we have our newsletter, *What's Up?* Maybe we should all make an effort to give a small relevant or interesting article to Editor Richard to help us all get to know one another better. What about our workshops? First one began in Wellington, now there have been Napier workshops, so where else in New Zealand can something like that be started? As an indifferent kite maker, and one who does not have the time to spend on making or the skills to do it unsupervised, I now find my kite bag is growing with a wider selection of things to fly. AND I have met some nice people and had a lot of fun.

But most of all I like our Easter festivals, when we can meet old friends, make new ones and generally enjoy ourselves. They are also a means of broadening our public awareness, and meeting new people.

The one consistent thing I notice when out flying kites is that complete strangers come and speak to you. I have learned interesting life histories, heard stories about brown paper kites – far too many times! – and have enjoyed many pleasant discussions about the way the world has changed and the youth of today, and the way computers have stopped kids enjoying outside activities, and on and on. Kiteflying is not just the kiting and the flying, it is the people – both members and non-members.

How about you – feel free to communicate your thoughts on kiting, the world, the NZKA or your pet thoughts to the rest of the membership through *What's Up?* We will all gain from your input.



Drawing by Jim Ayers



## BRILLIANT KITE DISPLAY AT PORIRUA'S PATAKA MUSEUM

*Colour on a String – New Kites, Old Traditions*, which opened at Pataka: Porirua Museum of Arts and Cultures on February 16, celebrates the art in kites: sculptural form, elegant design and the dramatic use of colour.

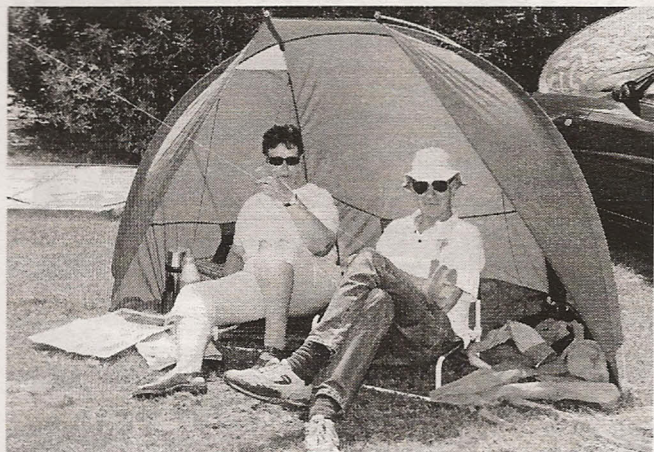
The exhibition, curated by Bob Maysmor, a founder member of the NZKA and first editor of *What's Up?*, features modern kites flying high in Pataka's entry hall [see photo above], with the main exhibition presented in one of the galleries. Bob says the vividly coloured exhibition is proving to be a great hit with visitors.

Complementing the modern kites is a section looking at the fascinating tradition of Maori kitemaking and flying. Contemporary reconstructions, accounts of man-lifting kites and photographs of the seven remaining traditional Maori kites held in museums around the world will show the diversity of this ancient craft.

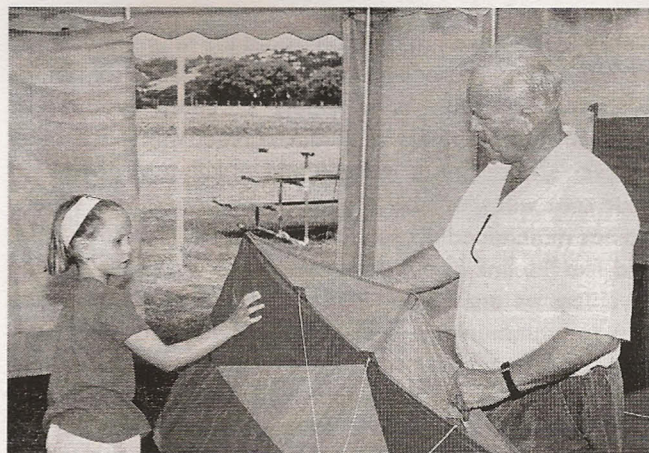
The exhibition is supported by a programme of kite-making workshops, videos, kite flying days and talks.

At some point over the weekend, Bob will open the museum especially for those kite flyers attending the National Festival at Fraser Park, Lower Hutt. This will give everyone a great opportunity to see the results of the effort put in by Bob and his colleagues.

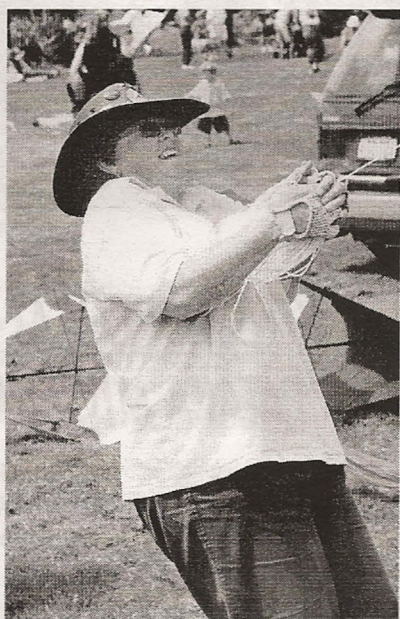




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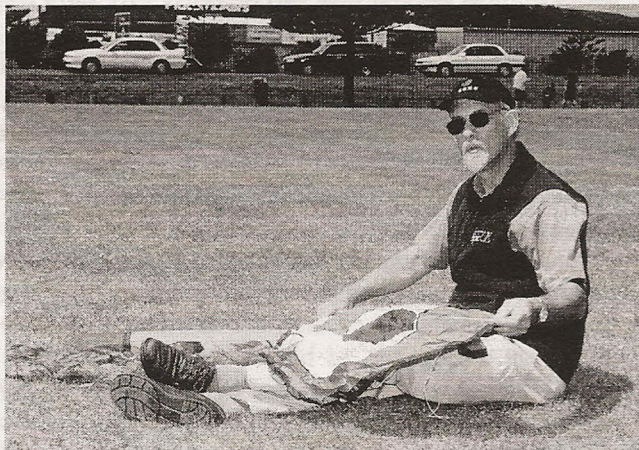
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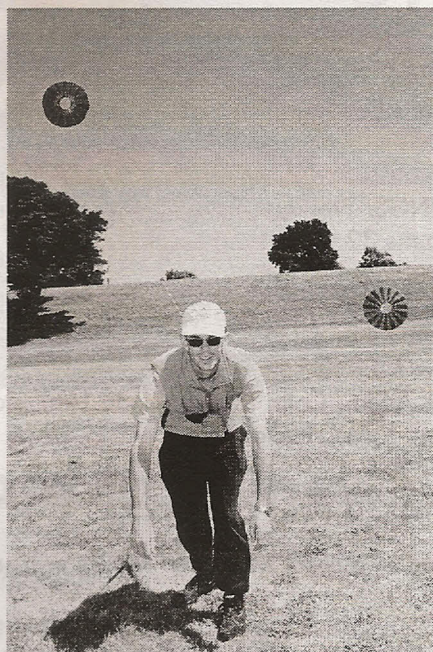
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1 Karen and John Whibley relaxing in the Nelson sunshine. 2 Lisa Podlucky helps Nelson Kite Club member Bill Fern with his kite. 3 Anne Whitehead trying to get the best of a trilobite at Nelson. 4 Robert van Weers escapes the Nelson rain inside the NZKA windsock. 5 Bob Maysmor stacks up another kite in the storeroom at Pataka Museum, Porirua. 6 Peter Lynn was spellbound by a Geoff Campbell magic demo at Gretchen and Ted Howard's barbecue. 7 Vaughan Campbell and John Derham worked their own magic on the barbie at Phil and Shirley Whitehead's after-match function in Palmerston. 8 "Sonic" pulled a few tricks out of his hat at Nelson when he got his Revolution into the air. 9 Ian Russell appears to have been grabbed by the bols at the Palmerston North kite event. 10 Bob Maysmor thought if he was in charge of a kite exhibition it may be a good idea to brush up on his flying skills at the Porirua kite day. 11 Tony Fitchett has been told his photo in the last What's Up? wasn't very flattering, so he sent us a slightly earlier shot of himself. (Photographer unknown). (Pix both pages by Richard Wotton unless otherwise credited.)





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# MINUTES OF THE 2001 NZKA AGM

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held at the Eltham Men's Bowling Club at 7.30 PM on Friday 13 April 2001.

1. GREETINGS: President Peter Whitehead gave a cordial greeting to the 32 members present.

2. Apologies were received from Stephen and Rosemary Cook, Stephen and Norelly Jarvis, Robert and Sue van Weers, Steve Brorens, Bruce and Joyce Comfort, Craig Bush, Julie Adam, Colin McKay, Linda Larrington, Yvonne de Mille and Kate O'Hallaran.

3. Minutes of the 16th AGM held at Nelson on 21 April, 2000.

Approved. Moved Margaret McGuire/Rosemary McCully.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Margaret McGuire proposed a vote of thanks for Committee members and Treasurer.

Approved.

5. Financial Report.

The increased cost of printing *What's Up?* was queried. It was explained that this was due to the cost of colour printing photographs.

Moved Phil Whitehead/Anne Whitehead that the report be approved. Carried.

6. President's Report.

Peter Whitehead expressed regret at the death of Joe Greening. He announced that the NZKA website was up and running in a basic form, with more to be added shortly.

It is at [www.nzka.org.nz](http://www.nzka.org.nz)

7. Election of Officers.

The following were elected :

President	Peter Whitehead
Secretary	Tony Fitchett
Treasurer	Stephen Cook

(Phil Whitehead/David Bowie)

Committee :

Robert van Weers, John Mason, Ray McCully, Raelle Connolly  
(Phil Whitehead/ John Derham)

8. Formal business of which due notice was given.

Remit 1: That the rules be amended to allow for the AGM to be held no later than April 30th. (Ray McCully/Philip Deane)

Tony Fitchett pointed out that kiteflying is a summer activity and that even Easter is getting late weatherwise, but we do need the four-day weekend of Easter to hold a Festival.

David Bowie suggested that with the proposed Rotorua international festival for the weekend before Easter, it would

be possible to hold a second festival in Wellington over Easter. This would incorporate the AGM and hopefully a lot of the international fliers would attend both festivals, thus not needing a rule change. There would be no trouble with a quorum with 45% of the members coming from the Wellington area and 20% from Hawkes Bay.

After further discussion, the vote was taken with seven in favour. As this was less than the 2/3 majority required, the motion was lost.

Remit 2: That resolutions passed by 2/3 majority be binding on the Committee. (Ray McCully/Rosemary McCully)

John Mason commented that all resolutions are binding on the Committee. Godfrey Gamble commented that if something passed at an AGM did not appear to be implemented after three months, members should ring up and ask why. David Bowie commented that this was a further restrictive rule which was unnecessary and pointed out that at the last AGM there were proposals for colour photos in *What's Up?* and for a website. Both had been done.

Bill Farber pointed out that the Association had elected a Committee to run things, and to let them get on with it. The motion was put. Votes for 0. The motion was lost.

Remit 3: That the date of the end of the financial year be changed from September 30 to December 31. Remit withdrawn ( Ray McCully/Jim Ayers).

Remit 4: That Rule 5 be amended as follows: That the Association may consist of Life, Ordinary, Honorary members and Affiliated Clubs (Ted Howard/Gretchen Howard).

Ted Howard pointed out that there are stunt, power and kite fishing enthusiasts who may like to form a club to become an Affiliated Club and may progress to full membership, and we should not shut them out. Bill Farber pointed out that there were no restrictions placed on stunt, power or kite fishing enthusiasts from joining the Association, so what did the Association have to benefit? David Bowie pointed out that it might not be legal anyway.

The motion was put. Votes for 3. Motion lost.

9. Other business.

(a) Proposed Rotorua Festival.

A motion was put that we should support the proposed International Kite Festival on Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 March 2002. This to be followed by a festival at Wellington the following Easter weekend. The AGM would be at Rotorua. (David Bowie/Anne Whitehead)  
Motion passed.

A motion was put that we hold a festival at Easter 2002, and that it should not be called the NZKA Annual Festival. The Committee was directed to liaise with the organisers of the Rotorua Festival. (David Bowie/Des Pitfield)  
Motion passed.



# PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

## NZKA Rule 26 ( Winding up) and IRD tax requirements.

It has come to the notice of the Committee that Rule 26 as at present written does not meet IRD provisions for tax exemption on the proceeds of the winding up. To be exempt from tax, a Rule must state specifically that none of the proceeds from the winding up shall return in any way to the members, but must go to some other suitable organisation having similar purposes. There is a general exemption for recreational non-profit organisations such as NZKA provided that all activities are open to the public, but the IRD recommends that Rules should be changed to incorporate certain forms of words specified by IRD to make the position clear.

Many other organisations have changed their Rules accordingly, and it would be prudent for NZKA to follow suit. Peter Whitehead, Stephen Cook and Tony Fitchett have been considering this, and will be putting forward a Notice of Motion for the 2002 AGM to effect a suitable Rule change by inserting wording recommended by IRD. The change will in no way affect normal NZKA activities.

### Notice of Motion to the 2002 NZKA AGM

#### That Rule 26 be replaced by

26 (a) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or body having objects similar to the objects of the Association, or to some other charitable organisation or purpose, within New Zealand.

(b) No addition to or alteration or recession of the Rules shall be approved if it affects the non-profit aims, or the winding-up clause. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

Peter Whitehead/Tony Fitchett

## AGM MINUTES (continued)

### (b) Magazine items.

Anne Whitehead pointed out that pictures for publication could be sent via e-mail but that better copy resulted if the photos were sent physically.

### (c) NZKA Banners

It was proposed that members make submissions for designs for NZKA feather banners by 20 May 2001, with a view to the Association commissioning several to be made. (Ray McCully/John Mason)

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAX

by Richard Wotton

The grand old man of Wanganui kiting, Max McGuire, celebrated his 84th birthday on New Year's Day.

Health problems mean Max doesn't fly as frequently as he'd like to, but his enthusiasm for kites is undiminished.

He first became interested in kites during a stint in the Navy during the Second World War, when he helped make box kites to loft the ship's aerial for radio communication and his fascination has continued ever since. Following his retirement, many hours of Max's spare time were put into kite-making workshops at Wanganui district schools.

Max thinks kiting is good, clean fun [he's obviously never seen a rokkaku battle. – Ed.] for anyone from five to 105 and he clearly enjoys the companionship engendered by his pastime. "When there's no wind you can always talk about kites," he says.

Over the years, Max managed to have a couple of chats with the boys in blue. On one of these occasions he was flying a seagull kite at Wanganui's Springvale Park when the law arrived. "We've had a phone call to say there's someone here tormenting a bird tied on a string," said Mr Plod! Max still enjoys a good chuckle over that.

The photograph above shows Max wearing a kite-themed T-shirt embroidered by daughter Carol and holding a polarfleece vest embroidered by wife Margaret. Close inspection will reveal "Max" in the kites' tails on the vest. Nice work, Margaret and Carol.

One of the badges on Max's kiting cap reads: "I didn't come here to have fun, I came to fly kites", but I don't think he would subscribe to that philosophy.

Keep looking up, Max!



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### BLACK DYE EVENT

I've found that water-based black tyre paint is reasonably effective for dyeing dacron line if you want shortish lengths of heavier black line. Put line and small amount of paint into a jar, put the lid on and shake well. (Wear rubber gloves when removing line!)

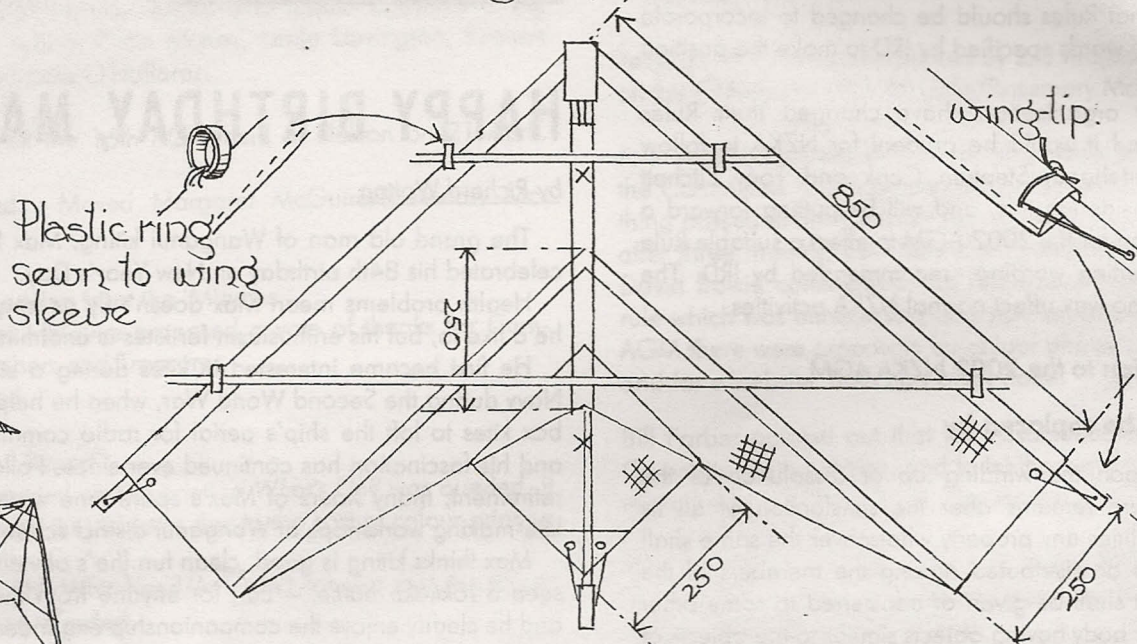
– Contributed by Richard Wotton



# Kites

TO MAKE AND FLY.

## Clarks Beach Kite Bulletin No. 5 All Square



A high aspect ratio kite based on '90° highflier' fabric: Parke nylon or ripstop.

Spars: Leading edge, 6mm dowel

Lower stiffeners: 2mm f/g rod.

Spire 4mm f/g rod.

Spreaders: Top 6mm Dowel. lower 4mm f/g.

All edges cut on the straight grain.

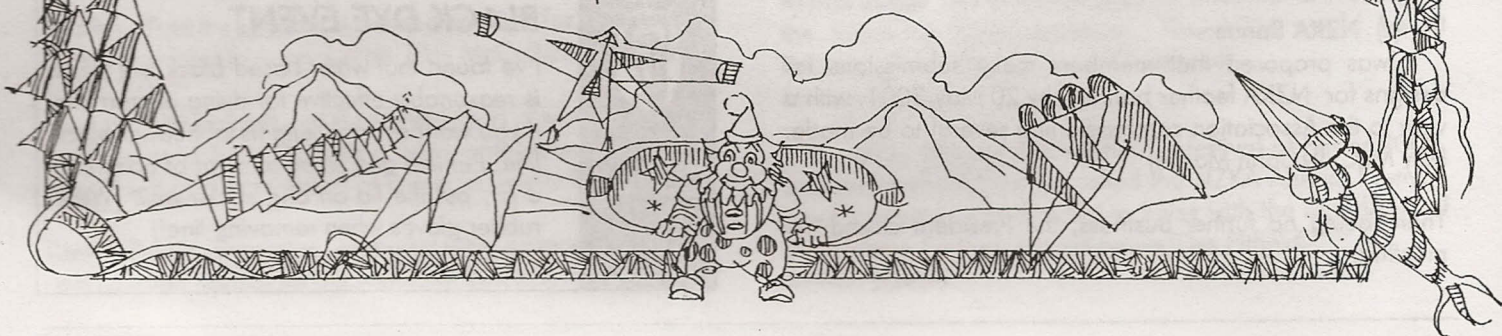
Nose angle 98°

All spreaders adjustable to alter dihedral.

All seams 20mm overlap to accommodate spars.

Leading edge 30mm Oxford cloth folded in half.

Flown with a spinner or ribbon tail.





# FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Below are the independently audited annual accounts for the NZKA. They will be formally presented at the AGM at Easter, together with a copy of the auditor's report and the Treasurer's annual report. The audit report raised no concerns.

## NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

2000 INCOME	2001
3,103.08 Subscriptions	2,955.00
(236.40) Sales Account	(441.69)
124.07 Interest	1,201.02
916.81 Auction	1,282.00
192.88 Interest-term deposit	
Misc \$450 grants & \$116.3 for lions	566.30
4,100.44 TOTAL INCOME	5,562.63

LESS EXPENDITURE	
- WU? Print etc	1,228.34
- WU? Post	380.80
2879.18 WU? Total	1,609.14
367.05 Secretarial & Stationery	602.50
542 Travel	125.00
562.5 Insurance	730.49
Costs of Festival	1,269.00
Workshop	75.00
Regional Reps	
268.53 Bank fees	274.81
188.83 Cabinet	
235.00 Misc \$	450.00
5,043.09 TOTAL OP'N EXPENDITURE	5,135.94

(942.65) Excess Income Over Expenditure	426.69
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## NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

2,000.00 ASSETS	2,001.00
16,469.41 Term Deposit	\$10,000 + 6994.62
1,552.90 ANZ Cheque Account	421.58
85.00 Stock on Hand Sales	555.30
18,107.31 TOTAL ASSETS	17,971.50

LIABILITIES	
562.5 Creditors	
17544.81 Net Assets	17,971.50

## ACCUMULATED FUNDS

18487.46 Opening balance at 1 October 2000	17,544.81
-942.65 Add Excess Income for the year	427
17,544.81 Total Funds at 30 September 2001	17,971.50

## NZ KITEFLIERS ASSN MEMBERS SALES ACCOUNT for the year ended 30 September 2001

2,000.00		2,001.00
101.60 Sales	1,175.00	
- TOTAL INCOME		1,175.00
423 Open Stock Purchases	85.00	
423	2,086.99	
85 Closing Stock	2,171.99	
338 Cost of Sales	555.30	
		1,616.69
-236.4 EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE		(441.69)

## CORPORATE GOODS

A reminder about corporate goods. There are some Eltham pins and shirts still available, and these will be available for purchase at Easter.

Also, do you need a new car sticker? Is your old one faded, Have you changed cars lately? Contact Stephen Cook and for a paltry \$2.00 he will send another one out to you [I guess he means that you get a \$2 sticker, not a \$2 car. - Ed.]

Are you interested in an NZKA lapel pin? Stocks have run out, but if there is sufficient interest we will obtain a further supply. Again, contact Stephen and he will take the required action.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following people have joined or rejoined the association since the last issue of *What's Up?* was printed:

### Rejoined:

Ian & Beverley Johnson, Paraparaumu Beach, 04 905 6605.

### New members:

Denis & Marion Rainforth, Wanganui, (06) 345 7125  
Gordon Thorburn, Napier, (06) 844 9454  
Andrew & Vivien Wells, Auckland, (09) 529 1614  
Hans & Sibylle Podlucky, Mapua, (03) 540 2977  
Don Sutherland & Marina Loibl, Wellington, (04) 383 7278  
Michael King, Hastings, (06) 879 6177

Please say "g'day" when you see them on a kite field.



# REGIONAL ROUNDUP

## HAWKE'S BAY HAPPENINGS

by John Mason

### QUEENS BIRTHDAY WORKSHOP

The kiteflyers from Hawke's Bay will be holding a workshop during Queen's Birthday Weekend, June 1 to 3. We are still to decide what will be made but there are a few ideas flying around. Mark the workshop dates in your diary anyway.

This will be our second Queen's Birthday Weekend workshop and it's intended to follow along the lines of last year. Start around 10am on the Saturday and wind up around lunchtime on the Monday. Social activities (eating and talking) can be organised for Saturday and Sunday evenings and billets can be arranged for those from out of town.

Please let a Hawke's Bay member know if you anticipate attending. Hopefully more information will be available by Easter when we see EVERYBODY at the national festival at Fraser Park, Lower Hutt.

### OUT AND ABOUT IN HAWKE'S BAY

We have been flying on Boxing Day and New Year's Day, followed by a barbecue plus our normal kite day with, need I say it, good flying weather on all occasions. Well, the weather is good if you have a selection of kites to fly in anything from nil wind to lots of wind.

Ian has been seen running around in circles with his indoor kite, and on other occasions some kites really should have had stronger lines. It has been great to have Ray and Rosemary McCully join us from Rotorua, while Jim and Julian Court, from Taupo, are regular flyers in Hawke's Bay. We look forward to their company again.

A warm welcome to Michael King and Brett McArthur, who have joined up as members.

## WANGANUI REPORT

by Richard Wotton

Flying in Wanganui has had its ups and downs over the last few months due to large quantities of rain and too little or too much wind.

But, as we all know, if you can't fly a kite on the day you can always make one. My new 3m, extended-wing Cody was ready for its maiden flight at New Year, and after a bit of bridle tweaking seems to perform reasonably well, although it's extremely high angle of flight makes me a bit apprehensive. It's now crashed heavily twice, necessitating a bit of reconstructive surgery at the sewing machine.

Geoff Campbell reports steady sales from his Raven Kites outlet, and he's also outfitted the whole family with dark red polo shirts bearing the Raven Kites logo. The team had its first official outing in the rokkaku contest at the Nelson festival, and I can tell you they're a mean bunch to do battle with.

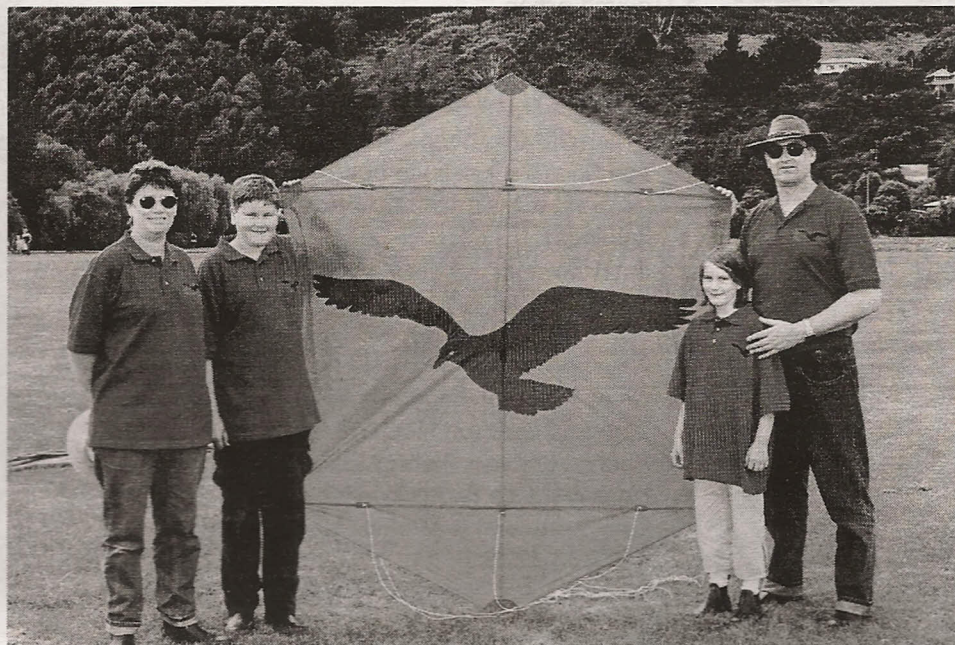
On the kite-making list are pilot kites for both Geoff and myself – Geoff's to replace the Flowform lost at Porirua – and maybe something to try to have ready for the National Festival at Easter.

Two new members have been recruited recently – Braden Schultz and Denis Rainforth, whose humorous kite-making article appears on page six of this issue.

## ELTHAM KITE DAY IN APRIL

Mark the date in your diary: Sunday, April 21. The event is a one-day kite fly organised by the Eltham Lions Club. Event co-ordinator Noel Boddie says it's intended that the day will be a low-key family affair, but is anticipating a good turn-out of NZKA flyers being there to take their revenge on the fickle winds (and lack of any sort of wind) which made the last National Festival a little trying.

Flying will be from 10am or so, but the venue has yet to be confirmed. If you'd like any further information I'm sure Noel would be happy to help out on 06 764 7135.



LEFT: Wanganui's Raven Kites team – Carey, Vaughan, Nicole and Geoff Campbell – pictured on their first official outing, at the Nelson festival.



## CHUCK ANOTHER KITE ON THE FIRE, SPORT!

After a visit to Palmerston North for the kite day on February 9, I'm pleased to be able to report that the après-festival barbie at Shirley and Phil Whitehead's was damage-free. This is more than could be said for a similar function in Queensland recently (reported in Flying High, the AKS newsletter). The bloke with the barbie needed something to stand it on and found a handy-sized box nearby. Once the barbie was fired up it wasn't long before the box followed suit, much to the amusement of a flier named Owen Somebody who was watching the blaze from a few hundred metres away. When he got close enough to identify the box, his mirth disappeared as rapidly as his boxful of kites had!

## LIPSTICK SMEARED

An anonymous Wanganui kiter had a near-miss at Nelson when the nice, shiny Falcon borrowed from her car-dealer boss for the weekend almost got nailed by Hans Podlucky's plummety eight-metre Lipstick kite. It hit the deck with enough force to break the spine, so it would have been a "please explain" for Carey (oops, let the name slip) if the car had carelessly been parked on the kite's chosen landing site.

## GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS

When recently browsing David Gomberg's website ([www.gombergkites.com](http://www.gombergkites.com)) I read a "few comments" by Peter

Lynn on the safety aspect of flying large kites. The "few comments" ran to 11 A4 pages! If this man wrote a book you'd need a wheelbarrow to get it from bookshelf to armchair. To be serious, however, it was extremely interesting reading, so check it out under "Weekly Updates", January '02, "Larger Pilot Kites and New Safety Information". Words of wisdom from a man who, as Bruce Comfort would say, has "been there, done that, got the scars."

## IDENTITY CRISES?

When Peter Whitehead's spectacular new "lady" kite had an outing at Nelson it was apparently mistaken by one or two people for Michael Jackson, and when your roving columnist was watching the upward progress of Robert van Weers' Tuna kite, a kiting bystander inquired as to the ownership of the "cockroach". Luckily, Robert was well out of earshot at the time. Maybe the NZKA should have an optician's booth on-site at Fraser Park during the National Festival.

## THIS MAY BE AN EXPENSIVE VIDEO, DEAR

Visiting Bob Maysmor at Pataka the day after the Porirua fly, I was mesmerised by the large-screen video of the 1999 Fanö, Denmark, kite gathering. Kites of every size, shape and description literally filled the skies, flying in a breeze acknowledged to be one of the most constant in the world. It looks like an experience not to be missed, and I think I'd pack few kites and many films. (Peter Whitehead tells me the beer's good, too.) I'm checking the atlas for someplace Mrs Braid might like to visit while we're in that part of the world.

## WELL, HE SHOULD KNOW...

Overheard on the field at the Nelson Summer Kite Festival... Anne Whitehead to Peter Lynn: "Peter, I've taken the tail off the Trilobite." PL: "Yes, I can see that."

## The Taranaki Multi-Ethnic Extravaganza

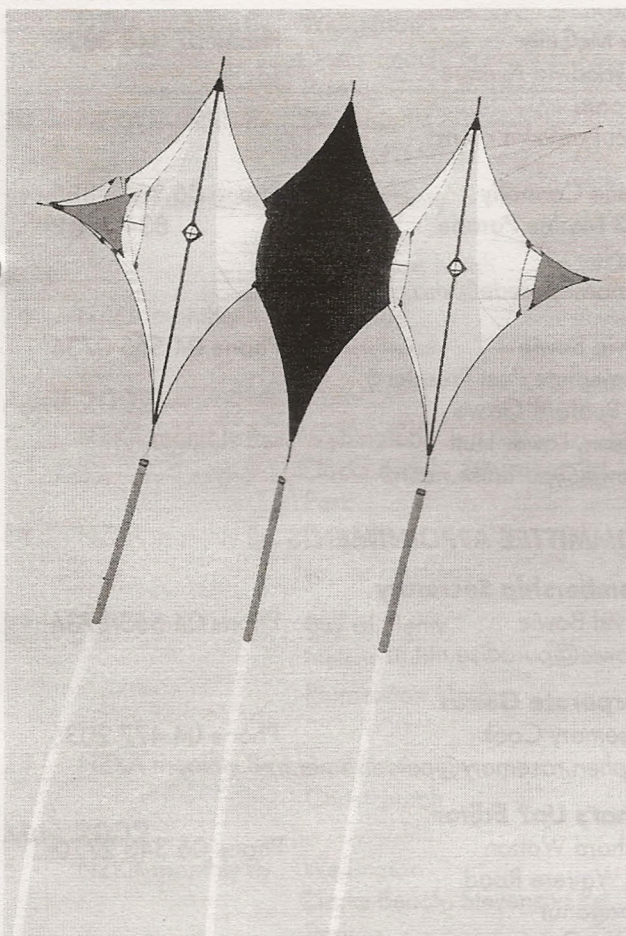
The annual Taranaki Multi-Ethnic Extravaganza has grown to be a very popular event in New Plymouth, and the eighth annual event will be held on March 16, 2002, at the New Plymouth racecourse.

Event co-ordinator Hiran Fernando feels that kite-flying in this area of the racecourse would be an added attraction for the more than 10,000 people expected to attend, and is keen to have NZKA members join them on the day.

In the late afternoon there will be a display of skydiving by our local club. They land on the racetrack, which is in the background.

The funds collected, including the gold coin donation at the gate, are distributed among participating volunteer groups and various charities.

LEFT: Robert van Weers' latest creation had its first major outing at the Nelson festival.





## CAPTION CONTEST

Six captions were submitted for the photo published in the last issue. I'm a bit concerned that Jim Ayers is not as busy with kite-making as he should be, because all six entries are by Jim. Here they are:

*Underarm tactics – okay in Oz but never in NZ, mate.*

*Pull left, it tickles.*

*If you'd waxed under there, there wouldn't have been so much friction.*

*A true supporter.*

*Which one has his feet on the ground?*

*Can you smell something burning, or is it your deodorant?*

## 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**, 111 Symonds St, Auckland. Phone/Fax (09) 358 0991

Services offered: Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka Re, W.

**Skylines and Bylines**, at The Arts Centre, P.O. Box 845, Christchurch. Phone/Fax (03) 337 2669, mobile (025) 317 716. e-mail: [julie@kites.co.nz](mailto:julie@kites.co.nz)

Services offered: Sl, Dl, C, F, Ka, Re, Bm, W, G, O, Mo, Kk, Ex, Rl.

**Sky's Unlimited**, Wiroa Rd, R.D.3 Kerikeri, Bay of Islands. Phone/Fax (09) 407 7270

Services offered: Power kites and kites sourced from Germany

**Rainbow Flight**, 5 Montgomery Square, Nelson. Phone/Fax (03) 548 8707

Services offered: All services provided

**A Kiwi Kite**, 6 Long Street, Raglan. Phone (07) 825 7290

Services offered: Sl, Dl, C, Bu, Re, Kw, D, Ex, Rl.

**Coastal Kites**, 22 Pooles Rd, Tauranga. Phone/Fax (07) 541 0519

Services offered: Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, W.

**Raven Kites**, 1 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Phone 06 348 5805, fax 348 5806.

Services offered: Sl, Dl, Bu, C, power kites.

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Contact: Bill Cunningham 07 548 1044

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Contact: Tony Fitchett 04 478 5575

## NZKA KITE-FLYING DAYS

### March 2002

- |    |                  |  |
|----|------------------|--|
| 3  | NZKA monthly fly | Wellington<br>Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd<br>Park |
| 10 | NZKA monthly fly | Dunedin<br>Napier/Hastings                       |
| 17 | NZKA monthly fly | Bay of Plenty<br>Nelson<br>Palmerston North      |
| 24 | NZKA monthly fly | Auckland<br>Christchurch                         |

### April 2002

- |    |                  |  |
|----|------------------|--|
| 7  | NZKA monthly fly | Wellington<br>Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd<br>Park |
| 14 | NZKA monthly fly | Dunedin<br>Napier Hastings                       |
| 21 | NZKA monthly fly | Bay of Plenty<br>Nelson<br>Palmerston North      |
| 28 | NZKA monthly fly | Auckland<br>Christchurch                         |

### May 2002

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|---|------------------|--|
| 5 | NZKA monthly fly | Wellington<br>Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd<br>Park |
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| 12 | NZKA monthly fly | Dunedin<br>Napier<br>Hastings               |
| 19 | NZKA monthly fly | Bay of Plenty<br>Nelson<br>Palmerston North |
| 26 | NZKA monthly fly | Auckland<br>Christchurch                    |

### June 2002

- |    |                  |  |
|----|------------------|--|
| 2  | NZKA monthly fly | Wellington<br>Clarks Beach, Stevenson Rd<br>Park |
| 9  | NZKA monthly fly | Dunedin<br>Napier Hastings                       |
| 16 | NZKA monthly fly | Bay of Plenty<br>Nelson<br>Palmerston North      |
| 23 | NZKA monthly fly | Auckland<br>Christchurch                         |

### Correction

On the Contents page of issue #70 it was stated that the Bondi Festival kite was made by Linda Sanders. It was, in fact, made by Graeme Poole. Sorry about that, Graeme.



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## THE NZKA KITE ARCH PROJECT

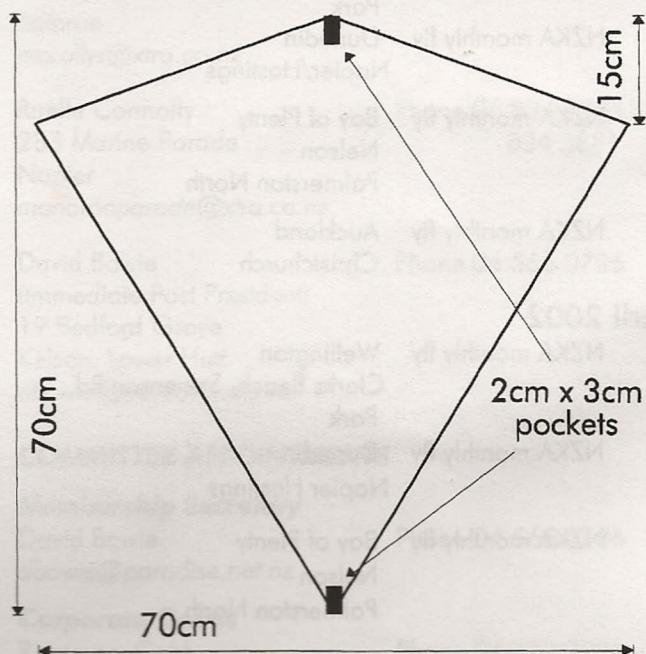
The members' arch is for every member to make at least one kite. It can be any colour or pattern but should follow the outline shown. The kite should be as individualistic as possible, expressing something of the member. It can be a design you like or have used on one of your kites – for example, you might be a "pale blue" person and a kite of simply pale blue may be just your thing.

If you don't feel confident making the kite by yourself, enlist the help of another member, but it should be your design.

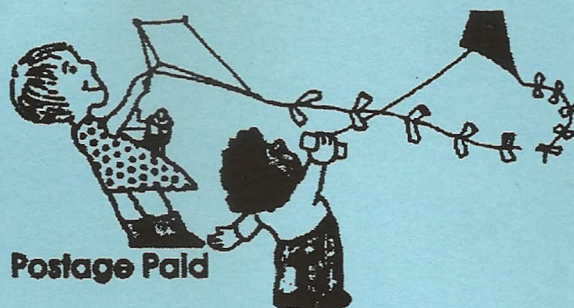
The kites for the NZKA arch are made from  $\frac{3}{4}$ oz ripstop. The dimensions are shown in the diagram alongside. The kite should be hemmed all around and two pockets only fitted, one at the top and one at the bottom. You do not need to provide a spar or any bridle points, just the skin. The kites will be joined onto a single line by dedicated volunteers to form an arch.

If you require further information, contact Tony Fitchett, Peter Whitehead or David Bowie. When you have finished your kite send or give it to David Bowie or Peter Whitehead, or send to P.O. Box 56, Wellington, for joining to the line.

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