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In this, my last issue as editor of **What's Up**, I have to thank those who have made it possible and to express gratitude to all those who contributed to the magazine during my tenure.

Lise and I have thoroughly enjoyed the job, and will be happy to support who ever takes the task over.

The cover this month sports a composite picture of the Bondi Festival and you can read Ray and Rosemary's story on page 8.

Others who have contributed are: Ian and Sharon Russell, Peter and Anne Whitehead, John Mason, Jim Court and, as always, Richard Wotton. I thank you all.



# Presidents Flyer

I'm being really organized this time as I write these words to you all. Anne and I are off to Japan, for a small holiday (without kites). I am sure that we will see plenty of evidence of kites in everyday Japan.

We have just come back from visiting Robert van Weers in hospital, who was rushed into Wellington hospital (from Blenheim) via air ambulance for a brain hemorrhage. As people may know I don't like discussing these sorts of things as I have a fascination about them, that then leads me to thinking about whatever the issue is happening to me and then promptly fainting. So all I can say is that Robert had had an operation, was sitting up slightly and still had machines that made noises etc tied up to him. It looked quite impressive. Also of note is Muriel Bowie who is recovering from breast cancer and undergoing bouts of chemotherapy that will continue to keep her occupied until the middle of January. Stephen Cook's daughter Hannah, who is recovering from a bowel cancer operation. We wish all these people the best for their recoveries.

Up coming events that you will see advertised in the magazine.

The Chateau at New Year. This is the annual gathering at the lodge at the Chateau to



celebrate the New Year and fly on the golf course in front of the Chateau. More elsewhere.

Nelson kite fly. This is the annual event that is much anticipated. The flying is good, the weather is good and the wind has been remarkable.

Summer time kite day at New Brighton beach. This is the weekend after Nelson so make a trip of it and get away from the North Island.

Festival of the Elements at Elsdon Park, Porirua on February the 6<sup>th</sup>. Due to building on other parks in the Porirua area we will not be part of the event next year (We take up too much space), but go along and see them anyway.

Seaweek at Paraparaumu beach. Look out for the sea creature type kites on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

The NZKA annual general meeting at Napier, with an art deco theme.

And somewhere in amongst all this a kite fly at Eltham in March.

And in closing let The Committee and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope to see you on a kite field somewhere soon.

Peter

**Remember the**

## **NZKA Annual National Festival 2008**

**Napier, Easter Friday 21st March – Monday 24th March**



# What's Up Next...

## Chateau Kitefly

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

*This year we are going to be staying at the lodge at the Chateau Tongariro for three nights: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December. We need to know numbers for catering purposes for dinner on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. Could you please advise the Whiteheads (04) 4767227 as soon as possible?*

*If you have not been before, why not participate in this excellent event to start the year. It is an inexpensive and fun event with good food, wine and hospitality in a lodge accommodation at approx \$20.00 per person per night plus an amount for food.*

*All food will be catered including a cooked breakfast to get you going. The lodge sleeps about 30 in rooms that have 4 – 8 people per room. Some sharing may be involved, with*

*communal showers. One should bring sleeping bags etc and alcohol. A full kitchen is provided except for wine glasses.*

*We can fly on the Sunday and Monday afternoons on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway only.*

*Mornings are for relaxing, kite repairs, finishing kite projects, etc.*

*The main flying will be on the Tuesday from 10-30am to 4pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairway of the golf course in front of the Chateau. The Tongariro Natural History Society will again be using the day for fundraising and society promotion. Their members were not prepared to have a year off and miss the kites as indicated after last year's event.*

*This is one of the most picturesque scenes in the country, which is not to be missed.*

*Ring: Anne and Peter (04) 4767227*





## Brighton Kite Day

*The next Summertimes kite day in Christchurch will be held at New Brighton Beach on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Low tide is 3.09 pm and we will be flying from 1 to 4 pm, south of the pier where we have the whole beach to ourselves. The last three years have brought us good steady easterly breezes and the Wizard has been asked to arrange this again for 2008!*

*This event is sponsored by Tip Top, will be touting their product at the beach, and the Buskers Festival will have performers around the Pier on the day. All of which help to keep*

*the 8,000 visitors there a little bit longer.*

*Visiting flyers are welcome to attend, so if you are in Christchurch come along and fly. As vehicle access to the beach is limited, I need to advise the event organisers well in advance in order to get permission, so please let me know if you are coming. We also organise scenic tours and dinner the day before and a re-hydration session after the event!*

**Phone: Julie, 03 365 3907**

*Onwards and upwards ...*

*Julie Adam - the Kite Lady*

## Notice of AGM



***The 24th Annual General Meeting of the NZ Kitefliers Association will be held at the National Festival in Napier on Saturday 22 March 2007 at 10-00am.***

### ***Agenda***

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| <b><i>1. Apologies for absence</i></b>                       | <b><i>7. Financial Report</i></b>                                    |
| <b><i>2. Greetings to visitors</i></b>                       | <b><i>8. Formal business of which due notice has been given.</i></b> |
| <b><i>3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 23rd AGM</i></b> | <b><i>9. Festival 2009 and 2010</i></b>                              |
| <b><i>4. Matters arising from the Minutes</i></b>            | <b><i>10. Other business.</i></b>                                    |
| <b><i>5. President's Report</i></b>                          | <b><i>11. Election of officers.</i></b>                              |
| <b><i>6. Appointment of Auditor</i></b>                      |  |



## NZKA Annual National Festival 2008

**Easter Friday 21st – Monday 24th March**  
**Tareha Reserve, Napier**

*Easter is not that far away so join us for the 2008 National Festival. This is the park that we flew at for the 2005 International Festival Tour, large open spaces.*

*We have booked enough space for single & duel liners and buggies. For those interested in kite surfing/boarding the bay and Clive Estuary are not too far away for a quick fly.*

**Remember:**

*Your theme is Art Deco, - make a kite in the art deco era/style, with an art deco image or dress-up in Art Deco – there are plenty of options.*

*The auction - so bring something for it and don't forget extra cash – there are rumours of overseas kites & hysterical (I mean historical kites)*

*going up for action.*

*Please have your registrations in by the 1st February with your 50% deposit, this gives you plenty of time to get accommodation – remember Napier is popular, we can give you some accommodation options if you require.*

*Any queries give us a call. See the booking form at the back of the magazine.*

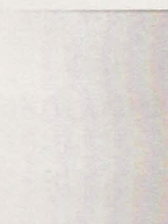


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**CITY OF**  
**NAPIER**





# 17th Annual Nelson Summer Kite Festival

**Neale Park, Nelson, January 18-20th 2008**

## ***Programme***

### ***Friday 18th***

***We hope the tents and set-up basics will be done by midday, so those who want to can start flying kites in the afternoon seabreeze....***

Friday evening from 7pm is the 'bring your own take-aways' night, a simple relaxed gathering at Neale Park, enjoying the sunset, and meeting the fliers. Any planning/organising will be gone through and finished to prepare for the weekend.

### ***Saturday 19th***

***Shake-down practice day, and a possible kitebuggy/landboarding competition on Neale Park : before beginning any activity, we will rope off (bunting) the field as we'll need to keep the general public out of the flying areas for safety, set out the Nelmac vehicles for ground anchors and put up the flags.***

### ***Sunday 20th***

***This is the main event , the public day, today. Please be on the field ready, set up by 10.30am-11am for a 12 noon start.***

High tide is 12.18pm, which should give good access to the Nelson Haven for kitesailing/kiteboarding, and good wind pressure on the park for the main event!

5-6.00pm: Pack up the field and tents as quickly as possible if it's dry (so we don't have to do it on Monday morning). The more help we get at this critical stage, the quicker we can retire for food and a drink.

### ***Monday 23rd:***

***9am on wind down, pack out and return all the gear. Then if you want to, join the others out on the field afterwards and keep flying!***

***For more information, contact:***

***Ted and Gretchen Howard***

***19 North Rd, Nelson.***

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# BONDI REVISITED AND COOLUM DISCOVERED



*After a 3 year break we returned to the Bondi Kite Festival this year. Numbers (30) of fliers were much lower than in the past. Bondi is renowned for its poor wind and turbulence but not this year – 2 days off the sea and the main day straight along the beach. The flying was so good that to stand together holding a kite and done that before.*

Invited guests were Eric Curtis and Anne Sloboda from Canada. Together, they design the graphics (mostly gothic) then screen print and hand paint the ripstop. We have ordered one – watch this space.

As APEC was in Sydney that weekend,



REDCLIFFE KITE CLUB USE THE PARK ON THE 1st AND 3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND THE QUEENSLAND KITE FLYERS SOCIETY ON THE 2nd AND 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. THE COUNCIL ASKS THAT USERS RESPECT THE NEEDS OF THE KITEFLYERS WHO WILL BE PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT IN PELICAN PARK FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.

BOB HOLMES  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
REDCLIFFE CITY COUNCIL

*we were even able talking while we have never*

the locals were given an extra public holiday and encouraged to leave town, which they did in droves. Consequently, spectator numbers were very low.

As the wives were to have lunch at Bondi, there was immense

security, including helicopters (probably with





Previous page. Scenes from Bondi with Inset: from the far left, Mc Cully's Ruatiki & Delta by Boreal Kites. Ladybug morphed into a spider. Kite flyers paradise at Redcliffe Beach with official provision made for kiting. Main picture this page: Coolool Beach with flyers from Queensland.



snipers) and inflatables patrolling beyond the breakers. It did not make us feel secure – after all, they were not there to protect us!

Next year is the 30th festival and the talk suggests that it may be the last at the Bondi venue due to:

No organiser living in Sydney

Expensive place to stay.

Sponsorship is difficult to obtain.

Generally, not an easy place to fly

After enjoying 4 days on a houseboat on the Tweed River and visiting relations in

Toowoomba and Brisbane we arrived 10 days after Bondi at Coolool Beach for the 7th Coolool Kite Festival. Their overseas guests were: Robert Valkenburgh, Craig Hansen of PLK, Ida Bagus Ucrasena Narendra (Bagus)-( Bali) , Helmi Ginanti (Elly)-(Bali), Troy Gunn ( Wichita Falls Texas USA) and the McCullys.

The beach flying area is small, so when a big storm washed a lot of sand away a month or so previously, the flying space became more restricted.

On the 2 days of the festival the wind was either along the beach or at 45 degrees off the sea. With kites flying

over scrub and dunes it was important not to let them come down.

The festival has the community behind it, with excellent sponsorship and 200 volunteers. There was plenty to entertain the crowds, who just kept coming. Included were: sand sculpture, street theatre, music, sky diving and the airforce aerobatics team. One awesome spectacle was the beginning of the kite surfing race to Noosa, with over 40 colourful canopies.

On Saturday the rain developed late afternoon. The planned evening activities were more or less washed out, with nature



Coolum Beach, limited space and good crowds.

All Photographs by courtesy of the authors.



50 committee and SES volunteers were working at the site to keep the stage and various stalls from becoming airborne.

For Sunday, the wind was strong and steady, not to mention cold. Still the crowds kept coming. As on Saturday, there were kite making activities for the children.

A few NSW fliers were there. Because the flying field was like the proverbial long acre, we didn't

thing that surprised us was the kites of the Queenslanders: apart from the bought ones, they were mostly coloured panels, with little or no graphics.

Should Bondi and Coolum be one week apart in future, it would be well worth considering crossing the ditch and attending both. It could also leave time to drive north, and drop in on some kiting friends en route.

The night before we flew home we stayed in Redcliffe and took the time to visit the park where they have the Redcliffe kite festival every May. As the signs show, it is kite fliers utopia.

Ray &  
Rosemary McCully

providing its own light and sound show later. By 2 am while we were safely tucked up in bed about

get to mix on the field very much, but were able to mingle at the Friday BBQ, a couple of pub meals and at the motel. One



# Labour of Love

This year for Labour weekend we had our first overseas tutor in the years that this event has been running. And we also did an assortment of kites instead of concentrating on one kite each for the weekend.

Robert Brasington flew over from Tasmania to take the class and show us how to make Angels, Sode, Fan and a kinetic device. Most people made one

of each kite on offer. I decided that making 5 Angels would give me a little more challenge. I have always liked David's group of Angels and I wanted to replicate this sort of thing. I figured I could also sit around and listen to how the other designs were being made as I sewed my extra Angels.

I think the work shop went off with very few problems, and that nearly everyone achieved making the kites that they wanted to, and there was not too much overtime put in.

We have also been exposed to some new materials for use in our next kites, which is what the workshops are designed to do.

Peter Whitehead

The gang at the Labour Weekend workshop.

Photos: Peter & Anne Whitehead





# fathers day at Ohakea

***During the Wanganui festival it was confirmed that the Air Force Museum at Ohakea was to close so the normal Fathers Day event would not be being run as in the past.***

It was accepted that Ohakea was a great kite-flying venue and if possible we should endeavour to continue with Fathers day at Ohakea if at all possible. First move was to approach the radio station that had handled the publicity in the past to see if they were keen. No response.

As September got closer I approached some of my contacts on the base to see if we, as an Association, could use the Airfield to fly kites. Following discussions with the Base Commander and members of the committee we decided that we did not have the logistics or manpower to run a public day but we could have a kite flying day. Last Whats up advertised such an event.

About a fortnight before the event Paul Gibson approached me. Paul was the curator of the Museum during the 2006 event

and had been responsible for organising 2006. Paul had been asked by the Base commander to look after the event from the RNZAF's point of view. Paul wanted to run a similar event to last year and raise money for a charity. With that suggestion Fathers Day Ohakea 2007 was to be a public event in the support of Heart Children with the NZKA providing a kite display.

The day arrived with a better than good breeze, which limited the number of kites aloft but as the day progressed the breeze dropped, and the usual quality and quantity of kites were flying.

The Buggier's were rapt with the good breeze and hard tarmac to run on. Members from Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, Taupo, Manawatu & Kapiti Coast enjoyed the day. Paul had organised Porta-loo's, security, public address systems, food

stalls and fencing the area.

The public attendance was down a bit from previous years, which was disappointing to the organisers. The cold wind in the morning and the limited time to publicise the event would have contributed to this but at the end of the day Paul was happy with the event.

We were all winners.

Kite Fliers- especially the buggiers had a good flying day at a great venue.

Air Force- publicity and an opportunity for the public to be on the base.

Heart Children- some funding  
NZ Cadet Forces- fundraising (food stalls)

Let's do it again in 2008.

*John Mason*



## New Zealand Kitefliers Association

Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the NZ Kitefliers Association held in the stadium at Springvale Park, Wanganui on Saturday 7 April 2007 at 10-03am

### Present:

Geoff Campbell (in the Chair), and 21 members (Anne & Peter Whitehead, Ray & Rosemary McCully, Malcolm & Diana Hubbert, David & Muriel Bowie, Lorraine & Kaiya Watson, John Mason & Diana Hough, Graham Annabell & Gwen Conway, Paul Hays, Ian Russell, Sharon Russell, Warren Ellery, Jim Ayres, John Whibley, Richard Wotton.

### Apologies:

Apologies were received from Tony Heath, Tony Fitchett, Phil & Shirley Whitehead, Julie Adam, Alan Little, Ted & Gretchen Howard.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the 22nd AGM held on 5 February 2006 were confirmed subject to the following correction to the dates: *"The meeting discussed possible arrangements for the 2007 Festival. It was agreed that 2007 would be hosted by Wanganui and 2008 hosted by Napier."*

(Rosemary McCully/ Anne Whitehead)

There were no matters arising.

### President's Report

Geoff Campbell presented his report (attached), outlining the developments of the past year. The report was accepted. (Richard Wotton/ Anne Whitehead)

### Appointment of Auditor:

The meeting approved Cochrane

& Whitehead of Palmerston North being appointed as Auditor. (Anne Whitehead/ Gwen Conway)

### Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report (attached) was circulated and audited accounts submitted to the meeting. Budget for 2007 was predicting a slight loss due to reduced membership and auction income of \$800 for 2007. (Auction income from later that evening was nearly double that budgeted so a profit is now forecast.) The accounts were approved Ray McCully/ Anne Whitehead.

### Formal Business

(requiring due notice)

There was no formal business.

### Festival 2008 and 2009

The 2008 festival was confirmed as being in Napier. There was no confirmed venue for the 2009 festival. The committee is to discuss possible venues for the 2009 festival.

### Other Business

The decision of the Tongariro Natural History Society to not have a New Year event and their suggestion for it to be part of another event on Auckland's anniversary weekend was discussed. The meeting resolved that we should continue with the New Year weekend provided the lodge was available and the Chateau would allow us to use the golf course. Secretary to follow up.

**The Ohakea Museum** is closing so the Father's Day event is ending. It was resolved that Geoff Campbell would see if a local radio station and Lions Club would organize the event and seek the permission of the Airforce Base.

**Labour weekend workshop** will feature Robert Brasington. The NZKA to subsidise his travel costs. A show of hands at the

meeting revealed a probable maximum number (14) of attendees. Indicated attendees were: Whiteheads (2), McCullys (2), Bowies (2), Hubberts (2), Whibley, Campbell (1 day only), Russells (2), Ellery, Annabel.

### Whats Up

John Archbold is willing to continue as editor until after the December issue. A new editor required for March 2008 issue.

Flying sites page to be modified – Ray to action.

Committee etc list to be updated – Ray to action.

There was some general discussion on the festival and issue of public in flying areas.

Everyone was invited to fly any of the auction kites before the auction.

### Election of officers.

#### President

Peter Whitehead was elected President (John Whibley/ Anne Whitehead)

#### Immediate Past President:

Geoff Campbell

#### Secretary/Treasurer

Ray McCully was elected. (Graham Annabell/ Muriel Bowie)

#### Committee Members

There were 5 nominations for 4 positions:

Ian Russell,  
Richard Wotton  
Warren Ellery  
Anne Whitehead  
Allen Little.

After voting

**Ian Russell**

**Richard Wotton**

**Warren Ellery**

**Anne Whitehead**

were declared elected to the committee.

The meeting closed at 11-10am.



## Hawkes Bay Report:

Do you believe in miracles, we had one in Napier on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. **We flew kites - lots of them!!!**

The winds over the last year or two haven't given us a lot of support for flying but November was good. We decided to fly Brasington's courtesy of the Labour weekend workshop, and purchases made over time. Spinners spun, angels flew better closer to God than hell, cells sat in the sky and sodes fluttered their tails, an excellent sight.

Steady sea breezes seem to be on the weather agenda for summer so fingers crossed they follow through.

The only other fly has been at Ohakea where the boys got permission to buggy on the runway. A chance to try out different flying harnesses and to zip along a longish strip of flat ground. How many can say they've flown along an airforce runway?

Sharon Russell



## 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.

### A Kiwi Kite

1a Sunshine Rise, Raglan.

Phone (07) 825 7290.

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

### Raven Kites

1 Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Phone 06 348 5805, fax 348 5806.

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

### Rainbow Flight Kites

Rainbow Flight Kites

19 North Rd.,

Nelson Phone/Fax (03) 548-8707

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Sl, Dl, C, Bu, F, Ka, Re, Kw, D, W, O, Kk, Ex.

### Skylines & Bylines

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

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Phone (03) 365 3907,

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mobile (027) 431 7716.

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.

### Skytoys- Kite Specialists

Bayswater, Auckland

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Email: [info@skytoys.co.nz](mailto:info@skytoys.co.nz)

Website: [www.skytoys.co.nz](http://www.skytoys.co.nz)

Kite and Kiteboat viewing/demo's by appointment.

Services Offered: Sl, Dl, Bu, D, W, G, O, Mo, Ex,





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#### Auckland

Bastion Point  
Contact: Perrin at Kiteworks,  
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kiteworks@xtra.co.nz

#### Bay of Plenty

Fergusson Park, Tauranga (3rd Sunday)  
Lake front by Sound Shell, Rotorua  
(only when the wind is off the lake)  
Taharepa Reserve on the lake front at  
Taupo  
Contact: Ray McCully,  
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#### Christchurch (Last Sunday)

Hansen's Park, Opawa  
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#### Napier/Hastings (2nd Sunday)

Anderson Park, Greenmeadows  
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#### Nelson (3rd Sunday)

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#### Palmerston North/Levin

Allen Little, Levin.  
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#### Clarks Beach (1st Sunday)

Stevenson Road Park  
Contact: Jim Ayers,  
Phone: 09 2320251

#### Wanganui (every Sunday)

Springvale Park  
Contact: Richard Wotton,  
Phone: 06 3432770,  
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#### Wellington (1st Sunday)

Ngatitoa Domain  
Contact: Anne and Peter Whitehead,  
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# Taupo home made kite Week-end

17th & 18th November 07

*We asked for the results of the Labour Week-End Workshop with Robert Brasington and we sure got it. On the Saturday and late on Sunday, Taupo skies were full of Fans, Sodes, Angels plus lots of Kinetic type line laundry.*



Taupo Home Made Kite day - a picture perfect setting with (inset) John Whibley's Colonel Cody kite and a Taupo Kite Angel.

Photographs: Richard Wotton.

What happened on Sunday morning? We sat in the shade and watched for the wind to arrive across the lake!!

(Five minutes after the Wottons left for Wanganui, the wind arrived)

Highlights for me were: Seeing the assembly and the attempt to fly John Wibley's "Col. Cody" kite, three Brasington "Sodes" stacked, John and Diana Mason's

silky banners, Warren Ellery flying his ancient "Batman" Delta, (How old is it, Warren?) , Ray and Rosemary McCully's white ultra light wind kite, Richard Wottons fantastic collection, and the Russell's line laundry hung on a line between two poles.

Saturday started and continued with a south-east wind that veered about 30 degrees every few minutes and varied from 0 to 8 knots at 5 minute intervals. Not the best for flying but we managed.

Over the previous fortnight Warren and I have been taking a Cub Pack each to learn kite making. Mostly garbage bag sleds and a few Wave kites. I was delighted that many of "my" cubs

came to the weekend and really took a great part in the show. After seeing my "Kite Arch" they want to make one to use at Jamborees!

Saturday evening found our members , complete with BYO takeaways, meet for tea at "The Court House" ending up with strawberries and cream and merangs courtesy of Julian and Delwyne.

Sunday brought almost no wind and no public but it gave us the opportunity to gain a sun tan and to swap lies about our flying skills. See you at the Chateau in the new year-

*Jim Court*



What's Up Next...

# NZKA Annual National Festival 2008

**Easter Friday 21st – Monday 24th March**  
**Tareha Reserve, Napier**

*Easter is not that far away so join us for the 2008 National Festival. This is the park that we flew at for the 2005 International Festival Tour, large open spaces.*

*We have booked enough space for single & duel liners and buggies. For those interested in kite surfing/boarding the bay and Clive Estuary are not too far away for a quick fly.*

**Remember:**

*Your theme is Art Deco, - make a kite in the art deco era/style, with an art deco image or dress-up in Art Deco – there are plenty of options.*

*The auction - so bring something for it and don't forget extra cash – there are rumours of overseas kites & hysterical (I mean historical kites)*

*going up for action.*

*Please have your registrations in by the 1st February with your 50% deposit, this gives you plenty of time to get accommodation – remember Napier is popular, we can give you some accommodation options if you require.*

*Any queries give us a call. See the booking form on the back of this sheet.*



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# NZKA Annual National Festival 2008

Napier, Easter Friday 21st March – Monday 24th March

## Registration Form



Family Name:

Names Attending:

Address:

Phone number:

Home:

Cell:

Events/Meals:	Adult	Child	Adult Attending	Price	Child Attending	Price
Registration	\$10	\$5.00				
Friday Fish & Chip Tea	Max \$5.00	Max \$3.00				
Saturday Lunch	\$7.50	\$4.00				
Saturday Tea	\$30.00	\$15.00				
Sunday Lunch	\$7.50	\$4.00				
Sunday Tea	\$30.00	\$15.00				
Totals						

Payment By:      Cheque      Direct Credit

Payment amount \$

☐ Registration closes on 1st February 2008, please send to Sharon Russell.

☐ Please pay 50% deposit on registration.

☐ Rest of Payment due by 1st March 2008.

☐ Payments can be made by Cheque made out to NZKA or direct credit, (contact Ray McCully for details).

☐ Contacts:      Sharon Russell, 60a Rotowhenua Road, RD2, Napier (More details on other side)

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