

# Black Sands @ NZTE 2020

## Te Kowhai Airfield, November 14th **INFORMATION PACK**

### ***About The Fly In:***

Black Sands Fly – In 2020 is organised by the Waikato Thames Valley Chapter of the Sport Aircraft Association. It is open to anyone interested in recreational aircraft, be it custombuilts, microlights, gyro copters, gliding, model aircraft, vintage and warbird or factory built GA aircraft (and any others we've missed!). The aims of the Fly – In are pretty simple:

1. Have fun
2. Meet other people with similar ideas
3. Promote safe sport flying and encourage good airmanship
4. Have fun!

We have changed from our normal location of Raglan Airfield this year due to logistics challenges caused by COVID19 Restrictions. We appreciate the support and assistance of Te Kowhai Airfield Ltd in hosting this event.

We want this weekend to be enjoyable for everyone, and we have intentionally kept it informal and friendly. We would encourage you to take part in some of the aviation activities we have planned, and local flying in this area is a great way to see some spectacular scenery.

### **NOTE:**

In order to keep the informal atmosphere, and to reduce the complexity of organisation, we will not be having any formal display flying over the weekend. For the same reasons this event has not been advertised to the general public. We ask participants not to engage in low level aerobatics, displays or beat ups. Such activities are illegal, endanger the public and spoil the goodwill we have built up which enables this event to proceed. Please show your best airmanship over the weekend. Normal airfield rules apply, which permit practice aerobatics under normal area and height limitations, however, please be considerate of the neighbouring township.

**Cost:****\$20.00 Per person all-inclusive**

Food and registration combined – Pay at meal time.

Tea, Coffee and Cold drink by gold coin donation.

***Weekend Timetable:*****Friday 13th November:**

Afternoon:

Early arrivals and set up of site

**Saturday 14th November**

Morning:

Arrivals, registration, local flying

Lunchtime: Barbecue in main hangar / hospitality area.

**2:00 PM** Briefing for Beach Flying activity

Beach Flying departures follow

3:40PM Low tide at Gibson's Beach

Evening:

Informal dinner arrangements for those staying on site (see notes)

Note: Main hangar will be closed from 2pm due to an external function.

***Flying Activities:***

We encourage visitors to explore the area as there is some spectacular scenery within 30 minutes flying time of the airfield. Ask one of the locals if you want ideas. We may arrange an "air Rally" activity if there is sufficient interest. A group fly-away to Raglan Airfield will also be arranged.

***Beach Flying:***

On Saturday afternoon we will hold a beach flying workshop and fly away to Gibson's Beach, approx. 8NM north of the Raglan harbour mouth. This is a wide, safe and deserted beach which is an ideal location to introduce pilots to beach flying considerations. Briefing will be held at 2 PM in the briefing area, with departures following. Average flight time from Te Kowhai to Gibson's Beach is 15-25 minutes. Low tide at the beach is 3:40 pm. The beach is a spectacular photo location (not accessible by road) and has mussel beds for those adventurous enough to collect shellfish. Beach flying is entirely at participants own risk (check your insurance) and is subject to suitable beach and weather conditions.

***Accommodation:***

Visitors wishing to stay overnight are welcome to camp on the airfield, either beside your aircraft or in the green space south of the rows of hangars. Motor homes and Caravans are also welcome to park in that area. There is a unisex toilet and shower facility in the back of the western half-round hangar.

NOTE: There is a social function for an external group being hosted in the main hangar on Saturday night, so there may be noise associated with this. You are welcome to camp further away from this.

Hotel and Motel accommodation is available in Te Rapa and Hamilton City, which is approx. 20 minutes' drive away from the airfield. Taxis and Uber are available or arrange a ride with one of the locals.

### ***Food:***

We will be running a barbeque from the main hangar from late morning. This will be based around burgers and sausages with vegetarian options. The cost for this includes general event registration.

Saturday evening meal will be arranged based on how many people are staying over. Options include an informal Barbecue on site, "The Barn" (operated by Pilot Brewery) or going in to the restaurants or bars in town.

Tea, coffee and cold drinks will be available throughout the day for a gold coin donation.

### ***Landing Fees:***

Te Kowhai Airfield Ltd have generously offered to waive landing fees on Saturday for attending aircraft. You will need to record your aircraft registration at the main Briefing / operations gazebo.

### ***Driving In:***

You are more than welcome to drive in. If using Satnav or ordering a taxi / Uber, the address is 174 Limmer Rd Hamilton. It is located on State Highway 39 which exits the SH1 Waikato Expressway at the Koura Drive interchange. Be warned that the road from the expressway to the airfield is an 80km/h speed limit which is heavily enforced by traffic police! The airfield is 15-20 minutes' drive from Te Rapa and the Base shopping centre.

### ***Insurance:***

We strongly recommend that all aircraft carry a minimum of 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance. Organisers will take all care but all participants attend at their own risk and responsible for their own airmanship.

### ***Payments:***

Please bring suitable cash to pay for registration and Food – No EFTPOS. Please pay at the time – **STRICTLY NO IOUs, CHEQUES or CREDIT.**

### ***Covid-19 Precautions:***

Please DO NOT attend this event if you are suffering fever or flu-like symptoms, coughs or running nose. We do not wish to put vulnerable people at risk.

Please use the Covid Tracer app, there will be QR codes distributed around the site for this. Use hand sanitiser regularly. You are welcome to wear a face covering, and this is recommended if you are in close proximity to strangers.

Our hospitality area has sufficient space for people to maintain social distancing. The Barbecue will not be self-service; food will be served by crew wearing appropriate gloves and hygiene coverings.

In the event that the COVID alert level is raised to Level 2, the event will continue, however attendance will be STRICTLY LIMITED to 100 People. We will use an online pre-registration app to ensure this, and the link for this will be published on the SAA web page. Attendees exceeding the 100-person limit will need to remain distanced. Social distancing and tracing will be enforced.

***Cancellation:***

Cancellation of the entire weekend will only happen in the event of significant adverse weather or a change to COVID restrictions above level 2. This will be notified by a notice on the SAA web page before the evening of Wednesday 11th November. The programme may change and some activities may be cancelled if conditions are not suitable.

***For More Information:***

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Further information will also be posted on the SAA Web Page [www.saa.org.nz](http://www.saa.org.nz) as it comes to hand.

# ***Airfield Operations*** - *Very important – please read!*

Normal unattended airfield joining procedures will apply. **AIP data is your primary reference.** Please ensure your AIP and charts are up to date. Check weather and NOTAMS.

We expect a large number of arrivals ranging between high performance custombuilts, microlights and rotorcraft. Please maintain a careful lookout and make allowance for contrasting aircraft performance. Please keep radio calls precise and succinct, exhibit your best airmanship.

The airfield is located between the Waipa and Waikato Rivers just northwest of Hamilton City. Te Kowhai Village is immediately to the north. It is sometimes difficult to identify the field, however the 4 long hangar blocks (2 parallel rows of 2) are quite distinctive and are visible from a long distance in most directions. Te Rapa Dairy Factory (approx. 3 NM east of the field) is another nearby landmark that will help you find the airfield.

We suggest making position report radio calls abeam Whatawhata Township to the south, Ngaruawahia township to the North, The Waikato expressway construction to the east or the ridge of hills to the west.

Standard overhead re-joins are recommended – note that all circuits are flown to the south of the runway.

Climb out off a runway 23 departure should be curved to the south to avoid a noise-sensitive area on the extended centreline.

Displaced thresholds are in place on both runway 05 and 23. Expect some turbulence / sink on finals for 23 in westerly wind conditions.

**The airfield is now within the Blacksands CFZ** (Use *“Te Kowhai Traffic”* in the vicinity of the airfield). Note that nearby Raglan is on the same frequency and has the same runway vectors, so please make it clear which airfield you are operating at!

Marshalls will be monitoring traffic on **123.75** and providing parking instructions as required. You are responsible for terminating and filing your own flight plans and Sarwatch.

See the attached layout diagram for parking layout. A one-way flow through the extended grass apron area will be in place. Marshals (with Hi-Viz Jackets) will direct parking as required at peak times please follow their instructions or advise if unable to comply. **Obstacles in or near the movement area may be marked with cones.** Fixed wing aircraft please park as close together as is practical. If necessary, stop and some assistance will be available to push your aircraft into position. Overflow parking areas are available on other parts of the airfield and if this is required, the marshals will advise joining aircraft of this by radio. When parking, be aware of your prop wash, especially as there are lightweight microlights parked in the area. Aircraft must carry out a “Mag dead-cut” check on shutdown.

When taxiing, be aware of pedestrians, and move no faster than walking pace only.

**Fuel – Air BP Avgas 100 is available on the field with Swipe card. Please do not block access to the fuelling area. Mogas will be available on request – ask at the briefing tent.**

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