

# PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014



## 1. Campground

We've had a new valuation done on the ablution block, \$446k, and switched insurer from Frith to Lumley. We've also taken Management Liability and Public Liability insurance. (Total premiums about \$3.1k.)

Last year we had a significant problem with visitors taking casual showers without paying. After Jerry O'Neill and Nigel Maxey designed, built and installed a really rugged payment box near the entrance, payments have increased somewhat.

Rudi de Ridder did a good job looking after the cleaning of the amenity block, emptying the recycling bins, and mowing. This arrangement will continue for the coming season.

We sought feedback from a couple of big users on what they would like to see changed/fixed/replaced, especially in the kitchen – things like ovens, freezers, outside shelter etc. As a result, one oven and one freezer have been replaced – thanks to Jenny Wilkinson.

The hot water system gave us some grief towards the end of the last season, with huge temperature fluctuations in the showers. This was tracked down to a faulty tempering valve, which has now been replaced.

## 2. WiFi

The high-power broadband internet WAP system installed last year has been enhanced with a third WAP unit on the roof of the terminal building. At the end of the season, we had had about 90 sign-ups and the profit excluding capital outlay was about \$1.4k. So it will not take long to cover the capital outlay of \$2.1k, which was quite modest due to Hadleigh Bognuda doing the work pro-bono and supplying hardware at trade cost. However, a few people had problems with the sign-up process, so Hadleigh will be tweaking that for the coming season.

## 3. Terminal Building Facilities

Thanks to Jenny and John Wilkinson, we now have a new Freeview TV set up in the terminal building. We have also installed a defibrillator, mounted on the wall beside the white-board.

Thanks to a lot of research by Brian Savage and Terry Jones the quality of the projector image for daytime briefings has been significantly improved by the installation of a screen (at OSC cost) and top window reflective foil (at OAL cost). We also have a new lamp for the projector on order.

#### **4. Repeater Radio**

The old repeater set-up had become unreliable, difficult to access for maintenance, and was not legal anyway. We now have a new system professionally installed at Old Man Peak, situated in a radio shack operated by the Police, utilising their solar panels and battery bank. The site has good 4WD access. The system uses a proper UHF link with Yagi directional antennas, instead of the previous citizens band radio. However, the old Tait 133.55 lives on and is part of the new set-up! The whole thing is fully licensed. The mechanism for sharing the installation and ongoing costs with Glide Omarama is yet to be negotiated, and will be an early task for the incoming committee.

#### **5. Camp opening**

Once again, in lieu of an OSC donation, Youth Glide Canterbury did a fantastic spring-cleaning job prior to the camp opening just before Labour Weekend. Thanks guys.

#### **6. Camps and Competitions**

Competitions this season will be the Regionals in November, preceded immediately by Jerry's cross-country course as usual, the Multi-Class Nationals in early January, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Enterprise Omarama competition in early February.

The Youth Soaring Development Camp will be a little earlier this year, 8-17 December.

#### **7. OSC Committee**

The other committee members are Pete McKenzie (VP), Jenny Wilkinson (Secretary), Jerry O'Neill, Oliver Winkler, and Warren Dickinson; with Laurie Kirkham as our Treasurer. After many years of sterling service on the committee, Karen Morgan stood down at our last AGM in November and Brian Savage (Central Otago) was co-opted during the year to take her place. Brian has been formally nominated for the incoming committee.

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