



# Omarama Soaring Centre

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2014

2014 was a cash surplus of \$6,910 (2013: \$17,171), and after allowing for depreciation a net deficit of \$1,975 (2013: surplus \$6,565). Considering there were no National competitions held at Omarama last season this is a healthy result.

### **Camp**

It was a quieter year in the camp but we did have some long stayers which helped. The past 3 years have been cash surpluses and on average the camp's depreciation expense has been covered, while the camp facilities are in a well maintained condition. Despite camp fees remaining the same for the past 3 years the committee agreed they should remain the same again this year – this will be reassessed next year.

### **Broadband**

Early last season we installed an additional WAP antenna on the terminal building to ensure good coverage from the western hangar to the Countrytime. We had a good uptake for OSC broadband, and we've kept the pricing plan's the same for 2014/15. To sign up via Pay Pal, just open your browser once you've found the OSC WiFi - this will open the login or sign-up screen. Any problems paying via Pay Pal, contact myself or Max Stevens.

### **Competitions**

Thanks to donations received during the 2013 Nationals, OSC purchased a Life-Point Pro Defibrillator which has been installed in the terminal building – the deficit was covered from the Piano Fund.

This season OSC will be hosting the Multi Class Nationals which should generate increased activity.

### **Strip Owners**

OSC along with Glide Omarama/Southern Soaring and the Airfield Company contribute towards enabling local strip owners to receive free landing fees at Omarama. A few strips have dropped off the list over the years which makes those that remain even more valuable. Owners appreciate the free landings but that shouldn't stop you offering a token of thanks should you outland.

### **Water Rates**

Omarama Airfield Ltd pays Waitaki District Council a fixed fee for each water meter on the airfield with annual rates, and when usage exceeds this fixed fee additional water rates charges are incurred. Last year Waitaki District Council reduced the fixed fee but *increased the usage fee by 20%*. To prevent hefty water rates charges please avoid wasting water - this affects chalets, camp and hangars. If you suspect a leak anywhere on the airfield, please report it to OSC or OAL.

### **OSC Committee**

Finally, I'd like to thank the OSC committee and our OAL representatives. These individuals give their time for meetings, working bees and delegated chores, and in return they open themselves to criticism and complaints, often when they are trying to enjoy their days off. So next time you approach these individuals, instead of complaining, perhaps thank them for the excellent job they do of keeping the Soaring Centre and Airfield going so you can enjoy your leisure time at Omarama. Volunteers are welcome.