



*The New Zealand Association
of
Women in Aviation.*

*58th Annual Rally
Omaka Airfield, Blenheim.*



31st May - 3rd June 2019.

Rally information sheet.

Programme:

Friday May 31st		
1300-1600	<p>Airways NZ VFR Enroute Competition Arrivals and registrations at Marlborough Aeroclub clubhouse – Omaka Airfield NZAWA Committee Meeting – Marlborough Aeroclub.</p>	
1800	<p>Welcome and evening meal – at the Marlborough Aeroclub clubrooms. Welcome by the President and social evening to mix and mingle.</p>	
Saturday June 1st		
0800	Judges' Briefing	Marlborough clubhouse.
0830	Competitors' Briefing	Marlborough clubhouse.
0900	Competitions commence	Marlborough clubhouse.
As per schedule	Competitions to complete	Marlborough clubhouse.
1530	NZ Ninety-Nines AGM (members	Marlborough clubhouse.
1800	<p>"A Vintage Affair" – Social & theme night, dinner at Patchett Ag Airs hangar, Omaka Airfield</p>	
Sunday June 2nd		
0930 - 1130	<p>NZAWA AGM at the Marlborough Aeroclub. Tea and coffee provided. A group photo following meeting.</p>	
1130 - 1700	<p>The Afternoon is yours to explore this beautiful part of NZ! Over the page is a list of tour companies and wineries that you may like to visit.</p>	
1800	<p>Presentation Dinner at Wither Hills winery.</p>	
Monday June 3rd.		
0800	<p>Departures - Weather and NOTAMs available.</p>	

Event information:

➤ GETTING THERE & GETTING AROUND.

Omaka airfield is situated 5km from the centre of Blenheim. The area is serviced by Air New Zealand and Sounds Air, both of which have regular flights in and out of Woodbourne Airport located 8.5km from Blenheim.

Picton is approx. 30km from Blenheim, and the Interislander South Island port.

Nelson is approx. 115km from Blenheim and has regular Air NZ flights.

➤ SHUTTLES/TRANSPORT.

Due to many of the rally events being held at Omaka, there will be a regular shuttle running from Blenheim.

If you require a pick up/drop off from Woodbourne please advise so on your rally registration form and the shuttle will meet you there.

➤ ACCOMMODATION.

These four options are all within close walking distance to each other, and the main town square of Blenheim. This will make shuttle meeting points a lot easier to arrange. All these motels requested that you book through their own website or phone them direct (will save 15% by not using booking.com etc).

Chateau Marlborough. Approx. \$189-\$330 p.n 0800 75 22 75 www.marlboroughnz.co.nz	Bella Vista Motel Blenheim. Approx. \$150-\$215 p.n 03 579 3117
Lugano Motor Lodge Blenheim. Approx. \$135-\$220 p.n 03 577 8808 www.lugano.co.nz	Blenheim Palms. Approx. \$150-\$200 p.n 03 577 8845 www.blenheimpalmsmotel.co.nz

VERY IMPORTANT

We all understand the “time to spare, go by air” saying - therefore please communicate with your motel if you have a delayed arrival on Friday night, so that they know to hold your room for the weekend.

➤ **TROPHIES**

Please send your trophies back NOW in their appropriate packaging. Please courier to Marlborough Aeroclub, Omaka Airfield, PO Box 73, Blenheim 7240.

For reimbursement of costs: email Kirsty Coleman, Treasurer NZAWA at treasurer@nzawa.org.nz

➤ **FUEL AND LANDING FEES**

There will be no landing fees payable for the duration of the weekend but please notify the Rally Registration Desk upon your arrival of your aircraft's registration.

Fuel is available, there is a BP pump on site. If you don't have a BP card fuel can be purchased from Marlborough Aeroclub.

➤ **AIRCRAFT HIRE**

Marlborough Aeroclub, who are hosting us, have a number of aeroplanes for hire over the weekend.

Tomohawks: Approx \$200 hr – solo

Cessna 172: Approx \$250 hr – solo

We encourage you fly yourself to the Rally!!!

Detailed Programme:

FRIDAY EVENING

The NZAWA Registration & Information Desk will be open from 1300hrs until 1800hrs located at the Marlborough Aeroclub, Omaka.

This evening enjoy a beautiful spread of delish delights from the Marlborough region. Starting at 1800hrs is an informal 'Welcome Get Together' at the Marlborough Aeroclub clubhouse, just down from the main club hangar. A welcome from the President and a chance to socialise and enjoy a meal of some of the best Marlborough has to offer. Meet new members, catch up with old friends. A cash bar will be available. Dress code casual.

SATURDAY

Air judges and ground judges to make their way from their accommodation to the airfield for a Judges briefing which begins at 0800 hrs.

It is imperative for our Judges to understand the format and expectations for the day's competitions as well as receive a safety briefing.

The shuttle will begin at 7.40am.

Our competitor briefing will take place at 0830 hrs – all competing members to make their way to the airfield in time for the start of the briefing. This briefing will cover the weather, safety considerations, judges and competitors' various responsibilities, competition procedures, aircraft hire arrangements and any questions. It is a requirement to attend the briefing in order to take part in a competition.

The NZAWA Registration & Information Desk will be open from 0900 – 1230 hrs and again 1300 – 1600 hrs.

It is a requirement to have at least third-party insurance on any aircraft used in NZAWA competitions. NZAWA can in no way be responsible for incidents involving aircraft travelling for or at NZAWA Rallies.

SATURDAY NIGHT

At 1800hrs we will hold the "Skit Night" in the Patchett Ag Air hanger at Omaka Airfield. This will be a night of hilarious entertainment not to be missed – the theme this year is "A VINTAGE AFFAIR". Who will have the best skit this year? There will be a buffet meal provided by 'Roast on the Run', and a cash bar. A night not to be missed!!

A couple of great quest speakers will keep things interesting, and who knows what Pip will come up with this year!!

Dress code – "A Vintage Affair". (Google the 1920's for some inspiration i.e. Great Gatsby....)

SUNDAY

AGM to be held at 0930hrs, at the Marlborough Aeroclub. Tea and coffee available before and after the meeting. A group photograph will be taken following the meeting.

The free afternoon gives you many local options:

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

First and foremost, Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre is a must!!

Located at Omaka airfield, the Heritage Centre showcases some beautiful aviation displays.

In easy walking distance from all accommodation is the Wine Station. Situated in a converted train station, the Wine Station has a selection of 80 wines available to taste, combined with a cheese platter, it's a great place to park up for a couple of hours. <https://www.thewinestation.co.nz/>.

Blenheim has a selection of FANTASTIC wineries all very close to the CBD, here are our recommendations (remember this is Sunday of Queens birthday, so make a booking!) -

- Allan Scott cellar door & restaurant. <https://allanscott.com/>
- St Clair cellar door & restaurant. <https://www.saintclair.co.nz/vineyard-kitchen/>

There are several operators that offer tours to multiple wineries, half or full days -

- <https://hopngrapetours.co.nz/>
- <https://www.bubblygrape.co.nz/>
- <https://naclachanwinetours.co.nz/>

Please remember this is Queens Birthday weekend, and probably busy, so get a group together and make a booking ASAP!!!

SUNDAY NIGHT

The Presentation Dinner will be held at Wither Hills winery, just out of Blenheim, an outstanding venue with a great selection of wines to taste!! Starting at 1800, dress up in your "glad rags" and look stunning for the trophy presentations.

Dress code formal.

MONDAY

During Monday morning from 8am, there will be a laptop based at the NZAWA Registration & Information Desk at the Marlborough Aeroclub clubhouse, so weather and NOTAMS can be checked, and flight plans filed before departure.

*We hope to see many of you in the
picturesque Marlborough region
this June!*

*Get your registrations in, and get
ready for an action-packed
weekend!!!!*

NZAWA Refund Policy: In the event of a member withdrawing or being unable to attend an NZAWA event (including weather-related problems), the policy on refunds is that where costs have been incurred and are committed to by the NZAWA, there will not be a refund. In the event a member is unable to attend an event, and costs have NOT been incurred a full refund (less registration) will be forwarded to the member. In the event of a members' family, relative, partner being ill or passing away, a refund will be considered by the NZAWA committee on application. The amount of the refund will be determined on the amount of committed costs incurred by NZAWA. Any member who specifically requires a refund on the grounds of hardship will be considered by the NZAWA Committee. All refund requests must be received by the NZAWA Secretary within 3 months of the Rally.