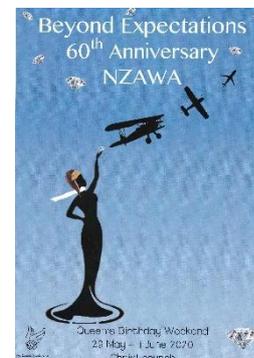




**New Zealand Association of Women in Aviation**  
**Diamond Rally - Christchurch**  
**Friday 29 May – Monday 1 June 2020**  
*Beyond Expectations – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



**Information Sheet**

*The NZ Association of Women in Aviation warmly invites you to Christchurch for the 60th Annual Rally.*

<b>PROGRAMME 2020</b>	Theme: <i>"Beyond Expectations"</i>	
<b>Friday 29 May</b>		
1300-1600	Airways NZ VFR Enroute Competition Arrivals and registrations NZAWA Committee Meeting – Chateau on the Park	
1800	Welcome and evening meal – at the Sir Henry Wigram Lounge, Canterbury Aero Club, Christchurch International Airport (western side). Welcome by NZAWA President and social evening to mix and mingle.	
<b>Saturday 30 May</b>		
0800	Judges' Briefing	West Melton Airfield
0830	Competitors' Briefing	West Melton Airfield
0900	Competitions commence	West Melton Airfield
Depart West Melton 0900	Gliding competitions	Canterbury Gliding Club, Springfield Airfield
During day	Lunch and morning/afternoon tea items available for purchase (cash). Tea and coffee available all day. A coffee cart may be available.	
1500	NZ Section, Ninety-Nines AGM	West Melton Airfield
1800	Dinner and entertainment (Sixties theme) at the Sir Henry Wigram Lounge, Canterbury Aero Club, Christchurch Airport. The evening's activities will include 'Raiding the Lost Archives'.	
<b>Sunday 31 May</b>		
0930 - 1130	NZAWA AGM at Chateau on the Park, Great Hall. Tea and coffee provided. AGM starts 0930, group photo following meeting.	
1130 -1700	For lunch after the AGM you may wish to eat at The Garden Court Brasserie in the hotel or head into Christchurch for many choices of café. Your afternoon is free to explore Christchurch: see suggestions in the Detailed Programme.	
1800	60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation Dinner at the Great Hall, Chateau on the Park	
<b>Monday 1 June</b>		
0800	Departures - Weather and NOTAMs available. Breakfast available at the Garden Court Brasserie.	

## TROPHIES

Please send your trophies back NOW (cleaned, polished and with name engraved) in their appropriate packaging.

Please courier to: Jill McCaw, 430 Halswell Road, Halswell, Christchurch 8025.

For reimbursement of costs: email Kirsty Vester, Treasurer NZAWA at [treasurer@nzawa.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzawa.org.nz)

## FUEL AND LANDING FEES

There will be no landing fees payable at West Melton for the duration of the weekend.

Fuel available at West Melton is: RD Petroleum (via Air BP). An Air BP card works if you have signed up for an account with RD (who also supply some other South Island aerodromes you may want to use).

There is both BP and Z at Rangiora aerodrome and BP at Christchurch Airport.

## AIRCRAFT HIRE

Aircraft that may be available for hire from Canterbury Aero Club are PA 28 Warrior or Archer, Cessna 172, PA38 Tomahawk, Alpha A160a and PA-18A Piper Cub, but adequate notice must be given, ie early registration, as all CAC aircraft are in high demand for their own training. Members will be updated by email.

Canterbury Gliding Club will make a Twin Astir available for the gliding competitions. ([www.canterburyglidingclub.nz](http://www.canterburyglidingclub.nz)).

We encourage you to fly yourself to the Rally. Fly in to West Melton airfield where transport will be available. The cross-country experience is invaluable and then you will have your own preferred aircraft to use in competitions.

There will be a prize draw among members who arrive in a light aircraft.

## TRANSPORT

Shuttle transport for the whole weekend will cost \$30. (There will be a per trip cash price for casual use but this would work out more costly over the weekend than selecting the \$30 option on the registration form).

Shuttle or car transport will be available for private aircraft arrivals at West Melton aerodrome on Friday afternoon and for departures on Monday morning.

Shuttle or car transport will also be available for airline arrivals (and departures) at Christchurch Airport. The Rally Organisers require your flight number and arrival time (and cellphone number). There may be some delays but we will coordinate as best we can.

Shuttle transport will be provided to/from West Melton Airfield on Saturday and to social functions at Canterbury Aero Club. Transport will also be provided to Springfield Airfield for the gliding competitions.

## ACCOMMODATION

The main accommodation is at the Chateau on the Park, a DoubleTree by Hilton hotel where we have a special room rate of \$150. We encourage you to book early – use <http://group.doubletree.com/NZAWAAwardsDinner> for special rate. If you are on your own and wish to share we will try and match people up – email Pam Adams at [contactus@nzawa.org.nz](mailto:contactus@nzawa.org.nz)

There are some alternative options of motels and backpackers nearby which you can research on line but aim for walking distance to the Chateau if you require the shuttle transport.

## VERY IMPORTANT

- We all understand the “time to spare, go by air” saying - therefore please communicate with your accommodation if you have a delayed arrival on Friday night, so that they know to hold your room for the weekend.
- It is a requirement to have at least third party insurance on any aircraft participating in NZAWA competitions. NZAWA can in no way be responsible for incidents involving aircraft travelling for or at NZAWA Rallies.

# Detailed Programme

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Light aircraft fly in to West Melton aerodrome.

The NZAWA Registration and Information Desk will be open from 1530 – 1730 hrs at Chateau on the Park and from 1800 hrs at Canterbury Aero Club Sir Henry Wigram Lounge.

Starting at 1800 hrs is an informal 'Welcome Get Together' at the Sir Henry Wigram Lounge at Canterbury Aero Club. A welcome from the President and a chance to socialise and enjoy a meal. Meet new members, catch up with old friends. A cash/EFTPOS bar will be available. Dress code: Casual.

## SATURDAY

Shuttle transport for air judges and ground judges will depart from Chateau on the Park at 0730 for West Melton airfield for a Judges' briefing at 0800 hrs. It is imperative that our Judges understand the format and expectations for the day's competitions as well as receive a safety briefing.

Our competitor briefing will take place at 0830 hrs – shuttle transport for competing members will depart from Chateau on the Park at 0800. 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.

Gliding competitions will be held on Saturday at Canterbury Gliding Club's Springfield airfield. Transport will depart from West Melton after the competitors' briefing. You can contact Jenny Wilkinson ([gliderqt@gmail.com](mailto:gliderqt@gmail.com)) if you have any queries about the gliding competitions.

The NZAWA Registration and Information Desk will be open from 0800 – 0830 hrs at Chateau on the Park and from 0930 at West Melton.

Tea and coffee provided all day. Various food items available for purchase (please bring cash). We hope to have a coffee cart on site for most of the day.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

At 1800 hrs we will hold the informal entertainment/theme night at Sir Henry Wigram Lounge at Canterbury Aero Club. In keeping with the origins of the Association, the theme will be "The Sixties" so plan your outfit now. This will be a night not to be missed – and will include 'Raiding the Lost Archives'. There will be a 2-course buffet meal and cash/EFTPOS bar. Come along and be part of it. Book your tickets now.

Dress code: "The Sixties".

## SUNDAY

The AGM will be held at the Great Hall, Chateau on the Park at 0930hrs. Morning tea provided. A group photograph will be taken following the meeting.

The free afternoon gives you many local options: See brochures in your registration pack.

The central city offers many attractions and activities, and of course, shopping. Botanic Gardens, Canterbury Museum, Christchurch Art Gallery, Turanga Central Library, Tram and Gondola, punting on the Avon, Riverside Market, and more.

Although not in the central city the Air Force Museum at Wigram could be a must-see for aviators and another world-class attraction is the Antarctic Centre at Christchurch Airport.

## SUNDAY NIGHT

The Diamond Anniversary Presentation Dinner at the Great Hall, Chateau on the Park, starts at 1800. Make this the opportunity of 2020 to dust off your diamonds and glam up – boys, this means you too!

Dress code: Formal.

Our guest speaker for this special event will be Dr Sue Truman who was one of the first two female pilots accepted by Air New Zealand in 1979. Sue obtained a PhD in engineering before joining Air New Zealand where she flew Fokker Friendships before being seconded to Safe Air where she flew Bristol Freighters and Argosies. Sue had started gliding in her last year at school and while in Blenheim she obtained a glider instructor rating and did some instructing at the Aviation Sports Club at Woodbourne. In 1987 Sue's engineering and flying qualifications led to a position at British Aerospace's Jetstream Aircraft manufacturing facility at Prestwick, Scotland. She worked in a variety of capacities at British Aerospace, culminating in the role of Managing Director of British Aerospace Flight Training Ltd. We look forward to hearing of her adventures and challenges over the course of her career.

## MONDAY

On Monday morning from 0800 there will be a laptop based at the NZAWA Registration and Information Desk at Chateau on the Park so weather and NOTAMS can be checked, and flight plans filed before departure.

Breakfast will be available at the Garden Court Brasserie.

You can then head for home with many happy memories, or stay on in Christchurch to further explore the many attractions and activities.

*Your Rally Committee is looking forward to hosting you in the vibrant transitioning city of Christchurch. Come and be a part of this special 60th Anniversary Rally. Please register as early as possible – but not later than Friday 17th April.*

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.