

Black Sands @ NZTE 2024

Te Kowhai Airfield, April 5th – 7th, 2024

INFORMATION PACK

SAA Waikato appreciates the support and assistance of Te Kowhai Airfield Ltd in hosting this event.

About the Fly-in :

The event Black Sands Fly in is organised by the Waikato Branch of Sport Aircraft Association and hosted by Te Kowhai Airfield. It is open to all and any Aircraft and Pilots. It is an Annually run event with the aim of providing a fun weekend fly-in with the attraction of a Beach Landing. The beach landing will take place Saturday afternoon. Details under the heading Beach Flying.

Flying Activities :

Other than the beach landing, no flying activities have been organised. There are plenty of Airfields within 30 mins of Te Kowhai. Any of the locals will be only too willing to give you ideas. Raglan Airfield is operating but be aware that there is limited parking there since council have fenced off the runway.

Beach Flying :

On Saturday afternoon we will hold a beach flying workshop and briefing at 1:30pm in the main hangar, with departures following. The plan is to fly 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. Average flight time from Te Kowhai to Gibson's Beach is 15-25 minutes. Low tide at the beach is 3:20pm. 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. It is imperative that those wishing to fly to Gibsons beach attend the briefing by Bill Henwood or Noel Bailey, both of whom are very familiar with beach landings and are competent instructors.

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. Motorhomes 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.

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. Waikato SAA will have a Minivan for use over the weekend. If registrations dictate we may provide a second van.

Food:

Friday Night : BBQ provided by the Waikato Branch Members in the Main Hangar
Cost \$10.00 per person
Te Kowhai Airfield will be sponsoring Beer and Wine for this evening.

Saturday Morning: Continental Breakfast in the Main Hangar
Cost \$ 5.00 per person
Cooked Breakfast in the Main Hangar
Cost \$15.00 per person

Saturday Lunch: Lunch similar to the Whakatane Fly-in will be made available
Cost \$10.00 per person

Saturday Dinner: Hamilton Workingmen's Club is available only for the first 50 people who register. The remainder will need to make their own arrangements in town.

Sunday Morning: Continental breakfast in Main Hangar
Cost \$5.00

Coffee and Ice Cream cart will be on site all weekend

Cold water for water bottles etc is available outside the flight office

Payments:

Coffee and ice-cream carts will generally have EFTPOS, but bring some cash in case they don't. As well the meals provided for by The Waikato Chapter will need to be paid for with Cash please.

Landing Fees:

Te Kowhai Airfield Ltd will charge ONE landing fee for each aircraft all weekend. Fee is \$10 and will be invoiced for online payment.

Driving to Te Kowhai:

You are more than welcome to drive in. If using Google Maps or ordering a Taxi/Uber, the address is 172 Limmer Road, Hamilton. It is located on State Highway 39 which exits the SH1 Waikato Expressway at the Koura Drive interchange (from the North, follow the branch leading to Horotiu / City Centre). The airfield is 10-20 minutes' drive from Te Rapa and The Base shopping centre.

Insurance:

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

Cancellation:

Cancellation of the entire weekend will only happen in the event of significant adverse weather. This will be notified by a notice on the SAA web page before the evening of Wednesday April 3rd, the programme may change if conditions are not suitable

Black Sands Cap :

These caps will be available and free to all persons who register for this event. Others can purchase them at a cost of \$10.00 each,



Advance Registrations requested:

To assist organisers plan the event, would you please register using this link

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/RFX>

We understand that situations change but an indication of numbers for planning parking and food really helps! Thank you.

Further information will also be posted on the SAA Web Page www.saa.org.nz as it comes to hand.

Te Kowhai Web Camera:

<https://espsims.com/api/Te%20Kowhai>

Te Kowhai Airfield AIP Page:

<https://www.aip.net.nz/assets/AIP/Aerodrome-Charts/Te-Kowhai-NZTE/NZTE.pdf>

Weekend Timetable:

Friday April 5th

Afternoon:

Early arrivals and set up of site

Overnight camping permitted.

BBQ from 6pm in main hangar.

Saturday April 6th

Morning:

Breakfast: from 7am in main hangar.

Arrivals, local flying.

Lunch: From 12 noon in main hangar.

1:30 PM Briefing for Beach Flying activity (main hangar)

Beach Flying and Raglan departures follow

3.20 PM Low tide at Gibson's Beach

Evening:

6:00 PM Minivan available to transport people to Hamilton Workingmen's Club for dinner. (The second run if needed will be 45 mins later.)

8.30 PM Minivan will leave from Club and return to Te Kowhai. (The second run, if needed will be approx. 45 mins later.)

Sunday 6th November

Morning:

Light breakfast (Cereals etc) available from 7am in the main hangar.

Departures

Site Pack - down

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. Please show your best airmanship over the weekend. Normal airfield rules apply, Please be considerate of the neighbouring township.

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 to the east or the ridge of hills to the west.

Standard overhead re-joins are requested – 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.

For first time flyers landing at Te Kowhai: remember the runway is crowned. So land on the centreline and stay straight on rollout. For taildraggers: move that rudder!

The airfield is 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.

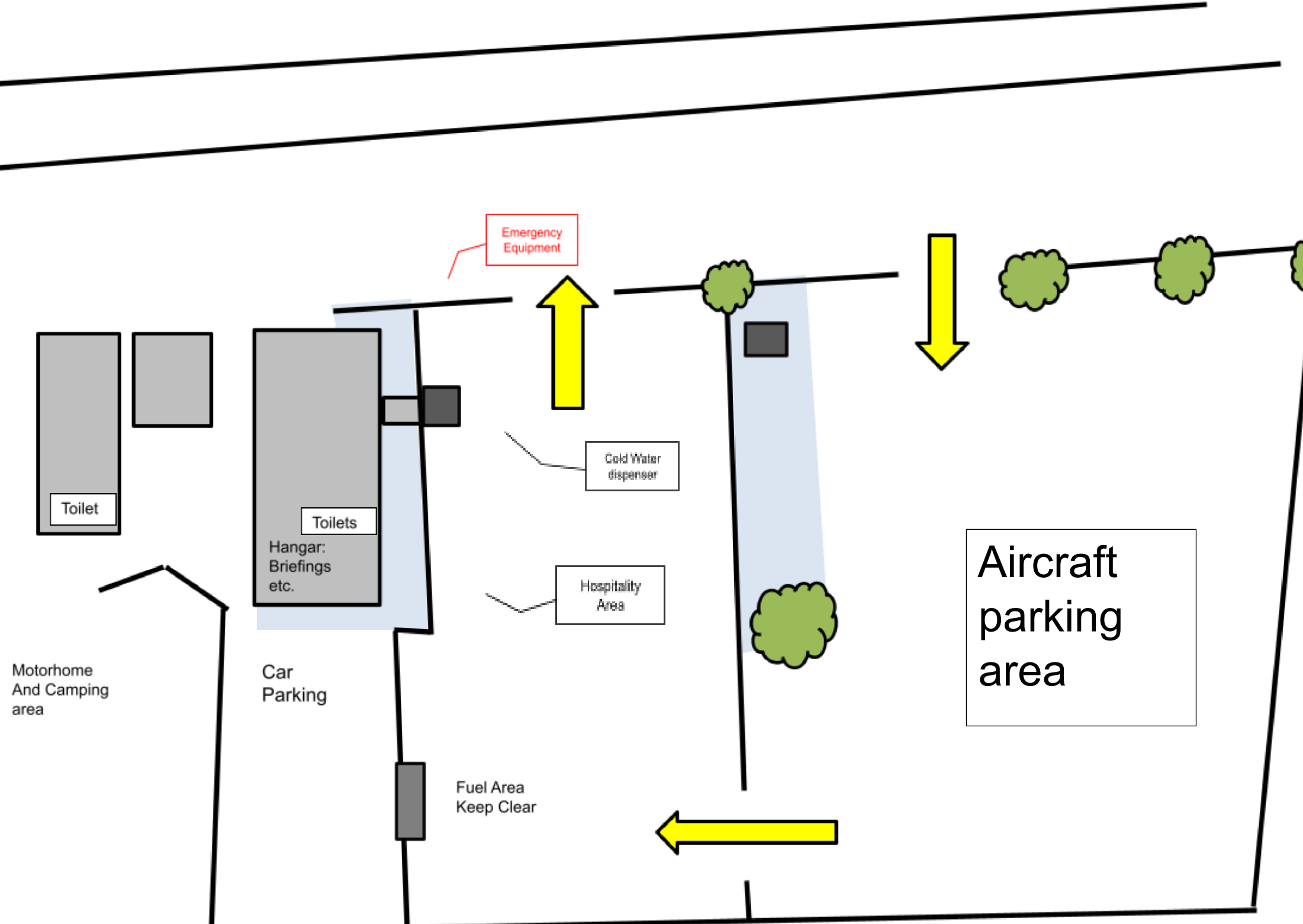
See the attached layout diagram for parking layout. A one-way flow through the extended grass apron area will be in place. Marshals (with Hi-Viz Jackets) will direct parking as required at peak times please follow their instructions or advise if unable to comply. **Obstacles in or near the movement area 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 (Cash payment required, please indicate when pre-registering) – ask at the Flight Office.

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Emergency Equipment

Cold Water dispenser

Hospitality Area

Aircraft parking area

Toilet

Toilets
Hangar:
Briefings
etc.

Motorhome
And Camping
area

Car
Parking

Fuel Area
Keep Clear