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Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM took place at the Museum on Saturday 29 May 2026 and was all over in 30 minutes! The existing committee, President/Treasurer Wilson Lattey, Secretary Allan Carley, Curator Roger Newth, and Committee member Carole Abraham were re-elected for a further term.

Kapiti Airport Tenure

Lots of rumours going around lately, regarding the change of ownership of Kapiti Airport. One interested party is looking to close it entirely and develop it for housing, another is apparently wanting to keep operations going and develop the "spare" land. Fingers crossed for the latter.

Plane spotting by Stu



*Manawatu/Whanganui Rescue Service MBB
Kawasaki BK117 B2 ZK-IIX*



Sunair Piper PA-23 250 Aztec ZK-MTY



*Cessna 172M ZK-WAX. Well wrapped up.
Visiting from Geordie Hill Station near the Lindis
Pass*



Soon to be a thing of the past?

We are continuing the usual **Tuesday morning Open Forums, 9.15am to 11.00am**. Feel free to bring items of interest and / or friends.

Harvard Study

Harvards have always been one of my favourite aircraft, ever since being subjected to their hearty roar every day for 14 weeks while doing Compulsory Military Training at Wigram in 1956. The sky (and the hangars) were full of them. A few lucky CMT individuals had formal flight training as their training subject but the selection process was pretty formidable. The rest of us did the mundane trades, in my case aircraft instrument theory and practice. I carried a simple camera in those days and my photo collection includes a number of Harvards. Some of them are still around. *Wilson*



Harvard 15, Wigram 1956. After a 76-year career it returned there to the Air Force museum collection in 2025.



*RNZAF Harvard 15, Wellington Airport, November 2009.
Photo: Boyle Collection*



Harvard 33, Wigram 1956. Now stored in Masterton awaiting restoration to flying condition. Based in Kapiti several times in the 1980's so that a few Aero Club pilots could get ratings.



A couple of locals at the QE Park airstrip. 2016.



They also provide inspiration for some of my art work.