

Southern Hang Gliding Association, Dunedin

President: Alan Ashworth, 17 Gilkison Street, Dunedin.

Secretary: Rodney Stuart, 151 Belford Street, Dunedin.

The club was formed in 1973, has 25 members.

LEARNING SITES:

Crawford's paddocks, 12 kilometres from city along Brighton Road. 100ft west slope, 60ft south slope. Fledgeling to Hang 2.

Brighton, 19 kilometres from city, just past Brighton township. 60ft SE. Fledgeling to Hang 1.

Sandy Mount, 19 kilometres from town on Peninsula high road, 50ft NE. Slope at top of soaring site. Fledgeling to Hang 2.

INTERMEDIATE SITES:

Smalls Beach, in city just past Tomahawk Lagoon, 200ft SE, land on beach. Fledgeling to Hang 3.

John Wilson Drive, in city, 50ft bank on seaward side of the drive, south facing. Good site to start soaring and fun soaring for experienced. Hang 2 to Hang 5.

Brown House, in city at end of N.E. Valley, 400ft S, shallow slope, land in dump. Hang 2 upwards.

MAIN SITES:

Boulder Beach, 12 kilometres out on Peninsula high road. 1100 ft E. Soaring or calm flying, Hang 3 up.

Sandy Mount, 19 kilometres from city on Peninsula high road, good soaring site, 800 ft NE, Hang 3 up.

Murdering Beach, 32 kilometres from city, off road to Long Beach, 900 ft NW, soaring or calm flying.

Scroggs Hill, 24 kilometres S on Highway 1, 1000ft NW, land on golf course, Hang 3 up.

Aramoana Cliffs, 32 kilometres from city, just past Murdering Beach, 3.22



Ross Drew, secretary of Hawkes Bay Hang Gliding Club, flies Te Mata Peak, the club's main summer site. The peak's north east and east faces provide good flying at a height of 1000 to 1340 feet.

kilometres of 600ft cliff, good soaring, beach at bottom. Hang 4 up.

The Southern Hang Gliding Association has

mutual agreements with land owners on most sites. Any non-club member should contact the SHGA before flying in the Dunedin area.

President: Merv Sarson, 161 Yarrow Street, Invercargill.

Secretary: Tim Snow, 127 Exmouth Street, Invercargill.

The club was formed on June 5, 1975, and has 30 members.

SITES:

Coronet Peak, Main car park, Hang 3, vertical drop 2400ft, hazards—high tension

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wires 91 metres to the left of take off spot.

Gravel car park area, Hang 3.

Skippers Road turn—off, Hang

4, hazards—even in slight cross winds this area is subject to strong turbulence. Other Hang 3 and Hang 2 sites along road up Coronet.

Crown Terrace, Arrowtown, Hang 4. Excellent take-off spot and good soaring, average vertical drop, 1000ft.

Good coastal sites also available.

Taranaki Free Flyers

Secretary: Geoff Tubby, 10 Ropiha Street, New Plymouth.

The club was formed in 1975, has 24 members, and is very active. Has been given "freedom" of Back Beach site by New Plymouth City Council to develop, with assistance from city parks and reserves department.

SITES:

Awakino, 96 kilometres north of New Plymouth, 700 ft ridge soarable for about 3.22 kilometres, Hang 4.

Back Beach, west of New Plymouth on the city boundary, westerly, 120 ft, Hang 3.

Ohawe Beach, 4.83

kilometres west of Hawera, 120ft, SW, Hang 3.

Bell Block, 4.83 kilometres north of New Plymouth, ideal learners' slope, N, gentle sand hills about 50ft, fledgeling.

Waikato Hang Gliding Club

President: John Turner, 6 Hardley Street, Hamilton.

Secretary: Grant Clark, 34A Bremworth Avenue, Dinsdale, Hamilton.

The club was formed on March 3, 1976, has 52 members.

SITES:

Raglan, West Coast, half hour drive from Hamilton. 300ft soarable ridge for 1200 metres, W or NW, Hang 3 over 24 kilometre per hour winds.

Ruapuke, southwest of Hamilton on the west coast, one hour drive of which half is on metal road, 400ft in good conditions soarable for four to six kilometres along coast, SW, Hang 3 over 24 k.p.h. winds.

Anyone wishing to use these sites must contact a member of WHGC for general information and conditions.



Pukerua Bay, 700ft cliff-top site which provides one of Wellington's best launch areas for the more experienced flyer. Site is rated Hang 4.

Wellington Hang Gliding Club

President: Kevin Clark, 57 Heke Street, Ngaio. Phone 793-665 home, 724-434 work.

Secretary: Pat Duncan, 134 Karori Road, Wellington. Phone 767-198 home.

FLYING SITES:

Wellington has five main sites, listed in the order they should be tackled.

1. McAlister Park, Newtown Public Park—

southerly wind, can be turbulent in winds over 15k, Hang 1.

2. Titahi Bay (Shelly Bay), 90ft N—beware of being sucked into the gully on the east side if the wind is at all westerly, Hang 1.

3. Baring Head, Wainuiomata River Mouth, committee members have keys, 250ft glide down—bit small for soaring for the intermediate. Good for doing just top landings. Rated Hang 2, up to 15k Hang 3 over 15k.

4. Paekakariki Hill, 900ft, W. or NW. Private property, club has access rights. Good for gliding down and just soaring flights. Should not be attempted in strong winds north of Kapiti. Rated Hang 2 with 20 minutes air time, and with the approval of 2 Hang 4 pilots on site in winds up to 15k—otherwise Hang 3.

5. Pukerua Bay, 700ft, private property—pedestrian access from Raroa Place—car access

from Kape Kape Road. Committee members have keys. Northerly winds. Good soaring site but should not be attempted until all other sites have been flown and mastered. Bottom landings can be extremely hazardous for the inexperienced flyer, and the tally of injuries on this site speaks for itself. Any pilot attempting this site for the first time must seek advice and briefing from one of the experienced pilots before flying. Rated Hang 4.