



5 Squadron  
Newsletter  
2024, Term 1



## WELCOME

Welcome to 2024 at 5 Squadron Air Training Corps. In this newsletter you will find information about:

- Activities held in 2023
- Upcoming activities for 2024
- Upcoming fundraising activities
- Information regarding the Parent Support Committee

## 2024 AGM

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, 27 March, 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

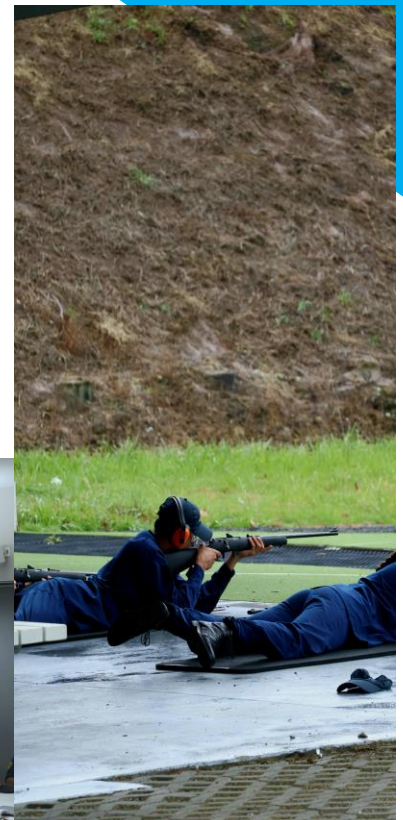
We will be reviewing the current state of the unit, and will elect new committee members. All parents are invited to attend. Please indicate attendance on TeamReach, in the calendar.



## SAVE THE DATE

Auckland Waterfront Marathon  
Sunday, 7 April 2024

We need 45 cadets and 45 adults to help this day. Cadets have to register on Cadetnet. Parents can indicate attendance on TeamReach (go to the event in the calendar, and mark "Yes" for attendance)



## FUNDS RAISED

North Shore Aeroclub Open Day

\$ 1300

Coatesville Marathon

\$ 2 600





# MESSAGE FROM

# UNIT COMMANDER

Welcome to 2024 training year. We have started the year with a bang with our NCOs and officers coming together to finalise the 2024 planning and for the NCOs to upskill and recharge, ready for the year. This year we are excited to introduce our new Squadron branding which has just had the local iwi approval for use and translation. Now it's a quick (hopefully) approval from HQNZCF and the branding will be relased; this will include new SQN Shirts/Hoodies/Jackets and the highly awaited SQN Patch to be worn with our CWD dress. We have had a flurry of new Recruits join and eager to get on their first camp on the last weekend of March. We have kicked off our shooting year with 2 shoots planned for March and our NCOs shooting at the NCO recharge weekend. We look forward to a productive year and your patience as we implement some of our new systems (i.e Moodle, more to come).



This year our unit is sponsering a new local Navy Cadet unit. We are excited to see what additional activites they will bring to our unit. These are activities which the Air Cadets would not normally get access to.

If parents have any issues or questions, please don't hesitate to email me or to arrange a meeting on a parade night through the Squadron Adjutant.

# Term 1 Activity Plan (Draft)

Activity Name	Location	Start Date	End Date	Open To
Power Flying	5 SQN HQ	13-Mar	13-Mar	All
NCO Team Night	TBC	14-Mar	14-Mar	NCOs
Power Flying	5 SQN HQ	20-Mar	20-Mar	All
BRT	TLC	22-Mar	24-Mar	B1
Unit Tramp	Te Rereatukahia Tramp	23-Mar	24-Mar	B2 +
Power Flying	5 SQN HQ	27-Mar	27-Mar	All
Shooting	Swanson Range	30-Mar	30-Mar	B2 +
Power Flying	5 SQN HQ	3-Apr	3-Apr	All
Waterfront Marathon	Mission Bay	7-Apr	7-Apr	All
Power Flying - Back Up	5 SQN HQ	17-Apr	17-Apr	All
Poppy Day	Orewa/Silverdale	19-Apr	19-Apr	All
Power Flying - Back Up	5 SQN HQ	23-Apr	23-Apr	All
ANZAC Day	HBC RSA	25-Apr	25-Apr	All
Squadron Camp	TLC	26-Apr	28-Apr	All
SPARE		20-Apr		

# Parent Support Committee

## WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

Current committee members:

Douglas Kruger    Chairman  
 Katherine Williams    Treasurer  
 Helga McIlrath    Committee  
 James Snaddon    Committee

We encourage you to consider joining the Unit Support Committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to make new connections, contribute to the development of our cadets, expand your network, and gain hands-on experience in event planning, fundraising, and organizational management.

The committee supports the unit by organizing fundraising events, organizing work activities and securing funds through grant applications. Not all parents are involved in each of these aspects. We find that each parent contributes according to their skills and strengths.

The committee meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month during the school term between 6:45pm - 9:00pm, at the North Shore Aero Club.

If you're interested in becoming part of our Unit Support Committee or learning more about the opportunities available, **please reach out to Doug Kruger at**

**Mobile 022.545 6968 or**

**Email: [doug.kruger@gmail.com](mailto:doug.kruger@gmail.com)**

Your participation will play an integral role in shaping the cadet experience and ensuring a vibrant and successful 2024 cadet year.

# Aviation Experience

By CDTCPL Bloomfield

As one of the 18 students attending the 2024 National Aviation Course, I was honored to take part in an unforgettable experience. Taking place earlier this year, I was accepted onto NAC to represent 5 Squadron, where I had the opportunity to meet an amazing group of people, gain new skills and take up a challenge.

I and 3 other cadets from my unit had met with other northern area cadets to fly down together to Woodbourne RNZAF base. We met with a total of 54 cadets, 36 on power flying and 18 on navigation.

The Course duration was 11 days total, which consisted of subjects such as calculus, physics and geography.

I learned new things, such as using a flight computer that had many purposes in helping pilots navigate their way through airspace. Although it was hard work for the first 5 days of math's and physics calculations, all the work had paid off when we got to use our prior knowledge in class in a real-life situation in the air!



I found that this was the most rewarding part, seeing how my calculations and estimations on a map were practiced in midair, where I could understand all my work from a whole new perspective.

Once I understood this, I enjoyed each day more and more. It made me feel more confident in my subjects I struggled on, especially with a bunch of amazing people I've only known for 5 days that supported each other throughout the course.

I feel that this course has helped me find my passion for where I want to go next, the RNZAF. As I would dream to one day become a pilot for the air force, this course had shown me a new set of skills that play a crucial role in aviation, as it's not just how to fly an aircraft- it's also about careful planning with accurate execution,

ensuring safe and efficient air travel by selecting the best routes, managing fuel usage, and arriving on time. Both parts of the national aviation course are equally as important in aviation, and I am grateful that I have learned to understand this.

As the accommodation, activities, and facilities were a great part of the overall experience, I must say the highlight of my time attending from the moment I arrived at the airport to the day I came home, was the people I got to meet. The instructors, officers, and very much the cadets, have made the course the best experience.

In cadets, everyone has something in common, which is why it is so easy to fit in and get along with one another. It is where I have found my people such as on courses like this, which is why I stay with this organization. The 18 of us have kept in touch, by being on an online group chat, meeting up at air shows, sqn camps and on holiday hangouts.

If you are a cadet that is on a mission to find their group of people and has a strong interest in aviation,