CBC President's Report 2026

The 2025/26 year has seen some new faces replacing those who left the club, but overall membership relatively stable at just over 30. Although that is quite a lot lower than the club's peak, it reflects the same trend currently being seen in many sports clubs throughout NZ.

As usual, there was plenty of activity during the year.

- The club's website was given a professional make-over to make it more eye catching and appealing, with regular updates keeping it current thanks to Peter Kingsbury.
- We started a new "Top of mast competition" for the sailing season so members could check their progress relative to each other and generating competitive interest.
- Thanks to the efforts of Peter Kingsbury and Alan Scott, our club karts were the busiest in some years, successfully generating new members and income for the club.
- Our biggest success for the year was undoubtedly CBC / TOTS Interclub event in Nelson in March, which was won (eventually) by CBC. It's not often the club travels en-masse, so it was great to have such good attendance and a very enjoyable social weekend, with competitive sailing on a challenging track that was new to most of us.
- Speaking of social activities, we also had a well-attended Jalopy jaunt car rally thanks to Alan Wylie but didn't manage to have as many social dinner events as we have in the recent past…must fix that going forward.

Access to Wigram remains vital to the club. During the year Kate Bint was replaced by Carey Manson as Squadron Leader at AFMNZ and is a key contact for us. It's fair to say that Carey is very focussed on achieving funding for the

building extension that will eventually house the Hercules and Orion currently in storage in the hangars, so as long as we continue to be low impact, we should continue to have privileged access….and don’t forget to close the gate!

Looking ahead, we have the combined SIO / NIO event at Wigram over Labour Weekend to prepare for. It is the first time these events have been combined so everyone keen to see how that works. As always, we will be asking for club members to step up and help with preparations and running the event. There are already several entries from the North Island, so hopeful we may have good attendance.

I want to thank my fellow hard-working committee members who voluntarily give up their time to ensure our events and regular activities run smoothly.

While we have some challenges with an ageing membership, I am optimistic that our club will continue to provide an enjoyable experience for existing members and a welcoming atmosphere for new members.

Our club's team spirit and culture are something we should all be proud of: from hosting events and welcoming new members to supporting social activities and enjoying regular Sunday sails with a beer afterwards, we create a friendly and welcoming environment that people want to join. Let's continue to foster this spirit and support each other.

Thank You