

# ROTORUA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB (INC)

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## Welcome to the March 2026 newsletter

This is my first newsletter taking over from John who will be away a good part of this year and has picked up Treasurer duties. I would appreciate it if you have anything you want me to add to the newsletter to send it through to [alex.br.marsh@gmail.com](mailto:alex.br.marsh@gmail.com). This includes updates on models you have under construction or anything you want to post for sale.

There have been some new faces at the club (new for me at least) with Les coming out. As usual, the mid week flyers are getting all the good flying days. Thankfully, there haven't been too many crashes with all the new tricks and speedy landings. The RC car guys are making good use of the helicopter zone. Maybe we should rename the Heli Zone the RC Car Zone?

### AGM meeting

The AGM was held on the 8th of March with some roles carried over and some new roles in the club committee...

Club President : Dave Little

Club Captain : Ray Philpot

Club Treasurer : John Ryan with help from Colin Teasdale

Club Secretary : Andy Watson

Club Bulletin Editor : Alex Marsh

Committee Members: Dylan Pain, Tim Charleson, Ian Vautier

At the meeting, the events of the year were discussed including the stolen mowers and replacements, club activities, maintenance at the field, and possible expansion of the pilot safety box. The items discussed can be seen in the AGM minutes and President's report. Dave Little thanked the previous committee for their efforts during the year and welcomed the new committee members and Tom for a gourmet BBQ!

### Rabbit holes

I have noticed during mowing the runway that some rabbit holes (mostly old ones) could do with a top up of fresh soil. If you are one of the first ones to arrive at the airfield please take a few minutes to do a runway inspection and if necessary grab a mate and fill these in. Doing this could well prevent some undercarriage damage or even worse, mostly up the northern half of the strip.

## **Umbrella**

How many engineers does it take to fix a string?

An aeronautical engineer

An electrical engineer

And a mechanical engineer



But Andy, Trev and Ian got it under control.

## **Interesting finds - Ramy RC**

On Youtube there is a model builder named Ramy RC. He built electric model air planes like the 777X and the Globemaster at  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale with wingspans of around 10m! For reference the E-flight A320 foamy is  $\frac{1}{23}$  scale. His latest build is a massive A380 built with a foam core and carbon fiber coverings along with other materials. It's pretty interesting and if you haven't seen it I recommend checking out his channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@RamyRC>.



## Onboard camera

This month I've been mucking around with an onboard camera attached under the wing and so far it has gotten pretty good footage of the club and surrounding areas as well as some aerobatics.



## Upcoming events



**Sunday 24 May 2026**  
**Classic Flyers Aviation Museum**  
9 Jean Batten Drive, Mt Maunganui  
*Doors open 7.30 am. Auction starts 10.00am*

For more information refer to website:  
[www.taurangamodelfly.org/annual-auction](http://www.taurangamodelfly.org/annual-auction)  
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Contact the Club Secretary - Garry Bentley  
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## Models under construction

Alex's Seagull models 10cc Low Wing Sport trainer is under construction. 😊



## For Sale

Send anything you'd like to advertise for sale to other club members at [alex.br.marsh@gmail.com](mailto:alex.br.marsh@gmail.com)

## That's all for this newsletter!