



The Flight Line

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Welcome

A NOTE FROM THE CLUB

Welcome to the first edition of The Flight Line — the new newsletter for the Gore Aero Club. This publication is about our people, our flying, and the wider community that makes our club such a special place.

As we look back over the period from June to November 2026, there's a lot to be proud of. It has been a season of mixed weather at times, but despite the challenges we've made good progress across all areas of the club. There have been some settled spells, with mid-October delivering a particularly strong run of flying conditions, allowing plenty of aircraft hours and great flying experiences for members and students alike.

We've seen continued growth in our training activity, with a healthy number of new students joining the club and several achieving important milestones, from first solos to progressing through to licence stages. It's fantastic to see so many people taking to the skies and becoming part of our aviation community.

Behind the scenes, the club has also made solid progress with digital improvements. Our online booking system, website and member communications have continued to evolve, making it easier to stay connected and informed.

None of this happens without the people who give their time and support. A huge thank you to our members, students, instructors, committee and all our volunteers and supporters. Your commitment and enthusiasm keep the club thriving.

We're looking ahead to a busy and exciting summer, with more flying opportunities, training activity and club events on the horizon. We hope you enjoy this first edition of The Flight Line and look forward to sharing more of our stories with you.

See you at the club,

The Gore Aero Club Committee

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Meet the Team

THE PEOPLE BEHIND GORE AERO CLUB

Experienced • Supportive • Passionate About Flying



Devon Sansbury

CHIEF FLYING INSTRUCTOR

Devon trained at IAANZ in Christchurch and built his instructional experience in Wanaka. He works closely with Otago Aviation Academy and brings over 4,000 hours of flying experience to Gore Aero Club.

Known for being approachable and supportive, Devon is committed to helping every student develop their skills and confidence, whether they are taking their first flight or working towards their next goal.

Om Maisuria

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Om began his aviation journey in Nelson before training at IAANZ in Christchurch. He gained his instructor rating in 2025 and built valuable experience at U-Fly Wanaka before joining Gore Aero Club, arriving with around 800 hours of flying experience.

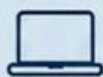
Om is passionate about creating a safe and enjoyable learning environment and takes pride in keeping his students enthusiastic about their flying journey.



A New Chapter

MOVING THE CLUB FORWARD

Since June, we've made some meaningful changes to improve how we connect, communicate and operate — building a stronger, more accessible Gore Aero Club for our members.



A Fresh New Website

BUILT BY NATWICK

Our website has had a complete refresh, designed and built by Natasha Chadwick of Natwick. The new site is cleaner, easier to navigate and better reflects who we are as a club, with up-to-date information for members and the wider community.



Online Bookings Now Live

SIMPLE, CONVENIENT, ACCURATE

Our club team has introduced a new online booking system, making it easier than ever to check availability and book aircraft. It's a big step forward in streamlining our operations and giving members more flexibility.



A Stronger Community Online

JOIN OUR WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

We now have a WhatsApp community where members can see aircraft availability, receive important updates, share information and stay connected with fellow club members. It's a simple and effective way to keep everyone in the loop.



Improved Taxiway Access

A SMOOTHER WAY IN

The taxiway has had a gravel improvement, making access much better for both aircraft and vehicles. This upgrade has addressed the previous issues with getting stuck, giving us more reliable and safer access in all conditions.

Terry's First Solo

A MILESTONE TO REMEMBER



Terry Forrester completed his first solo on 25 September 2026 at Wanaka, marking a major milestone in his flying journey.

Terry took to the skies on his own for the first time at a busy aerodrome, one that was new to him, making the achievement even more special. Flying solo in a new environment is a significant step for any student pilot, requiring solid preparation, sound decision-making and the ability to manage a busy circuit with confidence.

Terry's first solo was supervised by CFI Devon Sansbury, who has been guiding him through his training. Devon's support and instruction have helped Terry build the skills and confidence to reach this important milestone.

Congratulations Terry on a fantastic achievement — a great step forward in what is sure to be an exciting flying journey ahead!

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A great effort by Terry — his first solo at a busy aerodrome and one that was new to him is a real achievement. Well done!”

DEVON SANSBURY
CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Community & Volunteers

PEOPLE • FLYING • OUR COMMUNITY

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Natasha Chadwick

Gore Aero Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Natasha Chadwick of Natwick for generously volunteering her time and expertise to create our new website.

Natasha has been instrumental in giving our online presence a fresh, modern look that beautifully reflects who we are as a club — our people, our flying, and our community. From the initial ideas through to the final launch, she brought creativity, professionalism and a genuine understanding of our club's spirit to the project.

In addition to designing and building our new website, Natasha also helped with our recent photo shoot, capturing the essence of Gore Aero Club and the people who make it special. Her eye for detail and storytelling has helped us showcase our club in a way we can all be proud of.

This project was made possible with the support and encouragement of our committee, whose guidance and input helped shape the vision along the way. It's a great example of what can be achieved when talented people and a supportive team work together.



Natasha Chadwick of Natwick, whose creativity and generous support have helped bring our new website to life.



Our Volunteers Make It Happen

Natasha's contribution is a wonderful reminder of the huge value our volunteers bring to Gore Aero Club. Their time, skills and generosity help us grow, connect and keep our club thriving. **Thank you, Natasha, and thank you to all of our volunteers.**

Natwick

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CLUB NEWS

Club Updates

OUR AIRCRAFT • OUR PEOPLE • A BRIGHT FUTURE

The club continues to go from strength to strength, with our aircraft available, our members active, and growing interest in flying at Gore.



ZK-MSA

ZK-MSA remains available for private hire by eligible members. It has recently been fitted with a carburettor blanket to help reduce the risk of carb icing, adding an extra layer of safety for our members.



ZK-EAZ

ZK-EAZ remains available for private hire by eligible members. Both aircraft are being kept current, flyable, and up to date, with ongoing maintenance and regular checks to ensure they are ready for your flying.



Our Students

Student numbers are healthy and interest in learning to fly continues to grow. It's great to see more people taking the first steps on their aviation journey with the club.



Theory Success

We've had multiple PPL theory passes achieved recently, a fantastic effort and a sign of the dedication and commitment within our student group.

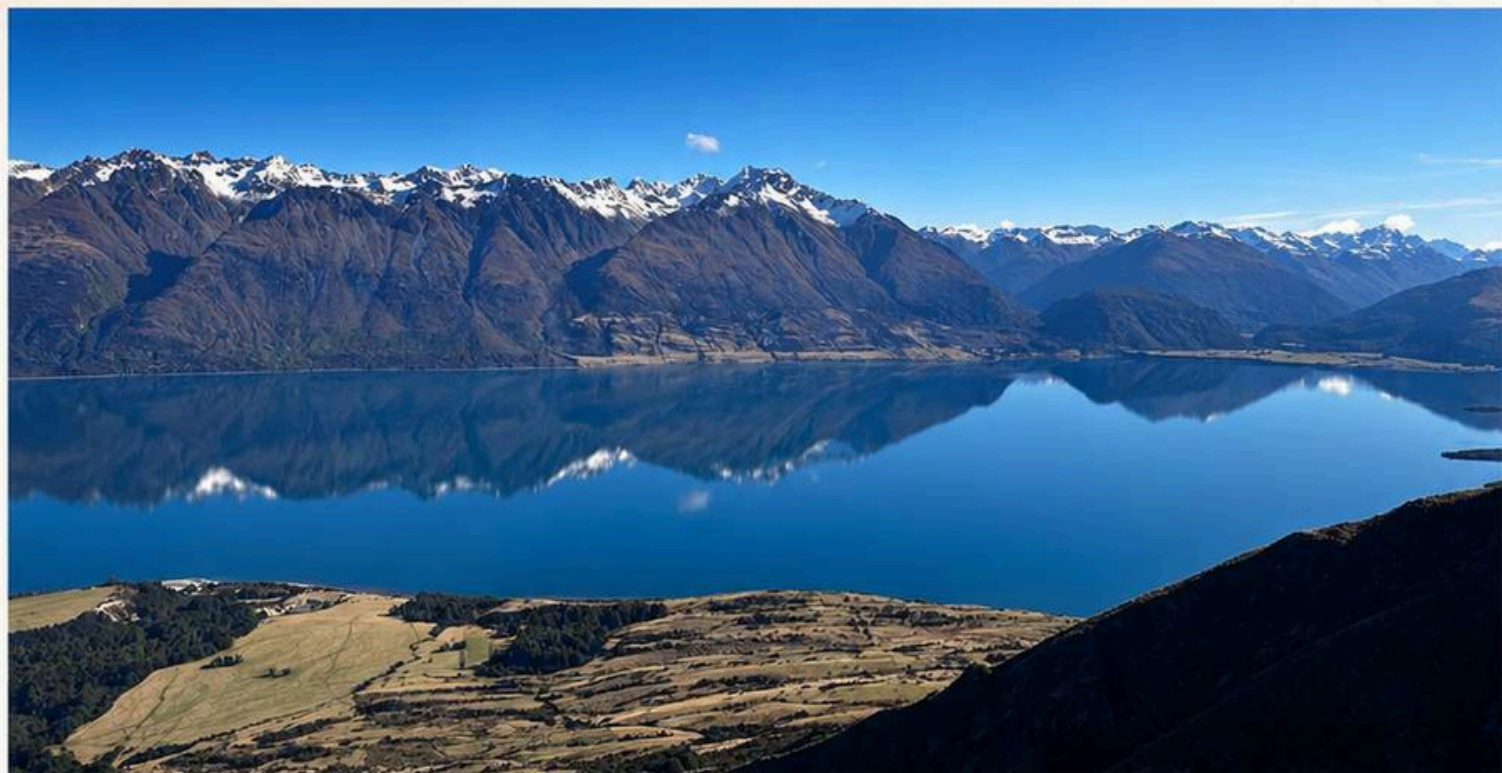


New Members Welcome

The club is keen to welcome more members. Whether you're looking to fly, support the club, or simply be part of our aviation community, we'd love to have you on board.

Around the Region

SCENES FROM THE SOUTHERN LAKES AND ALPS



— *Lake Wakatipu*



— *Mount Edward*

Looking Ahead

BRIGHT SKIES FOR OUR CLUB

More flying, more learning, and a stronger community — there's a lot to look forward to at Gore Aero Club.



Summer Flying

With longer days ahead, summer brings more time in the air and hopefully some better weather too. It's a great opportunity to build hours, explore our region, and enjoy everything that makes flying in Southland so special.



Night Flying

We're looking forward to offering night flying opportunities once our airfield lighting is in place and there's enough student interest. It's a valuable skill, great experience, and an exciting addition to our training options.



Club Competition

We're exploring the idea of a friendly Gore Aero Club competition for members. This could be a fun way to set goals, build skills and enjoy some friendly rivalry — more details to come as we shape the format.



Ground Sessions

We'll be running a series of ground sessions covering key topics including:

- P-charts and airspace
- Weight and balance
- Weather and forecasting
- Flight planning
- Operational knowledge

These sessions are a great way to build knowledge, confidence and safer flying habits.



Get Involved

Gore Aero Club is all about its people. Whether you're a student, a current member or just keen to support the club, there are plenty of ways to get involved — fly more, join a ground session, help out at club events, or share your ideas. A strong, active membership is what keeps our club thriving.



A Note of Thanks

We acknowledge the change in our club presidency from Hayden to Kent, and thank Hayden for his leadership and contribution.

A big thank you also to our dedicated committee members who give their time and energy to keep the club running so smoothly. Your efforts make a real difference.



People • Flying • Our Community