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Editors Note

Welcome to our latest newsletter, and I hope you enjoy reading about the last few events and our planned workshop in June. Thank you to Ian and Aukje for the articles to the newsletter.

We had good flies at Hobart, Binalong Bay and Bakers Beach—but unfortunately this year Devonport weather was not very favourable for flying kites. I am sure all those who attended the festivals enjoyed themselves regardless.

June has our AGM and Workshop at Camp Clayton. We hope for a good turn up as it is usually a very productive weekend.

Look forward to seeing you on the kite field

Avril
Editor



Hobart Kite Festival
January 2011.
Aukje Boonstra

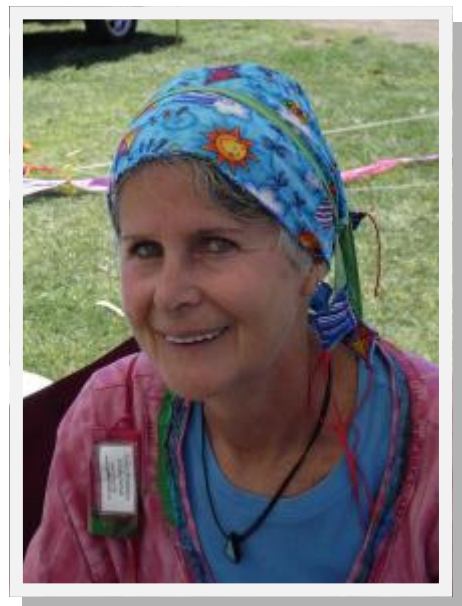
On the Saturday prior to the Festival Mal and I travelled from our home in East Devonport to Austins Ferry to Rodger's place. We had excellent weather travelling. Shortly after our arrival Rodger took us for a lovely walk through a reserve near where he lives. We did some bird watching as well as catching up. When we got back to the house, Flocky, Don and Elizabeth just had arrived for the barbecue. A little later David turned up as well. We had a very pleasant evening, eating drinking and enjoying ourselves. There was some very nice food to be shared.

After the barbecue Rodger, Dave, Mal, Don and Flocky went to the park across the road to have a bit of a fly. It was a nice sight, the blokes flying their kites, kids playing, people walking. A real balmy summer evening. Elizabeth and I had a bit of girl time and watched the fellows fly, sitting on the step in front of the house. Flocky, Mal and I stayed the night at Rodger's place, which was very comfortable. We felt right at home.

On the Sunday it was off to the Regatta grounds where the kite festival was held. Every one got busy setting up. It was another warm day. Not much wind to start of with, but that came up as the day went on. I went for a walk along the bike path. When I came back I saw so many colourful kites in the air. What a sight!! It would fill any one with happiness.

At the gazebo of the Kite Flyers of Tasmania, club members were selling sled kites by the dozen. They were doing a roaring trade. There were lots of parents and grand parents flying kites with children. It really was a perfect day for the festival with a real festive feel about it.

Yes it was a very successful day. Many sled kites were sold. The weather was great and the atmosphere was fantastic. We all enjoyed flying our kites. It always nice to fly them with others. Even though Mal and I spend some time untangling, but that is all part of it. It was good to catch up with other members. The Devonport Kite festival is on soon and we will do it all again.



Hobart Kite Festival, The Domain
January 2011



Devonport Kite Festival and Teddy Bear Drop
Devonport, February 2011

Avril Flewollen

The wind blew in gusts and spurts. We would nicely have a kite in the sky, and a gust would come from nowhere—and we were chasing kites and bols that had been ripped out of the ground. The only displays that seemed safe were Donna's ladybirds, the kite-arch and Alan Bailey's kites that he had anchored to his Lexus—that didn't blow away! Because the wind was so foul, the members decided not to attempt to put up the gazebo and sell kites. Needless to say, there were very few children's kites in the sky—and very few people attending the whole function.

Tim Swann gave us a display with his 6 stunters, which looked very impressive. The other Tim, had trouble keeping his feet on the ground with his parafoil. The children thought it was funny that he put a hole in the knee of his trousers as he skidded long the ground.

The Rotary Club was again selling bears for the Teddy Bear drop, which much to our disbelief, went ahead. The helicopter came, picked up the teddies, and flew out two testers, before releasing the net of teddies. A gust of wind came and blew all the teddies across the road, the beach and into the water. Not one teddy landed on the grassed area designated for the landings. Fortunately, the Devonport Surf Club was on patrol and they rescued all the teddies they could that had been stranded out to sea.

We hope for better winds next year!





Binalong Bay Retreat
February 2011

Avril Fleweller

Saturday afternoon Ian and I arrived at Taylor's Beach to begin our annual Binalong Bay Retreat. Robert, Alan Bailey and Flocky were already there and had been quite frustrated with the gusty winds. The winds settled down and we had a quick fly before going off to Robert and Tracey Brasington's for a BBQ. The evening was great, with good food, good company and plenty of stimulating conversations.

We usually head to Scamander for a Sunday fly, but due to the recent floods on the East Coast, the Scamander beach had been either washed away or what remained was littered with debris. Therefore, Robert had chosen Paddy's Island at Beaumaris. It had the usual beautiful white sands and blue seas characteristic of the East Coast. The breeze was great for flying. It took no time at all before we had a great display up. Robert had trains of kites filling the sky with colour and flowing organza. Alan had lizards, dogs, tiger and fish filling the sky. Tim Swann had just enough wind to buggie to the far end of the beach and back, then he and David added their flow forms, line laundry and spinners to the skies. Donna added her ladybirds, Ian had arches and bol. Rodger had to put up a fighter kite so high it was just a speck in the sky. It was great to see Flocky bringing some of his smaller kites out of hiding. We had a continual stream of spectators stopping and taking photos. What a fantastic day. East Coast has done it again by providing us with a great place to fly.





Narawntapu Fly Retreat
March 2011

Flocky had organised a weekend fly at Narawntapu National Park (Baker's Beach). Unfortunately it didn't fit well on people's calendars for various unforeseen reasons. But Flocky, Robert and I were able to take the opportunity and had a good weekend away.

We set up kites on the vast Spring Lawn area where Flocky was doing his best to tame some of his bigger flow forms by adding or altering various drogues or tails. I tried to "assist" by crossing lines and shortening his line by 50 ft or so, releasing Flocky's kite for a bit of untethered free flying. Luckily the kite didn't disappear and landed unharmed and best of all Flocky didn't seem too upset with me.

Robert flew a couple of his early kites to get some documentary photos before they disappeared back into the archives. He then took a few new projects to the beach to test fly and adjust in cleaner air. Nice to have a spot where we have the choice where to fly!

With all the facilities such as toilets and showers, BBQ's, cooking shelters and camping sites, we ended Saturday with sausages in bread, etc washing down with 'moderate' amounts of Rough Red (or orange juice) and set off for a comfortable night in our tents or vans.

Sunday brought even stronger and gustier winds to contend with. Avril brought her flu germs out to join us for coffee and lunch, and then home to unpack after a great kiting/camping get away.

A great weekend away for you to mark on the calendar for next year.

Cheers

Lucky Ian.



Kite Workshop
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June 2011
Camp Clayton

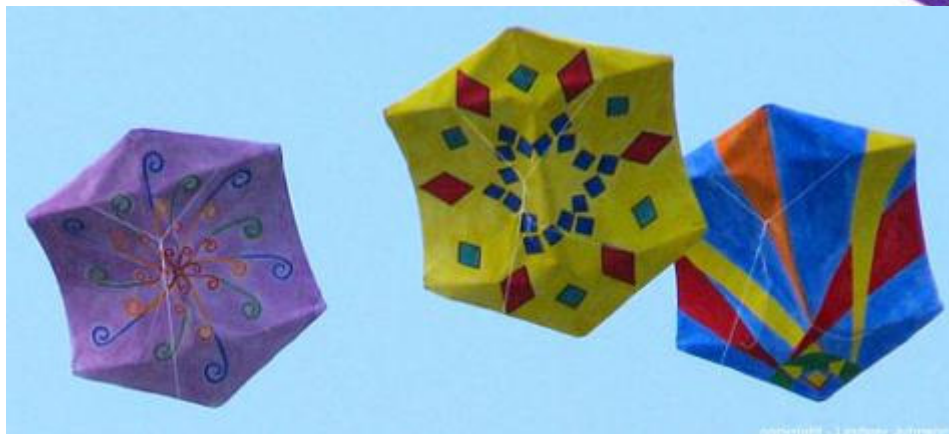
We are again holding our Workshop at Camp Clayton. This year, for those who want to, our plan is to make a Half Rokkaku—1.2m - so should fit nicely in your kite bag. Some of our newer members have decided a Rokkaku Fight is on the agenda—so come along and get into the game.

As we have plenty of red ripstop left over from last year, those who would like a Red Rok will have material supplied. If you want a different colour, you must supply your own material or arrange with Robert Brasington for ripstop at \$15/m for the skin. Robert will be making up kits for spars, endcaps, bridle line, etc. Cost is approx. \$18 which can be paid with your registration. The aim of the weekend is to make the kite so that we can fly at the workshop, then work on the skin design later. Template will be available at the workshop. Bring your own sewing machine, cottons, and good humour.

If you would prefer to work on your own projects, you are certainly welcome to join us.

If you are staying for the weekend, Camp Clayton will provide great accommodation—just bring your linen, doona or sleeping bags. All food will be provided in the cost and there will be plenty of it. If you prefer not to stay overnight, costs for meals and attendance are as listed on the registration sheet.

Kite Flyers of Tasmania will be holding their AGM on the Saturday evening at 7.30 pm at Camp Clayton. If you are not attending, please forward your proxy votes in writing (no email or phone proxy accepted) to the Secretary prior to the meeting on the 4th June.



**2011 Workshop/AGM Registration Form
4th-5th June 2011**

Forward to: Avril Flewelling, 40 Water Street, Ulverstone Tas. 7315 or
Email: flewellena@gmail.com
By Thursday 19th May

Participant/s.....

- Thank you, but I shall not be attending the weekend.
 I confirm that I will be attending the workshop/AGM during the following times and at the following costs.

All weekend—Accommodation and Meals	\$88.00 x	=
Day Visitor—Saturday 4th June			
> 4 hours	\$8.80 x	=
< 4 hours	\$4.40 x	=
Lunch	\$13.20 x	=
Dinner	\$17.60 x	=
Day Visitor—Sunday 5th June			
> 4 hours	\$8.80 x	=
Lunch	\$13.20 x	=
Number of Kite kits	\$18.00 x	=
# Less member subsidy			
(Single \$25.00/Family \$30)		=	[\$25/30]
Balance Due		=

Special dietary arrangements.....

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not pay on registration. An account shall be prepared based on your registration and presented to you as you arrive. Some members may like to take the opportunity to renew their membership at the Workshop/AGM weekend.

AGM: Proxy, Nominations and Issues

Ibeing a member of Kite Flyers of Tasmania Inc. do pass on my apologies to the AGM that I will not be attending the meeting and wish to give my voting proxy tobeing a member who is eligible to vote.

[signed][date].....

I would also like to nominate the following people to the following vacant positions:

[President, Vice-President, Secretary, Public Officer, Treasurer]

[Nominee].....[Position].....

[Nominee][Position].....

I would like the club to discuss the following issues:.....

Proxy votes or postal votes can be submitted by post to Malcolm Dick, Secretary,
114 David Street, East Devonport, 7310.