NORTH ISLAND LEISURE MARCHING 2025 TAURANGA

17 & 18th October 2025



NEWSLETTER NO.1

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2025 North Island event. The Tauranga teams hosting the event are looking forward to seeing you all in our beautiful Bay of Plenty in October.

All newsletters will be emailed to teams we have email addresses for, plus we will post on both the Leisure Marching facebook group and the Leisure Marching website.

Further newsletters with additional information will be sent out in June, August and early October.

Venue

We are very happy to once again be holding the event at Mercury Bay Park, in the Lion Foundation Centre. The floor area will be laid with tiles and the marching area marked. Plenty of parking is available at the stadium and we will be organising with the venue to have a roped off area for a final practice or run through if needed.

This is a non-smoking venue however there are designated outdoor areas for smokers. Please note that we will not have an official photographer at the venue.

MUSIC

We are also happy to announce that Brian Yanko is going to be attending our event as MC and music maestro for the day. Brian will accept either a CD or USB for team music.

RUN THROUGHS

Availability will be advised at a later date.



REFRESHMENTS

The arena caterers will be providing food and drinks during the event.

Our Committee will be working with the caterers to ensure the food provided will be suitable for our visiting team's requirements.

SOCIAL VENUE

Our Tauranga group is excited to advise that we have been able to book the Saturday **Tauranga City** night social event at the Classic Flyers Museum. The Museum is located at 9 Jean Batten Drive, Mount Maunganui. The theme for the night is **'The War Years'** so put your thinking caps on! There will be wonderful opportunities for photos and while we won't have an official photographer there, our Tauranga ladies will be around and only too happy to take team photos with your own camera/phone if you wish.

For your information, we have given a little insight into the history of the Classic Flyers Museum below:



A group of passionate aviation enthusiasts got together in 2000 to explore the possible preservation of an old 1940's hangar on the Tauranga airfield and to further a dream to protect the rich history of New Zealand aviation. This project evolved over a few years into the establishment in 2005 of the Classic Flyers Museum, function centre with café and bar, and scenic flight centre.

The complex now consists of the Main Legacy Jet Hangar, a restoration hangar and a flight operations hangar, along with a flight apron.

Classic Flyers offer flights in a number of classic flying machines. There are several flight options, however, while you are here in Tauranga you could experience the true excitement of flying and book a flight in an open Bi-Plane. You can be suited up in the traditional flight suit, helmet and goggles and then strapped into the cockpit and when airborne feel the wind in your face and relive the old intrepid early days of flight!

The Museum is located at 9 Jean Batten Drive, Mount Maunganui. Phone 075724000 and can also be contacted via www.classicflyersnz.com.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE VENUE AND THE EVENING FUNCTION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.



Registration, Social and Merchandise Order Forms

These forms are attached with the closing date for all orders being 30th June 2025.

Please note that we are not supplying ribbons to everyone at this event, but these can be ordered and there is a space on the order form to complete if you would like to receive a ribbon. There is no charge for the ribbons – this is simply to stop the cost of printing unwanted ribbons.

Late Registrations

A late fee of \$50 per team will apply to any team registering after the closing date of 30 June 2025.

Additional Team Member Registrations

If a new member joins your team after registration closing date we will accept the paid registration fee of \$25 up until 1 October, however, it would be helpful if you could advise us as soon as possible of any changes to team numbers.

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Their participation by way of paid advertising assists with the costs of running this event and enables our Committee to maintain the charges for our event attendees at a reasonable level.

We also acknowledge sponsors who have helped with early funding for the event – Harris & Co, Chartered Accountants, Matamata 10th Avenue Café, Tauranga Tauranga City Council Tauranga Commercial Laundry

Cheers ladies Glenice Dando - Secretary Tauranga North Islands 2025 Committee Email :- taurangaleisuremarchers@gmail.com