

WHO DO I TALK TO ABOUT POTENTIAL BREACHES OF THE RULES?

If you would like more information about whether your operations meet the CAA regulations, advice on how to plan a safe and legal flight, or if you are concerned that the regulations are being breached, phone the CAA on 04 560 9480, or email at info@caa.govt.nz

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to RPAS operations, you should contact the Office of the Privacy Commissioner on 07 474 7595 or email enquiries@privacy.org.nz

WHERE'S THE BEST PLACE TO FLY MY DRONE?

While permission to use drones and other RPAS has been granted for all Council owned land, these parks and reserves in the Western Bay are considered most suitable for the operation of drones:

- South End Reserve, Bowentown
- Moore Park, Katikati
- Tetley Road Landing Reserve, Katikati
- Western Ave Sports Ground, Omokoroa
- Maramatanga Park, Te Puna
- Centennial Park, Te Puke
- Lawrence Oliver Park, Te Puke
- Paengaroa Domain
- Midway Park, Pukehina

Please note that some of these parks are located in controlled airspace, so you will need permission from Air Traffic Control to fly - go to www.airshare.co.nz



WANT MORE?

There are active model aircraft clubs in the Western Bay.

The benefit of club memberships include access to member-only facilities and also the opportunity for further education about best practice flying.

Please see their websites below for further information:

Western Bay Model Flyers:
www.wbmf.weebly.com

Tauranga Model Aircraft Club:
www.taurangamodelfly.com

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Barkes Corner, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton
Private Bag 12803, Tauranga 3143
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Katikati Library & Service Centre
36 Main Road, Katikati • P 07 571 8008

Waihi Beach Library & Service Centre
Waihi Beach Community Centre, Waihi Beach
P 0800 926 732 • 07 571 8008

Omokoroa Library & Service Centre
McDonnell Street, Omokoroa • P 07 571 8008

Te Puke Library & Service Centre
130 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke • P 07 571 8008

DRONES IN THE WESTERN BAY

Your guide to flying Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) in the Western Bay of Plenty



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District Council*

www.westernbay.govt.nz/drones



Whether you're going to the park to fly your toy helicopter, or you've joined the increasing number of people flying drones for fun or commercial purposes, it's important you know what you can, and cannot, do in the Western Bay.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council readily permits the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) – commonly known as drones – on Council-owned land throughout the District.

This is as long as the user obeys all Civil Aviation rules, and ensures their RPAS does not cause annoyance, hazard or inconvenience to other users of Council's reserves.

We believe our permissive approach is appropriate as there is currently no evidence of safety or privacy issues arising from RPAS operations in the District.

Permitted RPAS include:

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)
- Remote controlled model aircraft
- Drones

WHAT RULES DO I NEED TO OBEY?

There are strict regulations set by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for the use of RPAS. It's your responsibility as an operator to understand and follow them.

New rules introduced by the CAA came into effect on 1 August 2015 and these include the requirement to obtain approval from the land owner and any person that you want to fly over.

A key driver in the development of these regulations was the rising number of RPAS and the associated safety and privacy issues that can arise from their use.

Council is not responsible for setting and monitoring these rules but is required to give landowner permission for the use of the District's public land by RPAS operators.

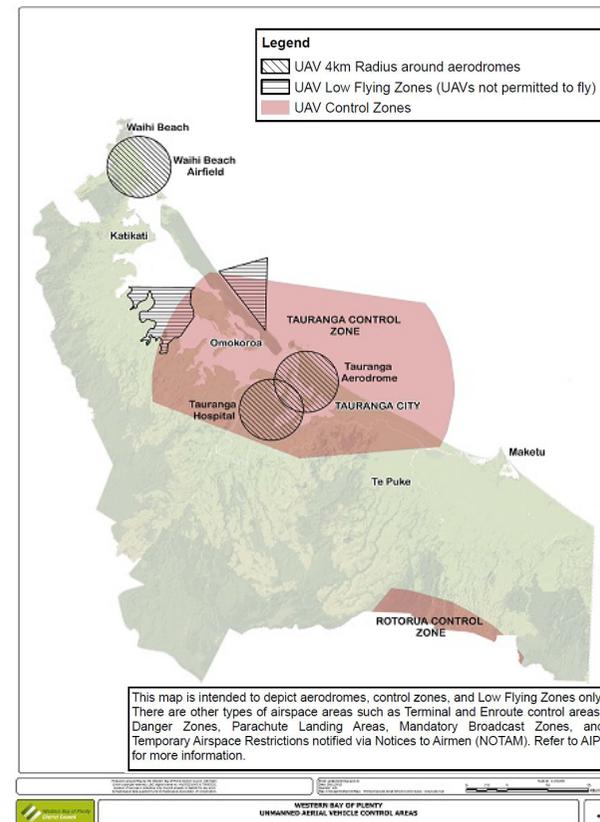
The new rules come in addition to existing CAA and Air Traffic Control rules on where and how you can fly unmanned aircraft, and the permissions you need to get before doing so.

You can find the regulations and further information at www.caa.govt.nz

WHERE CAN'T I FLY?

A key component of CAA regulations relate to exclusion zones and controlled airspace.

Exclusion zones apply within 4km of any aerodrome. There is only one exclusion zone in the Western Bay – around the Waihi Beach airfield.



In Tauranga City, there are exclusion zones within 4km of Tauranga Airport and Tauranga Hospital. The controlled airspace for Tauranga Airport extends over a large part of the Western Bay, including Omokoroa, Te Puna and some of Papamoa.

If you want to fly anything in a controlled airspace, you need permission from Air Traffic Control.

Please note that this map is indicative and current as at 1 December 2015. Operators should ensure that they are up to date with current restrictions before flying.

www.airshare.co.nz provides access to an interactive version of this map, where you can see the boundaries of the restricted areas in much more detail. The website also has further information about operating your RPAS safely, planning your flights and requesting access to controlled airspace where applicable. It is highly recommended you check it out.

DO I NEED PERMISSION FROM ANYONE ELSE?

As an RPAS operator, you need to respect the privacy of people using parks and reserves. The CAA regulations require operators to gain consent from any person that their craft may fly over.

This means you must engage with people in the vicinity of where you are using your craft and take reasonable steps to avoid flying over people (see CAA Advisory Circular AC101-1 on the CAA website).

You need to manage this requirement if you intend to fly in areas where someone who has not given consent can appear beneath their operations (e.g. in a busy park).

As the regulator of RPAS operations, the CAA is responsible for enforcing the regulations and investigating complaints related to safety.

The CAA can issue warnings and infringements for non-compliance, or prosecute operators committing serious offences.