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Increased profit for airport



Auckland Airport has announced a reported profit after tax of \$142.284 million for the financial year ended June 30, a 41.2 per cent increase on the year before. Underlying profit after taxation was also up by 15 per cent, reaching \$139.025 million.

Chair Joan Withers says the improved results were largely fuelled by growth in passenger numbers across all airport interests – Auckland, Queenstown, Cairns and Mackay.

"We are pleased to have built on last year's breakout profit result and delivered an even better financial and operational performance for this financial year. This is in spite of difficult global economic conditions and

weaknesses in traditional long-haul markets."

According to Auckland Airport's acting chief executive Simon Robertson, the company can't rest on its laurels.

"If we do not remain relentlessly ambitious about growth, we are likely to lose ground against the offshore destinations and airports we regard as New Zealand's natural competition.

"We have set ourselves some long-term ambitious targets to grow international visitor volumes and value. As one of the industry leaders, we must play our part in promoting New Zealand around the world as a travel, trade and tourism destination."

Daily flights from Auckland to Taiwan

Passengers will soon be able to fly from Auckland to Taipei every day of the week once China Airlines starts flying via Sydney four times a week at the end of October.

The new service complements the existing three times a week service to Taipei via Brisbane and will help drive Ambition 2020 targets, delivering a potential \$50 million in tourism and trade with Taiwan.

China Airlines announced the new service in August and Auckland Airport general manager aeronautical commercial Glenn Wedlock says it marks a significant step that will deliver fantastic opportunities for growth from a number of markets.

"These services not only deliver great connections to Taipei and China Airlines' extensive global network but, importantly, build the SkyTeam presence on the Auckland



hub enabling further code share traffic across key markets such as China, Korea, Europe and the Americas."

The new service will be served by A330-300 aircraft with a total of 307 seats, including 30 business class seats, adding more than 120,000 seats to the Auckland route.

www.china-airlines.com

CAA's top safety award

Auckland Airport airfield manager Dennis Millington has become the first person from the airport sector to receive an individual Civil Aviation Director's Award, recognising his outstanding contribution to safety in aviation.



The awards are open to all individuals, operators and organisations involved in the wider aviation industry and this particular award is presented to an individual whose actions have directly resulted in safety standards being raised and who have encouraged others in the industry to do the same.

Dennis was recognised for his overall contribution to various airfield safety and operational forums over the past 12 years, in particular his part in the successful implementation and operation of the CAT II/III instrument landing system and low visibility procedures. He was also acknowledged for his innovative thinking through introducing stand guidance lights to help aircraft having difficulty taxiing to gate during poor visibility conditions.

This is a fantastic achievement for Dennis and for Auckland Airport. Dennis will receive his award from CAA Director Graeme Harris later this year.

Charity starts at the snow



Auckland Airport's Chill Factor 2012 team, from left: The Stig, Tony Beattie, Jonathan Buchan and Tony Scott (Scottie).

It's not every day you see firefighters in their full gear snowboarding down a mountain while attached to a fire hose, but that's just what early bird Coronet Peak visitors were treated to last month.

Mind you, it was all for a good cause: the annual Chill Factor Challenge. The annual event, in its second year, raises money for Queenstown's Bruce Grant Youth Trust, a charity that helps youth undertake sporting, arts or cultural activities.

Auckland Airport firefighter Tony Scott organised the challenge, and just for good measure added a second event, climbing a 150m hill while still in full firefighting gear.

"It doesn't sound very high but that event finished me," Tony says.

"Both events were out of this world."

The teams – from Queenstown, Wanaka and Auckland – raised \$8500 with this year's event, almost \$7100 of which came from Auckland Airport's firefighting team who had been collecting in the terminals. Tony says that amount constitutes a third of what the Trust usually gives out in a year.

"It was really great because this year we got to meet the parents of some of the children who have received funding from the Trust. So we got to see it in action, so to speak."

For the record, the Queenstown team defended their Chill Factor title, and Wanaka took first, second and third in the K2 climb.

www.brucegrantyouthtrust.org.nz

New development ready for lease

The newly completed warehouse facility at 8 Landing Drive offers one company a fantastic opportunity to be based in the rapidly expanding Auckland Airport Business District.

The development occupies a 6325sqm site, including a clear span warehouse measuring 3000sqm, 320sqm of office space, a 464sqm canopy, 1341sqm of yard space and 30 carparks. A further 1000sqm of warehouse space could also be added.

It's ideal for a wide range of tenants, including freight and logistics, freight forwarding, wholesale trade, import/export, or manufacturing and assembly.

Auckland Airport property development manager Sean Leonard says the development gives the end user high quality industrial space with good operational areas, a large canopy and an office overlooking the yard areas.



"The facility's design incorporates a number of attributes sought by the market to ensure it is more attractive than other buildings. We are already getting good enquiry levels for the facility, with a number of operators looking at it."

Contact Sean Leonard on (09) 255 9230, 027 277 0507 or sean.leonard@aucklandairport.co.nz for more details.

Ecoya store finalist in DINZ awards

The ECOYA store in Auckland Airport's airside retail area has been selected as a finalist in the Design Institute of New Zealand (DINZ) "Best" Awards Spatial category.

The 23sqm concept store is the Kiwi fragrance and bodycare brand's first retail space in New Zealand and is a joint design venture between Graham Crust Architects and ECOYA. It incorporates a light feature that references a flame – an affirmation to the company's core candle products.



"The store is a true representation of the ECOYA brand," ECOYA CEO Geoff Ross says, "providing products that simply and fragrantly endorse the clean green image we portray as a country."

The DINZ Best Awards showcase New Zealand's best graphic, interactive, product and special design. The winners of each category will be announced at an awards ceremony on October 5.

www.ecoya.com



The increase in the number of domestic passengers that went through Queenstown Airport in July 2012 when compared to July 2011.

Champions welcome for medallists



New Zealand’s medal-winning Olympians received a hero’s welcome when their flights landed at Auckland Airport in August.

Led out into the arrivals hall by gold medal-winning sailors Jo Aleh and Olivia Powrie, the virtual parade of gold, silver and bronze medallists thrilled the hundreds of Aucklanders who had been gathering since the “golden flight” from London via Singapore landed.

Media and fans alike mobbed the group, which included crowd favourites Mahe Drysdale, Hamish Bond and Eric Murray, their multi medal-winning rowing teammates, the silver medal-winning 49er

pair of Peter Burling and Blair Tuke, and fourth-placed women’s Black Sticks hockey team.

The cycling team – including bronze medal winner Simon van Velthoven, BMX’s silver medal winner Sarah Walker and the bronze medal-winning men’s pursuit team – had arrived earlier that morning and gold medal-winning kayaker Lisa Carrington (pictured) arrived a week later.

New Zealand won 13 medals at the London Olympic Games and all but Valerie Adams and her belated gold were on display at a special welcome home parade in Christchurch at the end of August.

City to airport for just \$5

Did you know that all employees of Auckland Airport-based businesses are entitled to ride the Airbus Express for just \$5?

The Airbus Express is a great option for anyone commuting between Auckland City and the airport (domestic or international terminals) – it’s convenient, sustainable and affordable.



The buses run every 10 minutes during the weekday peak time of 7am-7pm and every 15 minutes over the weekend.

The \$5 one-way fare and \$45 10-trip multi-ride ticket are available from October 1 and are a substantial saving off the cost of the normal Airbus Express bus fare. To receive the fare you’ll need to present either an Auckland Airport photo identity or one of the new Airbus Express Staff ID cards at the time of purchase. The multi-ride ticket is only available at the Airbus Express kiosk.

The new Airbus Express Staff ID can be obtained as of today from the ADT office within the short-term covered car park at the domestic terminal.

ADT can issue IDs on the spot Monday to Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. They will need to sight personal ID and proof that you are a current employee of an Auckland Airport-based business. This could be a recent pay slip or a signed letter from your manager on company letterhead. The Airbus Express Staff ID is valid for a year from date of issue and costs \$7.

If you have any questions email stopthebus@airbus.co.nz and visit www.airbus.co.nz for the bus route and timetable.

To find out if your business is eligible for the Airbus Express staff discount, email trish.cochrane@aucklandairport.co.nz

Proximity plus



Toll Global Forwarding is settling in nicely to its new Westney Road warehouse facility in the Auckland Airport Business District.

A division of Toll Group, Toll Global Forwarding is one of the largest freight forwarding logistics businesses in the Asia Pacific region and the largest mover of non-perishable airfreight in New Zealand.

It’s the company’s first facility to be based at Auckland Airport.

Auckland Airport property development manager Ian Passau welcomed Toll Global Forwarding to the area.

“Toll is one of the leading providers of integrated logistics solutions in the

Asian region and this location, alongside other major freight and logistics firms at the Auckland Airport Business District, gives them close proximity and ease of connectivity to New Zealand’s largest transport hub,” Ian says.

The \$13.2 million facility includes 5000sqm of warehouse space, 1800sqm of office space and more than 2760sqm of canopies, the largest of which is a 33.5m deep breezeway canopy.

Toll Global Forwarding moved into their new headquarters in April this year, 11 months after their decision to locate to the Auckland Airport Business District was announced.

www.tollnz.co.nz

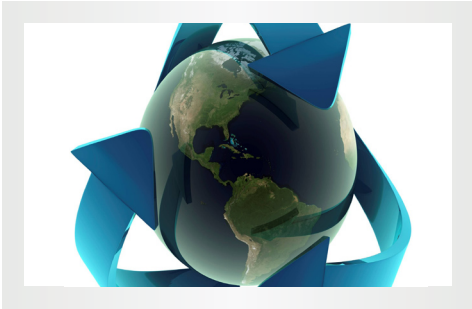
Subtle changes make a difference

The results of Auckland Airport’s waste management survey will be put into action when some subtle changes are introduced in September.

These changes will not be obvious around the terminal, but behind the scenes they will provide the platform for waste reduction, increased recycling and, in the future, waste minimisation.

Sustainability advisor Martin Fryer is looking forward to turning the time spent identifying and understanding opportunities for change by looking closely at waste quantities and disposal routes into actions.

“As the programme builds over time and more waste is diverted from landfill, we will



have a great opportunity to communicate our success to tenants and passengers.”

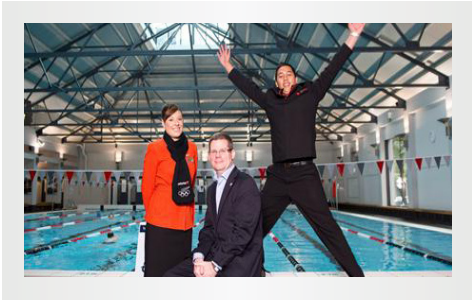
The waste audit was conducted earlier this year and the results analysed by the airport’s Waste Working Group. OCS Wasteline took over Auckland Airport’s waste management on July 1.

Jetstar celebrates Olympic efforts

Our athletes won the medals, but it was Kiwi travellers who benefitted after Jetstar put more than 1500 extra cheap domestic fares up for sale in August.

Jetstar, a New Zealand Olympic Committee partner, had pledged to offer 120 domestic seats at \$12 each for every medal the New Zealand Olympic team secured in London. The team’s record-equalling haul of 13 medals meant that 1560 of the specially priced seats went on sale and were quickly snapped up.

Jetstar also flew the New Zealand Olympic team members from Auckland to Christchurch for the special “welcome home



Jetstar crew members with Jetstar NZ and Australia CEO David Hall (centre) at the announcement of special Jetstar fares based on NZ Olympic team medal haul.

tour” on August 24 in Hagley Park, Christchurch.

www.jetstar.co.nz

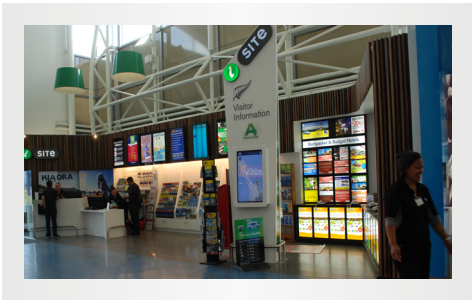
Handy resource for everyone

Auckland Airport’s i-SITE isn’t just for tourists; it’s also the perfect source of information and bookings if you’re planning a trip to anywhere else in New Zealand.

New manager Ilona Deane is keen to encourage those working in and around the airport to take advantage of the i-SITE’s services.

“It’s such a great resource to have so close by – you can just pop in for advice on travel experiences right throughout New Zealand, including activities and accommodation, and make bookings on the spot. You could have your holiday sorted in your lunch break.”

Ilona recently joined the Auckland Airport i-SITE team after having previously worked in the international and domestic terminals,



as well as the Sir George Seymour National College of Airline, Travel and Tourism.

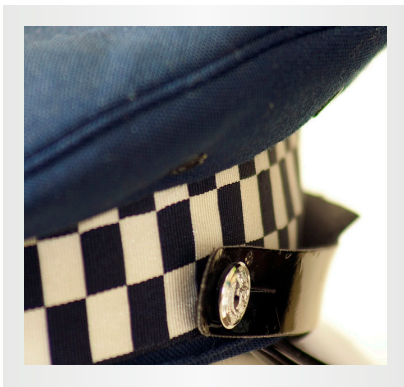
The recently spruced up airport i-SITE is located opposite McDonald’s in the international arrivals area.

For more information or travel bookings, visit the i-SITE, call 0800 AUCKLAND or email reservations@aucklandnz.com

Keeping the airport safe: the Airport Police

It has been another busy month for the airport police.

Our crime figures continue to be among the lowest in New Zealand, however, as with any area we do witness “blips”. The key to stopping these lies in community partnerships and Auckland Airport has one of the largest and best examples of partnerships working in the country.



We operate an inter-agency community tasking group once a month that invites various key members of the community, such as the Chamber of Commerce, to the police station to discuss current issues and possible future trends. As a result we pride ourselves on knowing what is happening within our small but dynamic community.

Nevertheless we cannot rest on our laurels. If you are reading this article and believe that you have a need to interact with your police then please take the next step – we are only a phone call (09 275 9046) or visit away.

We are happy to work with any organisation, anyone who visits, has a business interest or is part of the workforce at the airport and can offer presentations on our specialist role.

On a final note it was an honour to meet and greet the New Zealand Olympic athletes recently, their humble nature and sense of dedication was only outshone by the medals around their necks.

