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## Shop more at Auckland Airport

An increased demand from travellers for retail therapy has resulted in two great new outlets at Auckland Airport's international terminal.

New Zealand's global natural products company, Comvita, and a healthy food outlet JuicyDetails, have opened at the international terminal.

Comvita's CEO, Brett Hewlett, recognises that their brand is growing in the Chinese market and the airport is a perfect location for a store.

"China represents an ever-growing opportunity for the Comvita brand. A store at the airport is ideal for growing brand awareness and offers visitors the opportunity to take home Comvita products for use in their home country."

JuicyDetails is also joining the ever-expanding range of retail outlets at the international

terminal. The kiosk offers travellers a range of freshly squeezed juices and smoothies as well as wraps and sandwiches made from fresh, local ingredients; something regular visitors have been looking for at Auckland Airport.

Richard Barker, Auckland Airport's general manager retail and commercial, welcomes Comvita and JuicyDetails.

"The addition of the Auckland Airport Comvita kiosk gives the brand significant reach into the New Zealand tourism sector. What's more, travellers often want something quick and healthy to eat before a long haul flight. JuicyDetails fills that niche."

## Work starts on new combined terminal

Ground works to extend Auckland Airport's international baggage hall have commenced, marking the first phase of the airport's new combined domestic and international terminal.

The 90 metre extension will increase the international baggage hall floor area by approximately 2,500 square metres. It will cost \$8.4 million and will be completed by 30 November 2014 – just in time for the 2014 summer peak travel season.

Adrian Littlewood, Auckland Airport's chief executive, said it is an exciting step towards having a combined domestic and international terminal.

"We are committed to delivering on our 30-year vision for the 'airport of the future' and the expansion of our international baggage hall is the first step of many."

The 30-year vision includes building the combined domestic and international terminal, and building a second runway by around 2025. It is estimated that the number of passengers travelling through Auckland Airport every year will almost treble and the number of flights to double by 2044.



Auckland Airport chief executive, Adrian Littlewood, starting the ground works to extend the international baggage hall.

# Auckland Airport 2014 Aeronautical Awards announced



The New Zealand Customs Service and China Southern Airlines have been recognised for their service to Auckland Airport at this year's Aeronautical Awards.

The annual Aeronautical Awards recognise the achievements of service providers and airlines for the critical roles they play at the airport.

This year, the 2014 Service Provider Award was awarded to the New Zealand Customs Service for their contribution to improving passenger departure experience. Paul Campbell, group manager border operations, New Zealand Customs Service says it was a team effort.

"Auckland Airport, Aviation Security, Statistics New Zealand and New Zealand Customs worked together to improve the departures process for passengers while enabling our officers to better deliver the critical elements of their duties."

China Southern Airlines was presented with the 2014 Airline of the Year Award. The airline

provides a vital link to China and recently announced double daily flights between Guangzhou and Auckland during peak times.

Mike Ma, China Southern's general manager New Zealand, said expansion has been rapid and they are grateful for the support received from Auckland Airport.

"We are thrilled to win this award. We believe the Guangzhou - Auckland route is beneficial for the trade, tourism, cultural exchange and political enhancement between New Zealand and China."

Judy Nicholl, Auckland Airport general manager aeronautical operations, congratulated this year's recipients.

"Auckland Airport would like to congratulate the New Zealand Customs Service and China Southern Airlines for their contribution and fantastic performance throughout the year."

## Future Director Programme leads the way

Shelley Cave has been accepted into the Future Director Programme. The Programme assists talented executives in developing the skills required to become a board of director.

Established in 2013, the Future Director Programme was created to broaden the pool of professionals who are qualified to take on governance roles within a large public company. As part of the programme, Shelley will observe and participate in Auckland Airport Boardroom discussions for a period of 12 months.

Auckland Airport's Chair, Sir Henry van der Heyden believes participating in the Programme is important.

"The Programme helps promote diversity of leadership and the development of governance talent. We are looking forward to Shelley joining our board discussions."

Shelley Cave responded by saying, "I am delighted to have been selected by the Board and I look forward to developing my governance skills at Auckland Airport."



| Shelley Cave joins the Future Director Programme



## Air NZ Dreamliner touches down

The new striking black Air New Zealand Dreamliner 787-9 touched down on Friday 11 July at Auckland Airport. VIPs and media travelled on its maiden voyage and were met by Air New Zealand crew performing a rousing haka.



The flight to Auckland took 14 hours from the Paine Field at Boeing's Everett factory, north of Seattle. More than 45 Air New Zealand staff greeted the plane at the aircraft engineering base.

Airline engineer Stu Rentoul said it's great to finally have it here.

"It's a lot different. It's a flying computer."

The airline is the first in the world to fly the larger, new generation version of the long-range jet. Able to seat 302 passengers comfortably, its twin engines are quieter and approximately 20 per cent more fuel-efficient.

The Dreamliner will begin on the Auckland to Perth route from 15 October. With a price tag of NZ\$284 million each, Air New Zealand intend to add a further nine 787-9 aircraft to the fleet and are expecting the first delivery, of three more by the end of the year, to be used on the Shanghai and Tokyo service.

## Te Kaitaka up for World Architecture Festival Award



Auckland Airport's showcase building 'Te Kaitaka' – 'The Cloak' is up for a prestigious World Architecture Festival Award.

Fearon Hay Architects were selected to design the groundbreaking building when they won a design competition run by Auckland Airport in February 2012. The competition called for architects to design a flexible meeting and event space at 1A Leonard Isitt Drive. The project was successfully completed in February 2014.

Te Kaitaka is competing in the display category against eight other projects from around the world, including one other New Zealand entry.

The World Architecture Festival Awards are being held from 1-3 October 2014 in Marina Bay, Singapore and will be attended by Fearon Hay Architects. They are the world's largest architecture festival and live awards competition.

## Auckland Airport's Gold Medal Awards now open for applications

Auckland Airport's Gold Medal Awards are available to sports groups, schools and Marae who wish to apply for assistance to support their sport or club goals.

The awards, which are in their fifth year, offer a total sponsorship fund of up to \$30,000. They aim to develop healthy young people in the Auckland region through sport and fitness.

Teams and groups can apply for funding which can be used for purchasing sports equipment, for coaching or training purposes or for helping with travel and accommodation costs for sporting events. Preference will be given to applications where the funding will be used for particular projects or initiatives that will result in tangible outcomes.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 2014.

More information and application forms can be found at: [www.aucklandairport.co.nz](http://www.aucklandairport.co.nz).



# Auckland Airport's Emperor Lounge receives international recognition

The global Priority Pass Lounge of the Year Awards 2014 saw Emperor Lounge at Auckland Airport receive a Highly Commended award.



Located in the international terminal, the Emperor Lounge is open to international passengers that do not have access to airline club facilities. Guests enjoy complementary refreshments, freshly prepared dishes, shower facilities and free WiFi in a tranquil setting.

Winnie Lo, Priority Pass executive director, said guests decide who receives an award when they rate their experience.

"With over 84,000 visits rated, the awards recognise Priority Pass lounges that deliver an exceptional experience. It is with great pleasure we present the Highly Commended award for Best Refreshments to the Emperor Lounge."

Richard Barker, Auckland Airport's general manager of retail, says the award acknowledges the work the team put into ensuring a world-class standard.

"Since it opened in 2012 we have worked in partnership with LSG Sky Chefs to develop the premium food and service offering for our Emperor Lounge visitors. We are thrilled that this successful collaboration has been recognised."

Entry to the Emperor Lounge can be pre-booked online at [www.emperorlounge.co.nz](http://www.emperorlounge.co.nz) from \$49 per adult.

# Counting down to ICC Cricket World Cup 2015

With a little over 200 days until the first ball of the tournament – one in which Auckland will play a starring role – the official clock is already counting down.

It is 23 years since New Zealand last hosted the Cricket World Cup (CWC) with Australia. As a host city for the 2015 event, Auckland has been given an official countdown clock and it is already ticking.

Located next to the Jean Batten memorial statue, outside the Novotel Hotel and near the entrance to the international terminal building, Bridget Spraggon, Auckland Airport marketing manager, said watching the clock tick down is exciting.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to have the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 countdown clock at the airport. We have installed it in a high traffic area for everyone to enjoy. Excitement is already building amongst cricket fans."



The tournament will run from 14 February to 29 March 2015, with over a million people estimated to attend the 49 games. New Zealand will also play host to more than 400 players and officials who make up the 14 teams from around the cricketing world: England, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Africa Zimbabwe, West Indies, Ireland, Scotland, Afghanistan, United Arab Emirates and, of course, host countries Australia and New Zealand. For match information go to [www.cricketworldcup.com](http://www.cricketworldcup.com).