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Export business spreads its wings at Auckland Airport



Global freight management company, CEVA Logistics, announces plans to nearly double the size of its facility at Auckland Airport's business District.

After relocating only two short years ago to their purpose built warehouse, CEVA Logistics is already expanding and anticipate growing their workforce by an additional 20 employees. The facility was developed by Auckland Airport and forms part of a substantial and rapidly growing business destination.

Mat Vermeulen, CEVA Logistics' New Zealand country manager, commented that they have enjoyed tremendous growth since moving to Auckland Airport.

"Being in close proximity to the freight terminals and major road arterials means that we can serve our customers better. As well as this, with more than 40,000 cars driving past our warehouse every day, the building has essentially become a giant billboard for us."

"The amenities provided at Auckland Airport, from the retail centre with its food outlets and cafes, through to a new touch rugby competition, make it an enjoyable place to work. The location has certainly helped us to become an employer of choice," finishes Mr Vermeulen.

Mark Thomson, Auckland Airport's general manager property, says CEVA Logistics' expansion reinforces the benefits of partnering with Auckland Airport.

"CEVA is a global top ten logistics provider with a significant presence in the Asia-Pacific region. This facility was designed in partnership with CEVA so that it could support growth of the freight management company seamlessly and efficiently and avoid the need to relocate. We are thrilled to be able to support CEVA's expansion in New Zealand."

The new facility is expected to be operational in 2015.

Web: <http://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/>

360,219

The number of international travellers to arrive at Auckland Airport in October 2014 (not including transit passengers).

Inflight catering but not as we know it



Al Brown, Mr Tan Wan Geng and Adrian Littlewood

Auckland Airport, China Southern Airlines and Al Brown have joined forces to introduce a unique taste of New Zealand to the China Southern inflight experience.

In an exciting Auckland Airport initiative, renowned local chef, Al Brown, has been engaged by the Airport and China Southern to redesign the inflight menu for the airlines' increasingly popular Auckland to Guangzhou route.

Adrian Littlewood, Auckland Airport's chief executive, says the collaboration provides a wonderful platform to present high quality New Zealand food and wine to a large and diverse audience.

"This initiative aligns strongly with our 'Four Seasons, Five Senses' project, which is jointly funded by Auckland Airport and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. We want to drive tourism growth by raising awareness within China of the unique and iconic activities that New Zealand has to offer, engaging the five senses of travellers with a focus on high quality food and wine, cultural and adventure experiences."

Mr Tan Wan Geng, President and CEO of China Southern Airlines, says the airline is excited about the wonderful opportunity to add unique New Zealand elements to their inflight services.

"Although this initiative is focused in the first instance on our Auckland to Guangzhou services, in the future we hope to extend this further by bringing more international elements across our entire network."

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Healthy message relayed through free family funday



On 22 November, Auckland Airport played host to the first Runway Funday, a free family day out organised by Time to Thrive and Natural High.

Event organiser, Teau Aitauru, started the Time to Thrive charity after embarking on his own massive weight loss journey to strive for better health and quality of life. Teau is passionate about inspiring his local community to get out and exercise – a key motive behind the Runway Funday.

Time to Thrive was a recipient of Auckland Airport's 2014 Gold Medal Awards, receiving funding to go towards purchasing bikes for the charity and organising the free Runway Funday event.

Held at The Runway Mountain Bike park, over 250 attendees enjoyed free use of the mountain bikes provided by Natural High. The Airport provided the venue and several marquees, while the Mad Butcher and Countdown provided supplies for the BBQ, and The Warehouse provided spot prizes.

Auckland Airport's Emergency Services team came along with a Rosenbauer fire engine and put on an awesome display with water cannons.

Harold the giraffe and the Life Education Trust team were also onsite with their mobile classroom.

Web: <http://www.naturalhigh.co.nz/>

Fresh spin on dumplings

Travellers and locals will soon be able to experience the dumpling movement like never before.

Opening December 8, Ugly Dumpling is taking a new and innovative approach to bringing the joy of dumplings, Dim Sum, Bao (steamed buns) and noodle and rice dishes to hungry customers.

Offering eat in and takeaway options, all dumplings and Bao are locally made and are able to be chosen directly from the authentic bamboo steamers they were cooked in.

Talented high school graduates receive scholarships

Thanks to a new Auckland Airport initiative, two local graduating school students have been awarded scholarships and a further six students offered summer positions at the Airport.

The new scholarship programme was set up by the Airport to support two deserving local students as they embark on their tertiary studies.

Jodeci Ripia from Aorere College and Ebony Tipene from Papatoetoe High School were awarded scholarships for demonstrating strong and natural leadership abilities. The scholarship included a state-of-the-art laptop and a position as a Summer Passenger Experience Assistant (PEA) at Auckland Airport for the duration of their course.

The Airport was so impressed with the other students that attended the scholarship selection day, that they offered a further three students from each school, roles as PEA's.

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport's general manager corporate affairs, said the Airport has long-standing relationships with both schools and being able to support students in this way is very rewarding.

"We couldn't have asked for the inaugural year of this scholarship programme to have gone better. The calibre of the students nominated for the scholarship was so impressive that we offered summer positions at Auckland Airport to eight students. An outstanding result for everyone involved."



Ebony Tipene (left) from Papatoetoe High School and Jodeci Ripia (right) from Aorere College.

Embodying the company's tongue and cheek spirit, Ugly Dumpling will be holding a corporate dumpling eating contest in February, so get training and send your best contestant along to vie for the dumpling eaters trophy!

Ugly Dumpling is also running the 'Uglies' loyalty programme with special offers for locals. To show their support to local events, social clubs and sports teams they can also supply Player of the Day vouchers. If your team is keen to know more please contact Sean Williams at sean@uglydumpling.co.nz

Ugly Dumpling is located at Shop 9, John Goulter Drive.

Web: www.uglydumpling.co.nz

Shop 'til you board



With over 100 retailers at Auckland Airport there really is something for everyone.

Once passengers pass through airport security at the international terminal, they are greeted with an unbeatable offering of local and international fashion and beauty duty free stores. The most recent to open are:

- Iconic Kiwi handbag brand **SABEN** – the first of many retailers that will be showcased using Auckland Airport's new international pop-up store. SABEN is also available for "click and collect" – where passengers have the option of buying online and collecting their duty free purchase when next travelling internationally.
- **OPI** nail bar in response to passenger demand for an airside nail salon.
- Swarovski fashion accessories spin-off **lolaandgrace**.
- Urban brand **G-Factory** selling Casio G-Shock watches.

Richard Barker, Auckland Airport's general manager retail and commercial, says the latest fashion and beauty brands to set up at the Airport mark the ongoing extension of the Airport's duty free shopping experience, including the ability to duty free shop from the comfort of their own home.

"We are focused on providing our passengers with a shopping experience they won't get anywhere else in New Zealand, with a growing range of products and services that represent some of the best of New Zealand and the world."

"Auckland Airport is also committed to improving the range of stores at our domestic terminal. The recently opened **3 Wise Men** shirt store there is already proving extremely popular," says Richard.

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Students get on board at the Airport



Airport retailers are entering their busiest time of the year and thankfully they will have some extra hands to help out.

The Auckland Airport and Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) internship programme helps place local people in local jobs.

Following a recent expo, ten students have already started work at the Airport to gain

valuable, real life work experience as they begin to embark on their working careers. The interns will work over their summer break from December through to February for Auckland Airport, DFS Duty Free, JR Duty Free, LSG Sky Chefs and Relay.

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport's general manager corporate affairs, commented that the programme benefits everyone. The students gain valuable work experience over their summer break while retailers gain an extra pair of hands during their peak season.

"We are committed to connecting local people with employment opportunities in and around the Airport. The MIT internship programme is a great way for students to get a real taste of working life!"

Funding boost for air rescue service

Auckland Airport has taken on a new sponsorship in the form of Lakes District Air Rescue Trust.

The Trust is in the business of saving lives. Its operation has for the past 23 years serviced the largest area of any air rescue trust in the country and includes Queenstown, Te Anau, Otago, central and western Southland / Fiordland, Stewart Island and deep into the Southern Oceans.

Earlier this year, as part of a fundraising campaign, the Lakes District Trust reached out to the wider aviation community and Auckland Airport responded with a three year sponsorship term.

Jules Tapper, chairman of the Trust since its inception, and a veteran pilot himself, said

he was extremely grateful for the donation and support received from Auckland Airport.

"It has been a tremendous financial boost and has enabled us to continue to offer our life-saving service with enhanced confidence."

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport's general manager corporate affairs, said Auckland Airport jumped at the chance to help.

"The Lakes District Air Rescue Trust has saved countless lives over a long period and provide an essential service in the South Island. When we heard they were fundraising we were glad to be able to help out."

For more information or to offer a donation please visit web: www.ldart.co.nz



**LAKES DISTRICT
AIR RESCUE TRUST**

New life for departure lounge seats



Local children will be resting easy during future school events

After hosting a multitude of weary and excited travellers, hundreds of Auckland Airport's departure lounge seats will be starting a new life at a local school.

The 371 seats were relocated to the local South Auckland Seventh-day Adventist School in Manurewa in mid-November. The seats were being replaced as part of Auckland Airport's 30 Year Vision and terminal expansion programme and were offered free to local community groups and schools.

Pastor Chris Sululoto says the school is very grateful for the donation from Auckland Airport. The seats have greatly improved the visual impact and comfort of the school.

"My only concern now is that students may get too comfortable and fall asleep in the seats!"

↑ 21.7%

Increase in international passengers at Queenstown Airport in October 2014 compared to the same month last year. This growth was driven by 24 more international flights.



That's a wrap!

On behalf of Auckland Airport, we would like to wish everyone all the very best for the upcoming festive season.

It's been a great year. We have announced our 30-year vision, welcomed new businesses to The District, won awards for customer experience, design and sustainability, organised fantastic community events and supported local initiatives through funding and scholarship programmes.

We look forward to 2015 and the many opportunities it will bring.

The next Airport Times will be out in February.

Nga ngā mihi o te Kirihieme me TeTau Hou - Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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