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Our plan in action



Auckland Airport's interim results have been released and the numbers have exceeded expectations, building on the company's recent strong performance.

The results for the six months to 31 December 2013 show total profit after tax was up 11.7 per cent to \$85.9 million, while underlying profit after tax reached \$86.7 million, an increase of 13.9 per cent.

Airport chair, Sir Henry van der Heyden, says the results represent solid financial returns for investors and the key revenue highlight is strong aeronautical income.

"We have renewed our focus on becoming a southern hub airport for the Pacific Rim, and our focus on growing travel markets has resulted in new routes and additional seat capacity," Sir Henry says. "Our commitment to invest for future growth has been underpinned by ongoing work to complete the draft 30-year vision for the 'airport of the future'."

The positive interim results mean that Auckland Airport has lifted its net profit after tax expectation for the full financial year to between \$166 million and \$172 million.

Logistics leader commits to airport



Auckland Airport is to design and build a new head office, warehousing and international air and ocean logistics facility for one of the world's leading privately owned global logistics providers, Hellman Worldwide Logistics.

Founded in Germany in 1871, the fourth generation family-owned company has an active network of more than 19,000 people in 443 branches across 157 countries. Its new Auckland facility will occupy a 12,500m² site on the corner of George Bolt Memorial Drive and Landing Drive.

The airport's chief financial officer, Simon

Robertson, says the new tenancy further confirms that The District at Auckland Airport is rapidly becoming one of the country's best business locations.

"It also shows that our property transformation programme – to turn us into a great place to work, rest, play and shop – is paying real dividends."

From Hellmann's perspective, the site enables the company to bring together the ambient and controlled-temperature operations of Hellman Worldwide Logistics and Hellmann Perishable Logistics onto a single prime site.

"Our owners, Jost and Klaus Hellmann, have committed Hellmann globally to a very high bar in terms of service excellence, quality, innovation and environmental care," explains Hellmann New Zealand's managing director, Chris McCagney. "This development ticks all the right boxes."

The facility is expected to be ready for occupation in the third quarter of 2015.

Kiwis get the chance to fly on Jetstar's Dreamliner

Auckland played host to Jetstar's first trans-Tasman Dreamliner in February when the Boeing 787 aircraft touched down after its inaugural flight from Melbourne.

The aircraft will be flying the route three times a week for the next month in order to give Kiwi travellers a chance to experience flying on it. The 787 carries 335 people.



"The Dreamliner is a destination in itself," Jetstar's head of New Zealand, Grant Kerr, says. "We're pleased that over the next month thousands of Kiwis will be able to experience this unique long-haul aircraft at trans-Tasman prices."

Grant also highlighted the airline's domestic services out of Auckland, which carry more than 5,000 passengers a day between Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Queenstown.

"A highlight for Jetstar last year was achieving the best domestic on-time performance of the two major domestic carriers. That's a result that has made all of us at Jetstar very proud."

www.jetstar.co.nz

Students and airport staff cleanup



Volunteers from Auckland Airport and Aorere College spent time on Tuesday February 25 making Wiroa Island a little bit more pleasant for its bird population in the airport's second annual Coastal Cleanup.

The island is 1.45km long and was created as a safe haven and bird sanctuary, providing birds with a place to roost at high tide that is a safer alternative to the airfield.

It was the first time students have been involved in the cleanup, with 25 year nine students each being buddied up with one of the 30 airport staff members also taking part. Together the volunteers spent over an hour collecting more than 20 bags of debris from the island.

In return for providing the student volunteers, Auckland Airport also donated \$5,000 to Aorere College, which will be used to create recreational peaceful areas for the students to enjoy at the school.

The airport has a long-standing relationship with the college that has included initiatives such as students running a business centre in the international terminal, the airbridge mentoring programme and the Gateway work experience programme.

At the barbecue after the clean-up, the students were treated to a show by the Airport Emergency Services (AES) team.

www.aorere.ac.nz

Sunshine Coast flights extended

Air New Zealand's seasonal service between Auckland and the Sunshine Coast of Australia has been so popular that the airline is extending it into 2014, offering 75 per cent more seats than when it started in 2012.



The introduction of the service followed collaboration between Sunshine Coast Airport, Auckland Airport and Air New Zealand, and the airline's group general manager New Zealand and Pacific Islands, Cam Wallace, says that the introduction of further capacity shows the anticipated growth between the two popular tourist destinations.

"Kiwis have embraced the opportunity to escape to the Sunshine Coast's golden beaches over the winter months while Sunshine Coast travellers have welcomed the chance to reach New Zealand from their local Sunshine Coast airport."

The 2014 season starts on June 27 and runs through to October, with direct flights on Sundays and Fridays. An extra Tuesday flight will be offered during designated peak periods within that season. Plans are also in place to extend the length of the season in future years.

www.airnewzealand.co.nz



745,345

The volume of international passengers at Auckland Airport for December 2013, the busiest month on record.

New industrial land opening up



Auckland Airport is halfway through Stage Three of its plan to open up more industrial land in "The Landing" precinct.

Contractor Dempsey Wood is creating 6ha of flat development-ready sites, shifting approximately 115,000m³ of earth as well as putting in the necessary services, footpaths and roads to link future warehouses with the rest of the airport precinct and the country

It's part of an ongoing plan to open up around 120ha of developable land in The Landing. Stage Two, which includes a

purpose-built 12,000m² warehouse for DHL Supply Chain (NZ) Ltd, also opened up 6ha of land and was finished in the middle of 2013. Stage Three then got underway in October last year and is expected to be finished in mid-2014.

Auckland Airport's acting general manager property, Ian Passau, says demand is high for sites in The Landing.

"This demand has seen two warehouses currently under construction, with two more in design and scheduled to commence construction mid-2014," Ian says.

"Developing the Stage Three land allows us to keep ahead of this demand. The Landing will be a world class industrial business park with exceptional roading and landscaping which can be seen in the completed Stage Two area."

Work is also underway on Auckland Airport's Timberly Road land holdings where 180,000m³ of earth is being shifted to open up 11.3ha of industrial-zoned developable land.

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