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Auckland Airport Shares 30 year Vision with Community



The airport plans to build a world-class airport that Aucklanders and New Zealanders can be proud of. Last month the airport shared details of its vision at community briefings held in Mangere, Papatoetoe, and Otara.

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport’s general manager of corporate affairs, presented the vision to the community including several artists’ impressions and a ‘flythrough’ video of what the airport’s new terminal, runways, and surroundings might look like in 30 years’ time.

“It was really great to be able to share our development plans with our surrounding community and give them an insight into what this will mean for them.”

Forecasts predict that Auckland Airport will see the number of passengers visiting the airport increase threefold to around 40 million in 2044.

A new website called ‘Airport of the Future’ explains how the airport intends to implement the changes, which include a combined domestic and international terminal, a new northern runway and better transportation links to the area.

Development will occur in stages, triggered by increases in flights and passenger numbers and will amount to a multi-billion dollar investment by the airport.

As a result of the changes to the airport, Charles says that the business community surrounding the airport will continue to grow, creating more jobs and become a destination in itself.

The video and more information about the airport’s vision for the future can be found at www.airportofthefuture.co.nz

Asian travel experts to share latest insights

Auckland Airport’s annual Asia Industry Summit will see a host of industry experts gather to offer unique travel and tourism insights into high-growth Asian markets.

The 2014 Asia Summit is a one day conference set to help New Zealand’s tourism industry grow their share of some of the fastest growing Asian travel markets, including China, India and Indonesia.

The summit will see key international speakers, including Graham Hills from leading travel metasearch engine ‘Wego’ and David James from Tangalooma Island Resort, appearing alongside leading organisations such as Air NZ and TravConsult.



Glenn Wedlock, Auckland Airport’s general manager aeronautical commercial, says attendees should expect to discover new cultural trends and opportunities, and also learn how to make the most of new distribution and marketing channels.

“There will be a range of high calibre speakers, panel discussions, debate sessions, and networking events for attendees to get involved in,” says Glenn. “Countless insights will be on offer

throughout the day, all of which are aimed at fostering New Zealand tourism growth.”

The summit is to be held at Pullman Hotel Auckland on 16 May 2014, immediately prior to Trenz, the Tourism Industry’s major show case event. For those interested in attending the 2014 Asian Summit, the registration form is available online.

www.asiasummit.co.nz

Keeping it green recognised by EECA



Auckland Airport has been announced as a finalist in the EECA Awards 2014 and hopes to ‘cleanup’ at the upcoming awards ceremony.

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) hold a biannual awards ceremony to celebrate excellence and innovation in energy efficiency and renewable energy. This year there are 10 categories, with an overall Supreme Award chosen from among the category winners.

Martin Fryer, Auckland Airport’s sustainability and environmental manager, says that being announced as one of four finalists in the Large Business category award is an accomplishment in itself since there were more than 150 other business entries.

“Our entry was based on the airports vigilant energy efficiency strategy initiated three years ago,” says Martin.

“We’ve seen energy cost reductions total \$1 million over that period and Auckland Airport is building a convincing international reputation for sustainability as a result.”

“We’re up against some tough competition for this award with three other businesses also achieving considerable energy-savings; this includes ASB which took home the Large Business award in 2012,” adds Martin.

Martin has been in his role with Auckland Airport for seven years. He also lectures part-time in carbon strategies for the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme.

When asked about his own success in another EECA awards category, the Leadership Award, Martin is modest.

“Sure, I’m thrilled to be a finalist in this category especially as it gives Auckland Airport further recognition for its sustainability initiatives. However, our energy efficiency successes reflect leadership at every level of the organisation.”

“At the same time, it helps to highlight what others in our sector could be doing to help our precious environment. When you look at New Zealand’s carbon emissions profile, the transport sector is a significant contributor but, the solutions are there to be adopted.” Martin said.

All will be reveled at the awards ceremony on the 28 May 2014 at the Auckland Museum.
www.eeca.govt.nz

Air NZ unveils first Dreamliner



Air New Zealand's first Dreamliner is expected to take delivery this July and will grace the sky with its unique all black colour scheme.

The Dreamliner will become the first of the 787-9 (or Dash-9) series to enter commercial service. With increased passenger capacity and better fuel economy than the Dash-8, the new Dreamliner will open up opportunities for new routes in the future.

Boeing spokesperson Patty Rhodes said, “Air New Zealand will start their black Dash-9 on trans-Tasman services. It is capable of carrying 280 passengers 15,000km with about 20 percent better fuel economy than the comparable 767.”

The Dreamliner was unveiled in Seattle, United States on 6 April 2014. It made a stunning public debut rolling out of the hangar, painted in black with a white fern extending along the back half of the fuselage and the airline's insignia koru in white on the tail.

With the shiny exterior now unveiled, the internal cabin fit out begins and Air New Zealand expects to take delivery in July this year, after flight tests and certification has been completed.

Air New Zealand's other nine Dash-9s will be painted white with a black tail. They are expected to be used on its Shanghai and Tokyo routes.
www.airnewzealand.co.nz/futuretakingflight

More Auckland to Perth flights this summer

Travelling between Auckland and Perth over the summer just got easier after Qantas announced it is increasing the number of flights on its seasonal service.

In response to high demand, the airline is set to increase its flights from 34 to 84 during its 5 December 2014 to 26 April 2015 summer service. This will offer 12,000 extra seats on the route.

Glenn Wedlock, Auckland Airport’s general manager aeronautical commercial, says not only does the recent announcement demonstrate the huge popularity of direct services on the Auckland to Perth route, but the additional flights could also contribute more than \$10 million to the New Zealand economy.

“This offers more capacity and choice for travellers between Western Australia and New Zealand, and will stimulate demand even further.”



“The proven popularity of the route will continue to deliver for New Zealand’s tourism industry and economy.”
www.qantas.com.au

Shoes level playing field

Shoes for Kids Charitable Trust is bringing sporting hope to hundreds of shoe-less children thanks to the Auckland Airport's 12 Days of Christmas project.

The 12 Days of Christmas project began six years ago and is funded by the airport and the travelling public, when they drop their unwanted currency into the donation globes around the airport. The money raised is donated to 12 local charities in the 12 days leading up to Christmas.

One such charity is the Shoes for Kids Charitable Trust, who received a \$10,000 grant last Christmas.

Shoes for Kids is the brainchild of former Silver Fern Leonie Leaver. She dreamed up the shoe-giving initiative while coaching sports across Auckland and kids were turning up without the correct footwear, or with no shoes at all.

"It is common to have never owned sports shoes or boots before, they can be considered a luxury item that many families just can't afford."

Thanks to the grant, Shoes for Kids was able to purchase 200 quality sports shoes and it has been working closely with schools and sport coaches across South Auckland to identify children most in need.

Auckland Airport spokesman Charles Spillane is delighted that through this programme, children are being given the opportunity to get involved in sport.



"Sport is something that every New Zealander should have the chance to do." Leonie says that since receiving the grant last December the trust has already delivered about 100 sports shoes to school students and several club teams.

Marist Rugby Club under-11s based in Pt England is one of the teams that has benefited. Coach Steve Doherty would usually buy second-hand boots for the boys from a school fair. Steve says that owning brand new shoes fitted to size is the "sort of thing that could lift them even further in their playing." Thank you letters are pouring into the Shoes for Kids Charitable Trust from grateful children. One youngster writes, "I was wearing my mums shoes so having my own proper shoes will stop me getting cramps and help me train and get better at basketball and soccer." Another writes, "I can run faster than ever, I feel like a pro."

Joining the Trust soon is the New Zealand netballer everyone knows, Maria Tutaia. Maria will work alongside Leonie mentoring and motivating youngsters to get involved in sport or exercise.

www.kidssportsshoes.org.nz

Bikes, trikes and tramps help cystic fibrosis sufferers

New sports equipment is set to improve the health and happiness of many cystic fibrosis sufferers, thanks to a donation from Auckland Airport.

For young children and adults suffering from cystic fibrosis, getting regular daily exercise can do wonders for their quality of life. The Cystic Fibrosis Association's Auckland branch is helping its 100 plus members to get moving after winning \$10,000 from the Auckland Airport's 12 Days of Christmas project last December.

In its sixth year, this project donated a total of \$120,000 to 12 charities that are spending it on a cause within their group.

Auckland branch co-Chair Jill Thorrat, says that this sizeable grant allows the association to purchase sports equipment for cystic fibrosis sufferers, many whose families simply could not afford to do so.

"It can be a lonely time for those suffering with the chronic illness. Clinical physio is required twice a day and many have to spend weeks on end in hospital receiving treatment." "A balance bike or a basketball ball and hoops can take the monotony out of the situation and inject more fun." Since receiving the grant last December, the association has been working closely with field workers to handpick the type of sports equipment that is best suited to each member. And it's not just big-ticket items like bicycles, scooters, or trampolines but simple lower cost equipment that will assist those with the disease to engage socially, like swing ball sets or soccer balls and goals.

Auckland Airport spokesman Charles Spillane said they were happy to help a charity that was helping many people deal with such a disease.

"Cystic Fibrosis Association work tirelessly to support people with the disease in the community. We're truly delighted that our donation is providing additional equipment to assist with the physiotherapy of children they work with."

www.cfnz.org.nz

Polyfest iPad winner

Walking away with an iPad was much more than 12-year-old Victoria Heredia from Otara had expected when she went to this year's Polyfest.



Proud iPad winner Victoria Heredia with Mum Lola

Victoria has been attending the Polynesian Festival, known as 'Polyfest', with her family for six years but this year had to be the most memorable one yet she said, thanks to Auckland Airport.

"Their stand was set up like a real departure lounge so Mum and I went over to relax on the chairs and this is when we entered their 'boarding pass' competition."

To win the competition, Victoria accurately estimated the number of passengers that would pass through the airport in 30 years time (40 million), and state when the airport first opened (1965). Victoria says it was a complete guess and that she can't believe she is now the lucky owner of a brand new iPad.

"I'm looking forward to using it to help with my school homework and to play games with my older sister and two brothers."

www.asbpolyfest.co.nz

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