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### Singapore Airlines A380 says Kia Ora to New Zealand



The new Singapore Airlines A380 arriving in Auckland for the first time.

Last week, for the first time, Singapore Airlines customers travelling to and from Auckland were welcomed aboard the luxury and comfort of the world's largest aircraft, the Airbus A380.

Singapore Airlines is the first airline to provide a daily long haul service out of Auckland on the A380 super-jumbo, which is designed specifically for long haul flying.

Edwin Chiang, general manager, Singapore Airlines New Zealand, says the arrival of the A380 in Auckland will benefit travellers, the travel trade and the tourism sector in both New Zealand and Singapore.

"I am delighted that those travelling to and from Auckland can now enjoy the more spacious and comfortable travel experience that only the A380 can provide. Introducing the A380 as part of our alliance with Air New Zealand will contribute to a boost in capacity on the Singapore-Auckland route by up to 30 percent year round over time."

Adrian Littlewood, chief executive, Auckland Airport, says he is delighted with the introduction of the A380 aircraft on the Auckland to Singapore route.

"Singapore is a critical hub airport, providing access to South East Asia and key emerging markets such as India and Indonesia. In the past five years, we have seen eight per cent growth per annum in South East Asia arrivals to New Zealand, mirrored by an 11 per cent growth per annum in New Zealanders visiting the South East Asia region. The introduction of the A380 by Singapore Airlines, and the extra capacity and luxury it brings, will certainly help to further stimulate this impressive growth." said Adrian.

Passengers arriving on the first inbound A380 flight were welcomed into Auckland with a traditional powhiri and passengers on the first departing flight to Singapore from Auckland enjoyed a complementary morning tea and received a commemorative gift to mark the occasion.

140,000

The number of extra seats added on Asian routes over the summer peak period (November to March). This 15% increase in capacity serves demand from the high growth markets in China and South East Asia.

# Auckland Airport is named Australasia's best



Auckland Airport has come out on top and been voted Australasia's Leading Airport in the 2014 World Travel Awards.

Established in 1993, the World Travel Awards are determined by the votes of travel and tourism professionals from around the world. The winners of the Asia and Australasia region were announced at a gala ceremony in New Delhi India on October 10.

Auckland Airport's chief executive, Adrian Littlewood, said the award is testament to all of those at the Airport who are passionate about making journeys better.

"2014 really has been a great year. In March, Auckland Airport was named best airport in the Australia-Pacific region, for the sixth year in a row, and best airport for staff service in the Australia-Pacific region, for the third year in a row, at the annual SKYTRAX World Airport Awards."

World Travel Awards' president and founder, Graham E Cooke, commented that the accolade recognises the commitment to excellence Auckland Airport has demonstrated in the last twelve months.

Web: www.aucklandairport.co.nz

# Auckland Airport is recognised for its commitment to sustainability

Auckland Airport has been identified twice in a matter of weeks for its continued commitment to sustainability.

In September, for the third year in a row, Auckland Airport became the only New Zealand owned company to feature in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), which is considered the most reputable global measure for socially responsible investors.

The DJSI invited nine NZX50 companies to participate in this year's round and Auckland Airport was the only one of those nine to make the cut.

Auckland Airport's sustainability manager, Martin Fryer, said the team worked hard to produce a comprehensive response to the DJSI and improve the company's ranking.

"We're delighted that we have been rewarded with visibility in this leading global sustainable business investment index, providing us with the ability to compare



ourselves to other world-class companies in the industrial transportation sector. Our scores for operational eco-efficiency, for example, we know are world's best practice."

Building on this success, last week the Airport won an Energy Management Commendation at the Sustainable 60 Awards, for a strong commitment to energy and fuel efficiency. The Airport won the Strategy and Governance Award at the same event in 2011.

The Sustainable 60 Awards are held annually and provide an opportunity for New Zealand companies to be recognised for their commitment to sustainable business, to share best practice and to celebrate success.

For more information go to www.sustainable60.co.nz/

## Millions flow into local community initiatives

Following it's 2014 round of donations, the Auckland Airport Community Trust has now donated over \$3 million into local community projects.

Established in 2003, the Trust supports South Auckland organisations that build the community through learning, literacy and life skills initiatives. The Trust receives over \$250,000 annually from Auckland Airport and this year over \$300,000 was allocated across nine organisations, taking the donation total to over \$3 million since the Trust was founded.

Dawn Engelbrecht, Auckland Airport Community Trust's chairperson, says that this latest funding milestone demonstrates the positive impact the Trust has achieved in the community.

"Over the past 11 years the Auckland Airport Community Trust has partnered with a range of charity partners to ensure that the local community is a place where children, young people and families can be successful, particularly in regards to education and employment."

This year's recipients include Ngā Rangatahi Toa who will receive a grant for the ChangeMakers youth programme that transitions young people into employment or education.

Also receiving funding is the Storytime Foundation who have been supported by the Trust since 2004. Their Books for Babies programme provides books to low-income homes with newborn babies.

Storytime chief executive Tony Culliney, says that the support has been invaluable to their programme.

"Our Manukau programme has received tremendous support from the Auckland Airport Community Trust over the years. We have an ongoing relationship with Plunket and have already enrolled over 1000 new families in the six months to the end of June, in addition to those already participating at the beginning of the year."

For more information on fund recipients and for application details please visit www.aucklandairportcommunitytrust.org.nz.



Participant of Nga Rangatahi Toa's programmes in front of his artwork

## Te Kaitaka building recognised on the world stage

Nestled in The District, Auckland Airport's business quarter, the beautiful and unique Te Kaitaka building has won a top accolade at the World Architecture Festival.

Designed by Fearon Hay Architects, Te Kaitaka was declared the winner of the Display Buildings category at the 2014 World Architecture Festival in Singapore last month, the annual event that celebrates unique architecture projects from around the world.

Te Kaitaka, also known as 'The Cloak', was recognised for bringing together challenging design strategies including a brass mesh cloak and a living roof structure that reflect local landforms.

Jeff Fearon and Tim Hay of Fearon Hay Architects are thrilled the building has been recognised.

"Te Kaitaka gave us the opportunity to create a building with a strong presence and distinct personality, drawn from the essence of New Zealand. The award demonstrates that the work being carried out in this country continues to strengthen and successfully compete on a world stage."

Auckland Airport's general manager of property, Mark Thomson, says that the Airport is proud to see a New Zealand design recognised on a global level.



"We wanted to create a space that had sustainable elements and was innovative in design. Fearon Hay turned our vision into a functional space, which looks beautiful, is sustainable and embraces rich aspects of New Zealand's culture. To have Te Kaitaka recognised internationally is the cherry on top."

Te Kaitaka was conceived as a flexible space for Auckland Airport to host meetings and events and to showcase the creative design possibilities at The District, one of New Zealand's premier business locations.

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**32.6**%

The increase in the number of visitors from South America in September 2014 compared to the same month in 2013.

## Come down and challenge yourself at The Runway Funday!

Get off the couch, get a group together and head down to The Runway Mountain Bike Park on Saturday 22 November for a free family fun day.

Local community group 'Triple T' (Time to Thrive, to stay alive) whose vision is to build an active and healthier community are putting on a free 'Funday' community event at The Runway on Saturday 22 November.

Maori and Pacifica Ironman and event organiser, Teau Aiturau (also known as 'Tee') started Triple T to inspire others to get active after losing a significant amount of weight through cycling and swimming. Triple T were a recipient of a 2014 Gold Medal Award from Auckland Airport and received \$3,000 to go towards purchasing bikes for the group and for the Funday event.

Tee encourages everyone from the community to come down and enjoy a free day out.



The Triple T team gearing up for the Funday event.

"The Funday is for people of any age, stage or size. There will be lots of prizes, free healthy food and bikes and helmets available to borrow - so there are really no excuses!"

The Auckland Airport Runway Mountain Bike Park is nearly 5km of two-wheeled action. The track has been designed to be ridden by beginners through to advanced riders, with turns, jumps and pump tracks.

For more information go to https://www.facebook.com/runwaybikepark

### **Applications open for 12 Days of Christmas**

Local charities looking for a bit of extra Christmas cheer this year can now apply for Auckland Airport's 12 Days of Christmas programme.

The initiative is in its seventh year and attracts hundreds of applications. It offers 12 charities a share of the \$120,000 in unwanted currency that the travelling public drops in the donation globes at the domestic and international terminals. The Airport is looking for charities that can demonstrate their charitable purposes align with the airport's values – authentically New Zealand, outstanding, welcoming and ambitious.

Applications close on Sunday 23 November and can be made via Auckland Airport's website www.aucklandairport.co.nz

The donations themselves will begin on December 11 and will run through to Christmas Eve

### Footy Fever at The District's Footy Field

The first season of summer touch rugby and football has kicked off at The District's Footy Field.

Fine weather coupled with a good turn out has been the recipe for success at The District's new outdoor sports field's first 'footy' tournaments. Former Warrior Wade McKinnon even dropped by to join in the fun.

The 'Footy Field' is located at the end of John Goulter Drive, across the road from Countdown and open to everyone that works in and around The District.

Auckland Airport's property facilities manager, Paul Vaughan, commented that it is fantastic to see the field getting so much use.

"Auckland Airport's investment in the Footy Field was part of the wider transformation project to provide an outdoor recreational space for staff from companies in and around the airport. This is the first big organised event and it's been really magic to see everyone taking part."



Former Warrior Wade McKinnon joining in the fun.

The men's touch rugby leaderboard has teams 'Rock Unit' and 'Yesterday's Kina' neck and neck on ten points while the mixed teams' board has 'Touch Upz' and 'Running Keg' taking an early lead on twelve points. The football tournament has a three-way tie with 'Smokers AFC', 'Concretec' and 'LAN Airlines' all on eight points.

If you would like to join in the fun, the summer tournaments kick off in January. Get your team together and contact the organisers at www.footballfix.co.nz and www.totaltouch.org.nz

For more information like The District's Facebook page.

## It's good news for your teeth



Give your teeth the treatment they deserve and book an appointment at the newly opened Airport Dental clinic.

Located three minutes from the airport, you can now duck out at lunchtime, or pop past after work. You can find Airport Dental inside the Airport Doctors clinic at the Airport Shopping Centre on George Bolt Drive.

You are in good hands with experienced dentist Reem Alhafidh. She is committed to providing the airport community with top quality dental care. The clinic is open Monday – Friday and offers the full range of dental services. In addition, if an accident was to occur in or around the airport, Airport Dental is available for accident and emergency treatments.

Owners Graeme Houston and Chris Ward are excited about joining forces with the Airport Doctors and offering dental services to the airport community.

To make an appointment call 964 0508 or email inquiries@airportdental.nz

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