

PARAPARAUMU AIRPORT LIMITED

Newsletter – July 2009

Welcome to the Paraparaumu Airport newsletter.

This is an update of matters of interest to airport users and the Kapiti Community. Visit our website www.paraparaumuairport.co.nz.

PART 139 CERTIFICATION

Paraparaumu Airport Ltd was issued Part 139 Certification by the Civil Aviation Authority on the 21st of April 2009.

The Part 139 Certification is initially for a six month period upon which the CAA will conduct a further audit to ensure all procedures and policy are working as discussed during the initial certification inspection. This is standard for new certificate holders and provided the six month review is satisfactory the CAA should renew PAL's certificate for a period of 2 to 5 years.

PAL's Part 139 certification is limited to regular air transport operations by aircraft with a certificated seating capacity of 30 seats or less. PAL applied for certification knowing this limitation would be placed on the airport. The limitation will be removed from the certificate once the main runway is resealed and the southern Runway End Safety Area (RESA) is established. Both these tasks are scheduled to be completed prior to services by Air New Zealand starting next year.

QUALITY CONTROL

A system review was conducted by PAL's Quality Assurance Manager recently as part of the ongoing auditing requirements of Paraparaumu Airport's Part 139 certification. The review revealed all major management

systems are now established and operating at Paraparaumu Airport.

As part of the Quality Control system for the airport an emergency exercise is planned for August 2009. This exercise will involve local emergency services as well as airport staff. The results of the exercise will be assessed to help improve the emergency plan of the airport.

AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Several airport infrastructure projects were mentioned in PAL's last news letter dated December 2008 as nearing completion. These included levelling and grassing most of the grass taxiways, moving the northern threshold of runway 16/34, repairing boundary fences, clearing the OLS's, erecting airport signage, and closing sealed runway 11/29. These projects have now all been completed. The feedback received by users of the airport is that these changes have been a great improvement.

AIRSPACE CHANGES

A number of changes to the airspace surrounding Paraparaumu Airport were suggested at the completion of the independent risk review conducted in late 2008.

Following consultation with airport user groups PAL submitted a Part 71 application to CAA requesting the following changes:



1. Increase the lateral dimensions of the existing MBZ.
2. Increase the height of the MBZ
3. Reduce the lower limit of the controlled airspace above the MBZ to merge with the new upper limit of the MBZ
4. Mandate transponder use for a portion of the MBZ

The CAA has published on their website their intentions to increase the lateral dimensions of the existing MBZ, increase the height of the MBZ to meet the controlled airspace above, and mandate transponder use in the MBZ above 1500ft above ground level. These changes will come into effect on the 19th of November this year.

ESTABLISHMENT OF RUNWAY 12/30

The CAA has granted PAL Part 157 approval to establish grass runway 12/30.

Grass runway 12/30 will be closed to all but gliding and light aircraft when landing is imperative and cannot be safely made on 16/34. Imperative use will be when light aircraft cannot land on either the sealed or grass runways 16/34 due to adverse cross winds or obstructions, and landing is absolutely necessary or unavoidable and no suitable alternative is available.

Planning for the establishment of this runway is under way and work should commence by early spring to allow the runway to be open by this summer.

When grass runway 12/30 has been opened the existing grass runway 11/29 will be permanently closed.

NOISE MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Don Day has been appointed to the Community Liaison Group as a new community representative for local residents.

Don Day has been a resident of Paraparaumu since September 2002. He has a background in local government and has worked for a number of councils. He works with SOLGM (Society of Local Government Managers) and is currently with New Zealand Post as Manager, Local Government Relations.

CURFEWS AND RESTRICTIONS

Recognising the impact of aircraft noise on the surrounding community, PAL independently initiated new noise curfews on the 9th of April 2009 (see below for details).

The new curfews are:

- a. September to April 2230 – 0600
- b. May to August 2200 – 0600 (no circuit training between 2130 and 0600)
- c. No circuit training on Sundays and Public Holidays before 0900 and after 1800.

To further help reduce noise at the airport, PAL has also placed a ban on helicopter slope landing and sling load training at the airport other than for flight test purposes.

Helicopters have also been restricted from extended hovering that is closer than 50m from any residential area bordering the airport.



NOISE COMPLAINTS

A review of overall noise complaints continues to show a downward trend with only one known breach of airport noise restrictions.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

KAPITI SUMMER FEST

PAL was pleased to be a major sponsor of this year's Kapiti Summer Fest.

The Summer Fest is organised by the Local Rotary Club and raises money for the local EMS (Emergency Medical Services) who have been invaluable in times of need, Ronald McDonald House, Kapiti Coast schools and other charities.

The weather was fantastic this year and a good time was had by all.

PARAPARAUMU AIRPORT SPRINTS

PAL was once again pleased to be a sponsor of the 2009 Paraparaumu Airport Sprints.

Paraparaumu Airport Ltd Sprint, Show 'n' Shine & Sound Off, is a community event run by Kapiti Coast District Council, aimed at young car enthusiasts. It aims to educate and influence some of the illegal behaviour on Wellington streets which this group has been blamed for by the New Zealand media. Run as part of the Council's road safety initiative, working with Police, LTNZ, VTNZ, and other groups and people who volunteer their time in an aim to make this event as successful as possible.

EVENTS

Paraparaumu Airport was host this year to the BP Oil (NZ) Limited National Driver Championship.

The championship involved tanker drivers from around the country competing in a number of skills.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

John Goulter (DCNZM) has been appointed as an independent Director of Paraparaumu Airport Ltd, effective 1 May 2009.

In confirming the appointment, Noel Robinson advised that John Goulter has subsequently been elected to act as Chairman of the company.

John Goulter is no stranger to the aviation industry having served 15 years as Managing Director and CEO of AIAL (Auckland International Airport Ltd) until retiring from the role in 2003. John was largely responsible for the strategic direction and development during the early years of Auckland Airport, laying the foundations for what is clearly New Zealand's largest and most successful airport.

John is a well known leader in NZ business and recognized with several high profile awards:

- The NZ Business Herald "Business Leader of the Year" for 1999
- Deloitte Top 200 Awards - New Zealand Executive of the Year in 2002
- National Business Review - NBR New Zealander of the Year in 2003
- Inducted as a laureate into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame 2003
- Inducted into the Manakau City Business Hall of Fame in 2003.

Also in 2003, John was appointed a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (DCNZM).

PLAN CHANGE 73 TO THE KCDC DISTRICT PLAN

Plan Change 73 approved by KCDC on 8 May 2008 was appealed to the Environment Court. The last day of evidence and summaries were heard by the Environment Court on the 21st of May 2009. A decision from the Court is expected late July 2009.

The Plan Change approval is key to the ongoing viability of the Airport and signals the start of substantial investment in Airport infrastructure

AT THE AIRPORT

AERODROME INSPECTIONS

One of the services provided by PAL to airport users is a daily aerodrome inspection. The inspections are conducted first thing each morning by a team who inspect the runways and airport grounds for any safety hazards. These inspections are a vital safety feature at the airport.

Most the inspectors used by PAL are local aviation students currently training at Paraparaumu.

Meet James Edgerley.



James has been working part time as an aerodrome inspector for PAL for almost a year. James is enrolled at the Kapiti District Aero Club's aviation academy. He has successfully completed his commercial pilot's licence this year and is currently training towards his multi-engine instrument rating.

James is originally from Lower Hutt, has a Bachelor of Commerce from Otago University and hopes to one day fly for a major airline.

"The job works well around my training schedule and has exposed me to another side of the aviation industry which has been great. It is also nice to know from a pilot's prospective that the airport management takes safety seriously"

James' aviation knowledge has proven a great advantage in carrying out his duties as an aerodrome inspector. James also helps with minor maintenance jobs and some administration work

FEEDBACK

We welcome your feedback on any items in this newsletter and/or ways you think we could improve our communication with you.

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