

This is an update of matters of interest to airport users and the Kapiti community.

FLY DIRECT TO AUCKLAND



Air Nelson commenced services from the Kapiti Coast to Auckland on 25th October, 2011.

The aircraft being used are the 50-seater Q300s and the smaller 19-seat Beech 1900s.

You can book flights on the Air New Zealand and GrabaSeat websites using either Kapiti Coast or Paraparaumu Airport as the departure or destination.

NEW AIRPORT MANAGER

Jason Russell has been appointed as the new Airport Manager replacing Heather Woodcock who was employed on a 12 month contract to prepare for the introduction of the Air Nelson service.

Jason was a Flight Instructor and Academy Manager at the Kapiti Districts Aero Club before joining the airport company.

Jason, who is also a qualified Automotive Engineer, said the new position suits him ideally. "I'm really looking forward to the future ahead, and building on what we have achieved so far". Already he's met a lot of people who have been very positive about what is happening at the airport.

Jason lives in Peka Peka with his partner and two young children, both of who love planes.



AIR NELSON GROUND STAFF



At least two people from the Air Nelson team are on hand to assist with every departure, and the team love seeing their regular customers, in addition to helping new travellers, some of whom have flown for the first time following the commencement of services from Kapiti Coast Airport.

They are enjoying the positive buzz around the place with good numbers flying to and from Auckland.

*The Air New Zealand Check-in team in the Kapiti Coast Airport terminal.
From left: Liana Oosthuizen, Hemalee Patel, Liana Taylor, Pip Sinclair, and Chris Browne.*



UPDATE FROM iLAND CAFÉ

They say time fly's when you are having fun! Three months down the line and it certainly has gone by at jet speed.

Originally we started with pre-prepared cabinet food, but now serve our own variety of freshly prepared bites to eradicate the biggest appetite. In the close future we aim to introduce a breakfast and lunch menu and have now also introduced a new product called Red Espresso™ - a tea playing by coffee's rules. Naturally caffeine-free with 5x more antioxidants than green tea! Try a delicious Red Latte, Red Cappuccino or any one of the other delicious Red Espresso drinks.

The "iLand Royalty Card" is now available at the counter. Load it with credit and pay from your table, get discounted offers on selected products and it's fantastic for our business clients who would like a consolidated bill. It's so convenient you have to get two and gift one to a friend!

We look forward to growing into a busy 2012 and are ready to take any challenge head on!

- *The iLand Café Team.*



FLIGHT INFORMATION SERVICE

The recent introduction of the Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS) by Airways has been a great success. After a few months in operation, the AFIS staff are all up and running and enjoy being involved in the aerodrome operations.

"Airways is now fully operational in the tower, and are always happy to help local and itinerant pilots. Feel free to give us a call".

AIRPORT SECURITY

Following a recent incident late last year with an Air Nelson plane, the airport company improved security measures, including the installation of 24 hour surveillance cameras, voice audio warning alerts and instant security company and police notifications.

Security has also improved with the AFIS now on watch. Just recently AFIS staff spotted two youths walking across the airfield during the day. Not only is this illegal, but highly dangerous as it just happened to be a very busy summers day with gliding operations in progress. Very quickly the youths were apprehended by airport personnel, and met by police as soon as they were removed from the operational area. The youths were dealt with by police accordingly.

NOISE MANAGEMENT

Noise complaints continue to be on a downward trend.

Independent noise monitoring by Marshall Day Acoustics is currently being undertaken for a 4 - 6 week period. Results will then be made available to the public on the Kapiti Coast Airport and KCDC websites.

AIRPORT FACILITIES

With the introduction of Air New Zealand flights, the airport company has also made additions to the airport infrastructure.

There has been improvements with the aircraft fuelling facilities, with an additional fuelling stand on the western apron providing Jet A1 over-wing and pressure refuelling capabilities.

Improvements and repairs have been carried out on various amenities including runway lighting, windsocks, runway markings and taxiways etc.

The airport company is working continuously on improvements to airport infrastructure.

CAR PARKING

After a few teething issues that were sorted out early on, we now have people getting use to the parking ticket machines.

The long term car park was so popular, we had to double its size very quickly, from 28 to 56 car park spaces. This caters for a large number of travellers using long term parking which was unexpectedly high.

Improvements to security including high fencing, lighting and 24 hour surveillance cameras help to keep vehicles secure 24/7.

FEEDBACK

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

