

PARAPARAUMU AIRPORT LIMITED

Newsletter – December 2010



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

AIRPORT MANAGER

AJ Wackrow has recently resigned his position as Airport Manager to take up a position with Perth Airport in Australia. AJ will be leaving the company on 23 December 2010.

AJ commenced his role with the Airport on 1 July 2008 and in his two and a half years with the company has overseen considerable improvement in operations and aviation safety standards at the airport. AJ was also responsible for guiding the Airport through requirements to gain CAA Part 139 Certification in 2009 and prepare the master list of requirements to allow regular passenger services to the airport in the future.

A new Airport Manager appointment has been made.

Heather Woodcock will commence as Airport Manager on 13 December 2010 having spent the last 5 years in various roles within CAA, most recently as Acting Manager Rules Development.

Heather holds a Bachelor of Aviation from Massey University and has a Commercial Pilot Licence. Other qualifications include Multi Engine Instrument Rating and Flight Instructor Rating.

Heather lives locally at Waikanae beach.

AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

RUNWAY AND APRON MAINTENANCE AND PLANNED RUNWAY UPGRADES

Regular maintenance and ongoing repairs of runways and aircraft apron areas has continued this year.

A full engineering report was completed for the main runway this year in preparation for planned runway surface upgrades. The report confirmed that Paraparaumu Airport's main runway is in good condition other than the need to overlay the surface to help control stone loss as the runway ages, and some work to re level parts where the contours have dropped over time..

As part of ongoing preparation for regular scheduled passenger services at the airport, PAL commissioned an engineering performance specification to have the main runway overlaid and invited several companies to tender for this work. This tender process has now been completed with work commencing once a final start date for passenger services has been confirmed.

In the meantime the runway has been treated to remove the extensive lichen and moss accumulated over many years of neglect.

Other upgrades that are planned for next year include a new PAPI slope guidance system, REILS (runway end lighting) and other infrastructure works.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

This year PAL has focused on upgrades to some of the aging buildings at the airport.

Improvements include a new septic system for the Air2there terminal, upgrades to the fire sprinkler system in the Helipro hangar, repairs to airport car parks, improvements to the access road for the Aviation Sports Hangar, and major repairs to all the windows for the Aviation Museum.

AVIATION SAFETY

PAL is actively reviewing all aspects of aviation safety at the airport in anticipation of regular scheduled passenger flights to Auckland starting at the airport.

An indepth risk review was carried out by an independant company. Based off this report PAL made requests to CAA for airspace changes to help further mitigate risk once larger pasenger planes are operating at the airport. CAA responded to PAL's request by acknowledging the many safety improvements carried out at the airport over the last two years. However, CAA have responded to PAL's request for airspace changes by stating that they believe an Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS) at the airport would better manage aviation safety.

PAL is actively working with CAA to establish a realistic establishment date for an AFIS facility at the airport.

The Airport Users Group has agreed to increase the frequency of safety meetings over the summer months to allow for greater communication between all users at the airport over safety issues.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Waikanae Camera Club
- Kapiti Retirement Trust
- School Safety Program
- Rural Fire Brigade exercise
- Promotional exercise for local Para-Olympians

NOISE MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

The Community Liaison Group continues to provide oversight on how the airport company is managing noise complaints.

A revised Noise Management Plan pursuant to plan change 73 was completed this year.

Please refer to PAL's website under noise management for a copy of the CLG annual report on noise management at the airport.

STAGE ONE DEVELOPMENT

Work is well underway on the Stage 1A commercial development at the airport including the Mitre 10 Mega Store which is due to open in late March 2011. When complete, the Stage 1 development will provide up to 500 new jobs for Paraparaumu.

A new airport entrance including a round a bout off Kapiti Rd is currently underway and will ultimately be extended to provide access through the business park to the planned new terminal and aviation core.

FEEDBACK

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