

## RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011 – INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN SNEDDEN

With the Rugby World Cup being held in New Zealand this year it felt appropriate to head our first 2011 edition with a message from the CEO.



*Martin Snedden CEO Rugby NZ 2011 with the Webb Ellis Cup*

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### With less than five months to go how ready are you?

I think we are in great shape. All major stadia redevelopments are largely complete and we have just confirmed the unique fully enclosed Otago Stadium, now under construction, as a match venue. Operationally, over the last year our growing team has been busy testing our plans and working on logistics across all match venues and strengthened relationships with all our key partners, including airports of course. The clock is ticking and much is still to do, but we are well on track.

### How hard a decision was it to reallocate the Christchurch matches?

We were certainly reluctant to shift matches from such a proud Rugby province which, as we all know, has a rich Rugby heritage. It was a hard decision, but in the end we had little choice once we knew Stadium Christchurch was unlikely to be repaired in time. It was pleasing that in the end we could reallocate three of the matches to South Island venues.

Our sympathies certainly remain with the people of the region as they go about the long recovery and rebuilding process. They are still very much part of our Stadium of Four Million and we are looking at ways to ensure they play a part and share in the experience. To that end it's great that the All Blacks will spend some time in the city.



*Otago Stadium*

## How are ticket sales going?

Prior to the tragic earthquake in Christchurch we were on track with over 900,000 tickets sold, well over half of what we need to sell to meet our financial targets. Obviously we now have a major refund process underway and many fans will have to rethink plans, but we remain confident that our 85,000 expected visitors, plus our mad keen Kiwi rugby fans will really get behind this Tournament and fill our 12 match venues come September and October. Fans get the last chance to buy tickets from July.



Eden Park

## What role will airports have in welcoming our guests?

Manaakitanga is a powerful Maori word – it means the act of hosting or caring. It is the single most important obligation and opportunity Kiwis have when the world comes to our place this year.

We want our visitors to leave with very special memories of their time here if we are to make the most of this opportunity, so all of us in our Stadium of Four Million have a part to play.

Your part is really important as airports are the first and last port of call for all our international RWC 2011 teams and fans as well as being the gateway to other parts of the country as they travel to experience all that the Tournament and regions have to offer.

We see all who work at airports as very

much part of the wider RWC 2011 family so we want to help you provide a welcoming, safe and efficient arrival and departure experience for all. It is important we get it right in airports as the first and last impressions are the ones that are remembered.

## What planning is being undertaken with airports to help them be great hosts?

We're working with airport companies to ensure that on arrival in any port across the country, visitors will know that they are in a region that is playing a key hosting role for RWC 2011.

Airports are looking at many creative ideas to ensure that the dressing for their arrivals areas provide our guests with a welcoming experience and one with a real regional flavor. We've been developing guidelines to help airports with this process. As well, our Team 2011 volunteers will be based in airports to meet and greet our visitors and help with any enquiries.

It's also important that airports know well advance the movements of teams and so the likely influx of visitors. We've been working together on operational plans to ensure airports are aware of key activity well in advance of the Tournament and can plan and resource accordingly.

Like all aspects of the Tournament we will succeed through our collective efforts so we appreciate the spirit of partnership shown so far by our airport stakeholders as we count down to the Tournament.

## How are Kiwis getting involved?

Our Stadium of Four Million is really coming alive and we see that up and down the country every day. We certainly see it in our volunteer programme. We're right in the middle of finalising the lucky 5000 or so who will play a key welcome role across the country. The response has been fantastic from people from all walks of life who are keen to sacrifice their time to play a part in making the Tournament a success.

We're also seeing it in the growing number and variety of REAL New Zealand Festival events that are being organised. There are many really unique regional celebrations being planned which will provide a fantastic taste of our unique culture, entertainment and cuisine for our visitors while they travel around the country.



And I know many people are really embracing the fact that this Tournament is more than just about one rugby team. Of course we will all be yelling loudly for the All Blacks. But there are another 19 teams staying around the country who need to be welcomed and supported. The other day I heard about a small rural school near Invercargill where one class is adopting Argentina, the other Scotland. So the school is not only helping kids learn about our world through the Tournament, but also is hoping tourists pop in and enjoy some good southern hospitality. That really is the spirit that will help us make the most out of this Tournament.

## How big will it be come Opening Match on September 9?

There will not only be 60,000 at Eden Park and thousands more on Auckland's waterfront enjoying the opening celebrations, but millions of television viewers in 200 or so countries watching that day alone. This is after all the third biggest sporting event in the world and the biggest event on the sporting calendar this year so it's fair to say the eyes of the world will be on us for six weeks in September and October. It will be truly special without a doubt.



*Prime Minister John Key at the launch of the uniforms for the Rugby World Cup 2011 volunteers*

## CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

**Initiatives build Christchurch's reputation as an environmentally led aviation centre of excellence.**

The Christchurch Engine Centre can now perform EcoPower engine washes on all existing and future turbofan types within the Air New Zealand fleet.

The Center, a joint venture between Air New Zealand and Pratt & Whitney, will also be able to wash other engine types to provide the service to third-party customers and can carry out washes in either Auckland or Christchurch using portable equipment. Pratt & Whitney claims its EcoPower system can reduce fuel burn by as much as 1.2 percent, as well as extend on-wing time.

Pratt & Whitney Product Line Management Vice President Andrew Tanner said the EcoPower system would help Air New Zealand reduce fuel burn by an additional 500,000 gallons per year.

Vanessa Stoddart, Group General Manager of Technical Operations, Air New Zealand, said: "The closed-loop system means the EcoPower engine wash also collects and recycles water, making it an environmentally sound process."

Last year Christchurch International Airport won two environmental honours, including the sustainability

reporting award for small-to-medium enterprises at the inaugural New Zealand Sustainability Reporting Awards.

This award was recognition of the considerable efforts the airport company had made in recent years to understand and improve the airport's overall environmental performance commented Rhys Boswell, Christchurch International Airport Limited's (CIAL) General Manager of Planning and Environment.

The judges noted how in the Company's annual report there was "a clear articulation of its sustainability approach".

CIAL has implemented a number of environmental initiatives over the past few years which have resulted in a 12% reduction in electricity use, provision of public place recycling bins in the airport terminal, stormwater and groundwater protection programmes, and the measurement and management of its carbon emissions. CIAL has been awarded carbonZero certification by Landcare Research three years in a row.

## WELLINGTON AIRPORT ROCKS

News updates from WIAL where things never stand still.

### Christchurch Earthquakes

Wellington Airport and Wellingtonians have raised over \$196,000 excl GST during March with online car park bookings donated to the Christchurch Red Cross Appeal.

WIAL activated its emergency operations centre following the quake to facilitate the various initiatives from hosting the evacuation flights to setting up a victim support facility in the conference centre. WIAL's Facebook page became a hub of information for official communication as

well as providing a platform for the public to communicate their support for the people of Christchurch. It also initially became the default location for Wellingtonians to list their offers of accommodation to those affected.



### Completion of The Rock and international passenger numbers

The new 'Rock' international terminal is proving popular at Wellington Airport with the facility hosting the Capital's busiest month ever for international passenger numbers last December, beating the previous record by 4.3%.

Over 65,000 passengers travelled through Wellington internationally in December with traffic growth across all Australian destinations. This continues a strong upward trend in international demand since June 2010 with year on year growth averaging 6.6% over that period.

The Rock is also a useful venue and has now held numerous special events ranging from sit down dinners to public open days.

### Airlines

Qantas marked the introduction of their next generation B737-800 aircraft on Wellington's trans-Tasman services with the naming of their newest aircraft in honour of Sir Edmund Hillary during a ceremony held in the Rock.

Air New Zealand's new B777-300 made a number of visits to Wellington during Air NZ's promotional tour. The aircraft looked at home on the Rock's Code E gates.

Travellers using Wellington Airport now have more choice on the domestic network following Jetstar's recent New Zealand expansion. The upsized business friendly schedule gives passengers the option of five daily returns to Auckland. The introduction





of an eighth A320 aircraft to Jetstar's New Zealand based fleet brings the low fare airline's services to 116 weekly return flights to and from the Capital.

## New Code C Hangar

Construction work on the new aircraft hangar facility commenced in January and is scheduled to be completed in September 2011.

The building, approximately 2,000 square metres in size, will be located on the Western Apron area of the airport with a street address of 91 Tirangi Road (formerly the Aero Club hangar site).

The hangar has been designed to host all aircraft that regularly use the airport, including the Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 aircraft operated by airlines serving international routes from the capital. The building will be used for aircraft storage and light maintenance.

## Community involvement

WIAL staff participated in the Relay for Life charity race and raised \$5,400.

WIAL continues to support the local and wider community. The next 12 months will see us sponsoring the First Light New Zealand Solar Decathlon Gold Awards, NZ International Arts Festival, Wellington High Performance Aquatics, Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards, The Welllys - Community Service, Wild at Heart Spirit Awards, Life Flight Trust, Marine Education Centre, World of Wearable Arts™, Wellington Surf Life Saving and Firefighter Skytower Challenge 2011.



## HAWKES BAY AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION



**Providing the weather holds (and in the Hawkes Bay there is a good chance it will) Hawkes Bay Airport's extended runway will be operational by the end of May 2011.**

Work on extending the runway at Hawkes Bay Airport began in May 2010. During the winter months it was held up by unseasonably heavy rain but the northern 100 metre extension with full 240 metre Runway End Safety Area (RESA) became operational last January. There is now a 160 metre displaced threshold at the southern end to allow day work on the 340 metre extension and RESA to the south. To enable the full RESA to be built at the southern end, land was leased from Landcorp and an open drain made into a pipe. The extensions will give Hawkes Bay a full runway of 1750 metres.



## NEWS FROM HAMILTON AIRPORT

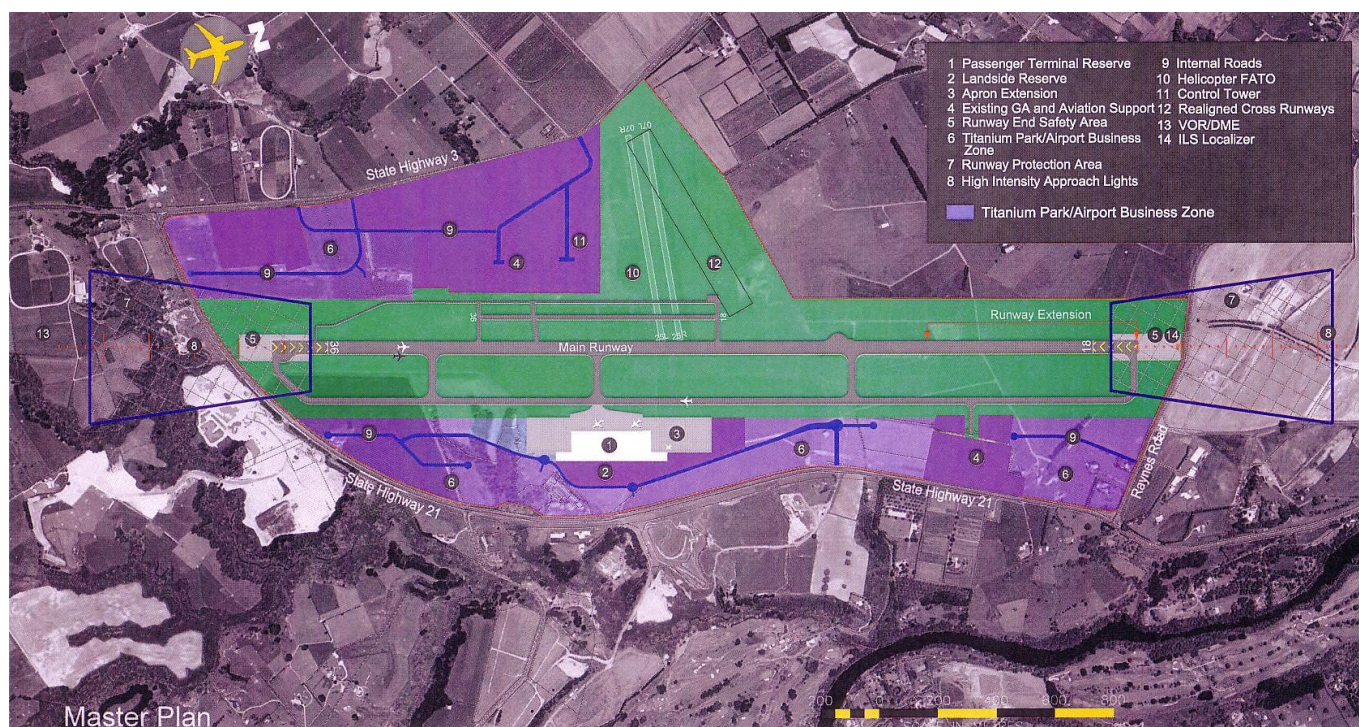
**Hamilton International Airport (HIA) has delivered a financial result of \$463,000 ahead of budget for the first six months of the 2010/2011 financial year underpinned by a sustained improvement in domestic and international load factors.**

According to the six month shareholder report the half year result is a group profit of \$337,000. Total passenger numbers were up 25% in the six months to December 2010 compared to the corresponding six months to December 2009.

notified in October, crystallising the requirements for HIA's future runway extension option.

The application - which at the time of writing is currently being heard by independent commissioners - is a private plan change covering noise

Airport Chief Executive Chris Doak said the option to extend the runway in the future significantly increases the markets that Hamilton could serve. "It would enable the airport's use by long haul aircraft and enable the airport to reduce its reliance on narrow bodied



Domestic passenger numbers increased by 26% and trans-Tasman numbers were 18% higher than in 2009 (six months operation vs four months in 2009).

In July additional capacity was added to the Brisbane market, increasing from three to four per week in August, helping to grow HIA's market share to Brisbane.

District plan changes/variations for the runway designation project from the three affected local authorities (Waipa, Waikato, and Hamilton City) were

boundaries and the re-designation of rural land to airport and aeronautical land. This will enable the option of a future runway extension when required.

The main feature of the plan is to provide for a future 789 metre sealed extension to the northern end of the main runway - when there is a business case. By lengthening the runway seal to almost 3000 metres, it would become only the third airport in New Zealand able to support direct flights to Asia and the US, with the other airports being Auckland and Christchurch.

aircraft and the trans-Tasman market" he said.

The Hamilton & Waikato tourism initiative continued to deliver on the service level agreement with shareholding councils, and to progress activity related to the creation of a stand-alone Regional Tourism Organisation.

A key focus of the last six months has been an investigation into the appropriate structure and funding model for regional tourism. A report and recommendation has been completed



into the establishment of an independent Regional Tourism Organisation from 1 July 2011.

HIA was successful in reversing passenger clearance charges invoiced by NZ Customs Service (Customs) in a judicial review proceeding earlier this year. As a result of the High Court decision, HIA is not required to pay for Customs services at the airport.

There has been increased interest in industrial land around the airport for the airport and Titanium Park land, providing increased confidence for future development activity.

Jerry Rickman stepped down from the role of Chairman in December 2010.

Mr Rickman joined the airport as a director in 2003 and was subsequently elevated to role of Chairman in 2006.

Mr Doak said "Mr Rickman's valuable and pragmatic contribution has guided the airport through significant change including land developments, a new terminal, re-pricing exercises, the attraction of Pacific Blue and the reestablishment of regional tourism. We would like to acknowledge the dedication and contribution from Jerry

and wish him all the best in his future activities."

Current Director John Birch has been appointed Chairman and Greg Thompson has been appointed as the new replacement Board member.

A partner at Russell McVeagh, Mr Thompson has an extensive background in property development and infrastructure.

Mr Birch said HIA welcomed Mr Thompson's strong commercial and industrial business acumen, believing his skill-set would be a great asset to the company.

## WORK STARTS ON MAJOR HANGAR PROJECT

**Ardmore Airport has unveiled plans to build 14 new aircraft hangars on its property bordering Starlet Lane. The first two hangars are due to be completed by end of May 2011.**

Trevor Willcock, AAL's chief executive, believes the project, involving the construction of six single and eight double hangars, will represent a kick start for major development around the airport.

He said: "AAL has identified a need for cost effective single and double hangars. We believe the demand is there and we've had a number of inquiries both locally and internationally."

The uniformly shaped steel clad hangars will be erected over a hectare of AAL land. A new taxiway will link to those already providing access to the airport runway.

"We'll build them in blocks of two unless orders come in faster and we have applied for the building consent for the first two already" said Trevor.

"Extremely flexible ground lease terms will be available for the hangars."

Built by Pukekohe-based The Barn Company, the single hangars will measure 14 metres by 14 metres while the double version will cover 14 metres by 28 metres. All hangars will be a height of 4.5 metres.

Each hangar will be a stand alone building on an individual lot, having no common walls with any neighbor and include off street car parking space too.



Trevor said that while internal design variations would be available to suit occupants, the standard hangar would include a bathroom and shower, toilet, kitchen sink and work bench.

The new hangars would each feature unique 13 metre wide hydraulic doors which AAL had imported from the United States.

He said AAL had more land available to build additional hangars in the Starlet Lane area should we fill this space pretty quickly.



## TOP OF THE SOUTH ARE WINNERS

The South Island walked away with the top awards at the NZ Airports Conference held in Queenstown during October 2010.

Airport of the Year was won by Nelson Airport while Blenheim was named Regional Airport of the Year. Both Airports won their awards for the second time. In the 5 years the awards have been bestowed they are the only Airports to have done so.

Christchurch International Airport carried away two awards. CEO Jim Boulton won Airport Personality of the Year and CIAL and Fulton Hogan won Project of the Year for their airfield pavement maintenance work. The airport company's runway maintenance programme uses recycled asphalt and Fulton Hogan's CoolPave with LEA™ (low emissions asphalt) as a key part of its environmental sustainability initiative.

Nelson Airport CEO, Kaye McNabb, said the award was a complete surprise. Their presentation was on the environment at the airport and the way everyone works as a team rather than just as an airport company. It was seen as a classic example of everyone working together to produce something big. Input from surrounding aviation related businesses, including Air New

Zealand's new hangar development also contributed to the success.

Blenheim Airport had had a big year tackling several projects. These included resealing the 1450 metre runway, overlaying the commercial apron area, installing new drainage and lighting and giving the terminal building a whole new facelift. During 2009 the travelling experience at Blenheim was also significantly enhanced by improved café and retail facilities.

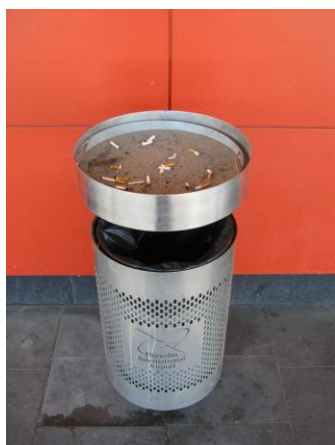
The Airport Personality of the Year award recognised Jim Boulton's leadership during the September earthquake. Colleagues spoke highly of his compassion and support for employees and his professionalism in handling the emergency. He is seen as having great management ability, a good understanding of the industry and possessing excellent networking skills. Under him numerous airport



*The Marlborough Airport Limited team with the Regional Airport Award*

projects have progressed significantly and people are proud to work at the airport.

The CIAL and Fulton Hogan Project of the Year Award celebrates an environmentally and financially positive collaboration between the two companies. It demonstrates how what is good for the environment can also be good for the financial bottom line and is an example of true partnership.



## NO MORE BUTTS! By Richard Roberts

### Dunedin Airport has the solution to messy smokers.

Dunedin smokers outside the terminal posed an eternal problem for cleaners who constantly had to clean up cigarette butts from the pavement.

The smokers' area outside the terminal was provided with benches, bins and the usual ashtray contraptions, but these proved to be ineffective. Smokers generally stubbed the cigarette out on top of the unit and then threw the stub on the ground. This created a bad look.

Dunedin tackled the problem by designing a tray attached to the top of its rubbish bins. The tray contains sand and a mesh insert. When it is full the mesh insert is lifted out and the sand is sieved to remove the butts.

The design has been trialled for about 9 months with amazing effect. There are now hardly any butts thrown on the ground.



## WINGS OVER WAIRARAPA 2011 – A VERY SPECIAL TRIBUTE SHOW

**Trust House Wings Over Wairarapa 2011 took place at Hood Aerodrome at Masterton on the weekend of 21 January 2011. Widely regarded as one of Australasia's largest and fastest growing air shows, WOW rivals any show for display content and reputation.**

The initials are the same as those of World of Wearable Arts but the entertainment could not be more different. Both however have the WOW! factor.

The theme of the show, 'We Will Remember' celebrated not only the aircraft but the men and women that shaped the history of aviation making it a tribute show not to be missed. Veterans from both New Zealand and Australia were welcomed at the show and there was a special salute to them during the weekend.

Wings Over Wairarapa 2011 saw this event come of age. Now in its twelfth year over 50,000 were expected to attend over the three days of the event. It was the first year the gates were opened to the public for three days.

Feature aircraft attending the show included aircraft from The Vintage Aviator Collection, the largest privately owned collection in the world. The collection is based at Hood Aerodrome along with some 'stars' from WWII a number of which made their air show debut.

Over 70 aircraft were displayed at the show representing a unique pictorial account of the history of aviation. Wings Over Wairarapa 2011 also featured displays from other rarely seen vintage aircraft, heart stopping agricultural displays, gliding, commercial & helicopter displays, home builds, microlights, gyrocopters, jet formations & thrilling aerobatics – truly offering something for everyone! The flying each day culminated in a dramatic pyrotechnic display and mock air field attack lighting up the skies and thrilling the crowds.

*Trust house Wings Over Wairarapa is proudly supported by Trust House, Solid Gold FM, Kaurilands Aviation, Tui Brewery, Postively Wellington Tourism, Destination Wairarapa, Tranzmetro and Masterton Trust Lands Trust. For further information about Trusthouse Wings over Wairarapa visit [www.wings.org.nz](http://www.wings.org.nz) or contact Liz Pollock on [info@wings.org.nz](mailto:info@wings.org.nz)*



## BECA SUMMER NEWS John Cairns Technical Director Beca Airports

**It has been another busy summer for the Beca Airports team with design and construction works at a number of airports throughout New Zealand.**

In recent months we have also been actively involved in major asphalt overlays at Adelaide and Melbourne Airports with Fulton Hogan, the inspection and airfield maintenance design at 15 RAAF airfields in Australia and a new taxiway construction at Brisbane Airport. We are also active in the Pacific Islands working on the 'Eua Airport Upgrade and (with Airbiz) the Airport Master Plan in Tonga.

Some of our project work in New Zealand has included the following:

**Auckland Airport** – opening of the first floor Departures Area; RESA works and a new hangar apron for Air New Zealand.

**Christchurch Airport** – annual airfield pavement maintenance works including the asphalt overlay of Runway 11; on-going ITP airside and landside civil works; ITP Terminal Building Works and post-earthquake assistance.

**Dunedin Airport** – runway inspection.

**Hamilton Airport** – commencement of the RESA Works.

**Hawke's Bay Airport** – completion of the Runway 16 Extension and on-going work on the Runway 34 Extension – once complete the runway will be 1,750m long.

**Queenstown** – planning and design work for new aircraft stands and conversion of the grass runway to a sealed runway.

**Rotorua** – completion of the runway extension.

**Tauranga** – construction is underway for a new apron

**Wellington** – completion of 'The Rock'

**RNZAF Base Whenuapai** – commencement of the major airfield upgrade works.

In addition, we have been providing ad-hoc airfield pavement advice to Gisborne and New Plymouth Airports.

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## NEW AMENITIES AT BLENHEIM AIRPORT

**Blenheim Airport continues to improve travellers' experience with its latest upgrade.**

There were mutterings by some travellers at Blenheim Airport earlier this year when they realised they were expected to use portaloos during a four week upgrade of the public amenities.

There were further mutterings and a few red faces on completion of the upgrade when it was realised that the male and female toilets had swapped sides.

Since then however the general consensus is that the upgraded amenities are a huge improvement.

The two disability toilets have been replaced by one universal facility with greatly improved access and the male and female toilets have swapped sides to give the ladies a little more room.

Improved systems include infrared light switches to save energy, restricted

water use, improved ventilation and wall hung toilets to facilitate cleaning.

