

BUSY YEAR FOR BLENHEIM AIRPORT

Angela Adye, Marlborough Airport Limited

It has been a year of one project after another at Blenheim Airport and it shows. Marlburians are now proud to welcome visitors through their regional gateway.

The improvements began with the refurbishment of the terminal café last November to a modern, sophisticated food outlet offering travellers Marlborough wines and boutique beers for the first time. A retail area was also added showcasing Marlborough gourmet products, wines and crafts. The new café has proved very popular with staff working at the airport and Base Woodbourne and is a definite hit with travellers.



New cafe

The café refurbishment was swiftly followed by a complete facelift for the terminal building. This was painted inside and out using colours identified by a colourist to give it a modern fresh look. Seating was reupholstered, new plants introduced and, just recently, the old tired carpet tiles replaced by new carpet.

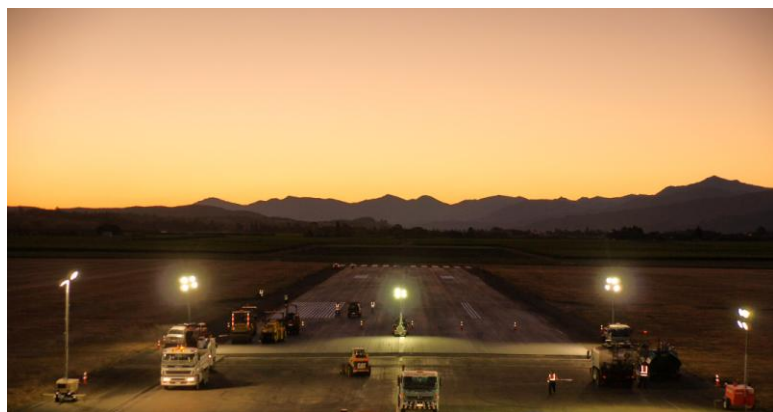
From mid January through to March the Airport undertook one of its largest projects in recent years when it resealed its main runway. The \$3.9million project also included resealing the taxiway, installing new lead in taxi/runway lights and overlaying the commercial apron area.

In addition civil works were carried out to improve apron drainage and lighting. A new apron gatic slot drain was constructed, two new SPFL Stormceptors and a 200m² enlarged infiltration mechanism installed and 3 27metre, 1000kwh lighting towers erected.

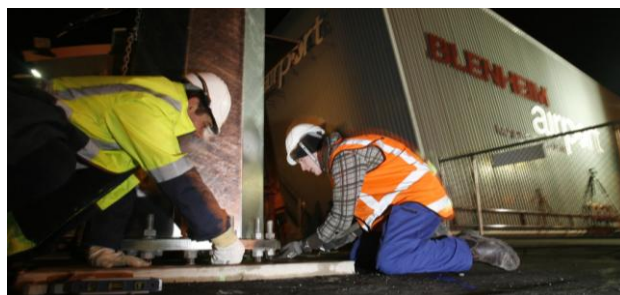
The improved drainage has stood up well to the wettest winter season on record for Marlborough and the lighting towers have significantly improved safety and security for night operations.

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Work begins on resealing the runway at Blenheim Airport as evening falls



Installing the lighting towers

NEW HANGAR NEARS COMPLETION AT NELSON AIRPORT

Kaye McNabb, Nelson Airport

Air Nelson's new \$12 million hangar at Nelson Airport is pretty impressive. The 60metre long, 80metre wide, 15metre high building now dwarfs the existing hangar built in 1942.

Nelson Airport Ltd has built the new office administration block, which will link the new hangar with the existing one and not only provides a significant maintenance facility for Air Nelson's engineering division but brings the co-operative relationship between the airline and the airport company into a new and wider dimension.

The official opening was held on 14 August 2010, the ribbon was cut by John Key and celebrations continued with an open day and some 50 exhibits. Official estimates of over 7000 attendees show the interest the project has engendered in the region in this aspect of aviation.

Some significant milestones during the build included the raising of the roof structure which was built on the ground and then jacked up into position over a three day period,

and the pouring of the floor slab which was done in 'one big pour' on 28 May, covering some 4,800 square metres and taking around 140 trucks of cement to complete.

The new hangar will enable Air Nelson to take up to five Q300 aircraft at once for overnight maintenance. Space will also be freed up in the current hangar, which will be used for heavy maintenance and some light maintenance.

The new office building will bring all technical office staff together in one spacious and well fitted out purpose built area, instead of being scattered across different buildings.

The project has been two and a half years in the pipeline and Air Nelson Engineering staff have been looking forward to working in the new facilities. The new hangar is heated and insulated, has electrically operated doors and safety wires for engineers working at height. It also have better lighting, including more natural lighting.

The additional hangar space has allowed for the relocation of heavy maintenance for Mt Cook Airline's ATR fleet to Nelson which is great news for Air Nelson, Nelson Airport Ltd and the region. The ATR maintenance will bring 30 new jobs to the engineering facility.



The new hangar at Nelson Airport

BECA AIRPORTS UPDATE

Anna Stephen & John Cairns

Beca Airports are proud once again to be the lead sponsor at the fifth annual NZ Airports Conference held in Queenstown during October 2010.

Nominations for the Beca Airports Project of the Year Award closed on 1 October 2010. If your airport completed an airport project or airport development between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 we hope you entered it for this coveted award.

The last few months have been very busy for the Beca Airports Team with a runway extension at Hawke's Bay Airport; a pavement inspection at Gisborne Airport; airside and terminal works at Christchurch International Airport; night time taxiway reconstruction works at Auckland Airport; completion of the "Rock" at Wellington Airport; airfield maintenance works at a number of RAAF bases in Australia; design of a new taxiway and an apron expansion at Brisbane Airport; runway overlay works at both Adelaide and Melbourne Airports; airport upgrade works in 'Eua in the Pacific Islands as well as preparation for the conference in Queenstown!

It is anticipated that Thomas Hyde of Beca and Tony Gollin of Auckland Airport will be presenting at the conference, providing an update on trans-Tasman facilitation and the Lean Six Sigma process improvement work being undertaken at Auckland Airport. The Beca Airports Project of the Year Award winner will be announced at the Beca Airports Awards Dinner being held Friday 15 October, and we look forward to reading your Project of the Year entries and seeing you in Queenstown!

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TERMINAL ART

A new role for Dunedin International Airport terminal is that of art gallery as it houses an exhibition by talented locally based artist, Sam Foley.

A new initiative, "The Artist in the Terminal" project, is intended to highlight the Airport's interest in and support of the arts while adding to the travelling experience for users of the airport.

Sam Foley is the first in a hopefully long line of artist to exhibit in the terminal. His style is realist contemporary and his natural scenes are considered an ideal first choice by Dunedin Airport CEO John McCall. The familiar Dunedin scenes are an excellent way to showcase both the artist and the region.

Sam's works have featured in a number of public and private collections throughout Australia, New Zealand, the States and Germany for over a decade now. Six paintings are on show at Dunedin Airport and can be viewed around the terminal between 11 September and 10 November. All works are for sale.

AIRPARK IS SOUNDS AIR DREAM

Managing Director of Sounds Air, Andrew Crawford, hopes to develop a base for aviation enthusiasts at Picton Airport in Koromiko.

The aviation base would take the form of an airpark, described as a residential neighbourhood with its own airfield.

Sounds Air owns farmland behind Picton Airport and has applied for land-use consent to subdivide. The subdivision would contain 16 freehold residential sections on which buyers would build their own house and hangar for their private aircraft.

There would also be space for tourism and taxi offices and storage warehouses.

While the Company has not yet decided how much it will sell the sections for, it is excited to be the first in the country to develop an airpark where residents can taxi to their own property.

Sounds Air has owned Picton Airport since 1986. It bought the neighbouring farmland four years ago and planning for the subdivision began two years ago. Detailed plans required for the land-use consent have cost around \$200,000.

The Company has held off for the time being because of the economic recession but expects to start building



Sounds Air CEO Andrew Crawford at Picton Airport (Photo courtesy Andrew Crawford)

within a year of obtaining planning approval.

Feedback from pilots using the airport plus market research has supported the idea.

Airparks are popular in the States. In New Zealand the Mackenzie District Council has a 33 section subdivision next to Pukaki Airport which has returned more than \$1.5 million since it was built in 2008.

Waiheke Island Airpark Resort won an Environment Court hearing in April 2010 to build 26 units and 11 single hangars with a terminal at the airfield on the Island.

There are no plans to expand Picton Airport so it is not expected that noise will be an issue for the residents of the subdivision.

PALMERSTON NORTH TERMINAL GETS FACELIFT

Work has begun on replacing the apron side exterior wall of the terminal building at Palmerston North Airport.

Humphries Construction is the contractor for the approximately seven week long project.

The whole of the two-storey façade will be replaced in new Titan Board colours to match the repainted roadside exterior wall of the building.

The first section to be completed will be the international (eastern) end of the terminal.

Aircraft stands immediately adjacent the works will be temporarily out of action while the work is carried out.

NEW BLOOD AT AIRBIZ

Airbiz is excited to have recently appointed two new consultants to its Sydney office.

The first is Trevor Worgan, a senior aviation consultant. For the past five years Trevor has been working as a strategy consultant on aviation projects in the UK, Thailand and the USA - the latter where he worked on a project implementing a new ancillary revenue stream for a major North American airline.

Trevor's strengths are in strategic planning and financial modelling so with his strong commercial background and aviation experience he will contribute his expertise to our continuing aviation and airport projects. Trevor commenced his role at the same time as Carly Wieland joined the Airbiz team.

Carly brings specialist expertise in route and business development, airline - airport relationship and airport marketing and brand strategy development.

The experience that Carly and Trevor bring to the team closely integrates with the financial analysis and pricing work that Peter Seed, based in Christchurch, has undertaken with Airbiz for the last 10 years.

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Trevor Worgan



Carly Wieland



Iain Munro



Artist's impression of the Rock

ROCK ALMOST COMPLETED

Wellington Airport's new international terminal, the Rock, is nearly finished.

The hoardings have come down to reveal the building's dramatic features and international passengers can catch a tantalising glimpse of the new interior as they await their flights.

Panels on display encourage people to "come and explore our Rock".

The official opening of the new terminal is scheduled for 27 October with staggered opening events continuing throughout November, culminating in the Public Open Morning on 21 November. This will include a tour of the interior as well as the exterior from outside the building on the tarmac.

SHAKEN BUT NOT DETERRED

Christchurch Airport's swift response to the major earthquake on 4 September has been praised in many messages of support from international airport companies.

Seven hours after the quake the Airport had re-opened and, apart from one three hour closure of the domestic terminal, has remained open and fully operational.

Flights are by and large running to schedule with no delays.

Safety is the top priority with regular runway and building inspections undertaken each day.

Most tourism operators are back in business and keen to let visitors know Canterbury is still open.

Help and support from other airports has been appreciated. Auckland Airport sent four of its tradesmen to help overworked staff.

An analysis by the Airport of airline passenger movements between 3 September and 8 September revealed that, other than a significant decrease on the day of the earthquake, these remained steady during the week following the quake. The closure of the airport on the day of the quake would have contributed to the sharp decrease.

The Airport has broken several passenger movement records this year with a record number of domestic passengers during August.

Christchurch is working towards becoming fully functional again and is enjoying an influx of visitors during the school holidays.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN & MEMORIAL DAY AT ARDMORE

The NZ Warbirds Association held a 70th Anniversary and Memorial Open Day for the Battle of Britain at Ardmore Airport on Sunday 19 September.

Considering the notoriously unpleasant weather during this event, crowds of people poured through the gates to view the war birds static line up of Spitfires, Harvard's, a Kitty hawk and others before enjoying the outstanding aerial displays of these aircraft during three flight sessions throughout the day.

The NZ Warbirds Museum was open to reveal historical images and classic vintage cars, along with the Papakura Model Aero Club.



GLOBAL MARKETING AWARD FOR AUCKLAND AIRPORT

Auckland Airport was chosen at the World Routes Airport Marketing Awards as the best for international marketing in the Asia Region.

Other airports recognised were Brussels (Europe), Edmonton International Airport (America) and Nairobi-Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Africa).

The World Routes Airport Marketing Awards are judged by the airline industry and are recognised as one of the industry's most important honours. They are internationally accredited and widely accepted as one of the most sought after awards in aviation. The prestige of the award comes from the fact that they are the only reward which is based on rewarding excellence in

route development and are nominated only by airlines.

The awards are set apart by the accuracy with which they reflect the airlines' views. The airlines create the short list from which the panel of airline route development professionals makes its choice. This is unique in the industry and is what make the awards so highly regarded.

Auckland Airport is proud of its engagement with airlines and the successes it is achieving for them and the wider community of stakeholders.

Its investment in air services development is bringing rewards with announcements from airlines to introduce new international capacity to Auckland totalling in excess of 850,000 more seats per annum by late 2011.

This success is shared by New Zealand tourism and the airlines serving New Zealand.

Auckland Airport also invests promotional funds alongside the airlines and industry, building partnerships with the travel trade in the key growth markets to build demand.

WHITE STUFF CAUSES CONFUSION

Snow caused woe at Invercargill Airport when it blocked markings causing a pilot to park an Air New Zealand aircraft short of its correct stop.

The pilot taxied the aircraft to the terminal after touching down but was confused by snow as to the correct

stopping point. The aircraft stopped short causing its wing to be clipped by an air bridge as it swung out towards

the plane. A spokesperson reported minor damage.

CONNECTING NEW ZEALAND – AIRPORTS CONFERENCE

This flagship event is held this year at the Millennium Hotel in Queenstown on 14 and 15 October.

This is the fifth NZ Airports conference. Feedback from the previous four events has been evaluated to ensure this year's programme and speakers provide the greatest possible value to delegates. An outstanding list of presenters and subjects will be complemented by a comprehensive trade exhibition and two very popular social events.

The first of these is a dinner sponsored by Fulton Hogan at the Skyline Restaurant on Bob's Peak which is reached by gondola and boasts spectacular views over the town and Lake Wakatipu. The second is the Beca Awards Dinner, sponsored by Beca Airports, held in the ballroom

of the Millennium Hotel. The theme this year is *Casino Royale* so it will be a glamorous and sophisticated evening culminating in the presentation of the Airport of the Year Awards.

Further sponsors adding value to the Conference include AECOM, Airbiz, Airways, ATTTO, Auckland Airport, Christchurch Airport, Glidepath, Higgins, Marlborough Airport Ltd and Stephenson & Turner.

The Four Star Plus Millennium Hotel is only a 5 minute walk from central Queenstown with stunning views of Lake Wakatipu and The Remarkables mountain range. It houses Queenstown's

largest conference rooms, 220 bedrooms, a business centre, gym, bar and restaurant.

This conference promises to be a spectacular event aimed at providing maximum information, opportunities and enjoyment to everyone attending. The programme may be found at www.conferencequeenstown.co.nz.



Millennium Hotel