

KAPITI COAST AIRPORT LIMITED

Newsletter – June 2011

Welcome to the Kapiti Coast Airport newsletter.

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

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NEW NAME FOR AIRPORT

Paraparaumu Airport is now Kapiti Coast Airport.

The airport company changed the name at the beginning of May to better reflect the role of the airport in the community.

“We want a consistency of message so that is why we are using the name Kapiti for the airport and the business park,” said Director Sir Noel Robinson.

New signs will be going up in the next few weeks.

FLY DIRECT TO AUCKLAND

Air Nelson will commence services from the Kapiti Coast to Auckland on 25 October 2011.

There will be three return flights a day from Kapiti Coast Airport to Auckland leaving at 6.55am, 12.20pm and 4.35pm.

The aircraft being used at the 50-seater Q300s.



Flights can be booked on the Air New Zealand website (the same website as grab-a-seat). You can use either Kapiti Coast or Paraparaumu Airport as the starting point/destination.

We will be holding a big welcoming event on **24 October** and the public will be able to visit the airport and take part.

PEST CONTROL

We are making good progress on pest control at the airport with an active programme for rabbit and bird control in place..

Over the last six weeks a number of Canada geese, paradise ducks, black back gulls, plovers, pukekohes, mallards, hares and rabbits have been dispatched from the airport as they pose a hazard to aviation.

SOUTHERN APPROACH

The surveys have been done, the trees have been topped or removed and the GNSS approach into runway 16 will be published on 28 July 2011.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

The Mitre 10 Mega Store has been open for a couple of months now and is doing better than expectations. Definitely worth a good look around! A resource consent is held for a second building and arrangements with prospective tenants are being negotiated.

HELICOPTERS FLOWN

At the end of May Helipro moved its helicopter training operation to Palmerston North.

The airport company received a lot of positive feedback about this from the community, particularly as most of the noise complaints have been about helicopters.

“The airport company felt that if the airport was to be a success in the future, it had to have good community relations and helicopters were a thorn in the side of that,” said airport company CEO Steve Bootten.

Helipro’s fixed-wing operation is staying at the airfield so we get to have the best of both worlds.

Helipro stay but without the helicopter training.

AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

RUNWAY AND LIGHTING UPGRADES

The airport runway overlay has now been completed by Fulton Hogan, other than some additional work to do on the runway edge to contour the shoulders and raise some runway edge lights.

KCAL would like to thank everyone for their understanding caused by all the disruption to get the runway upgraded. It is very much appreciated. For those working on the airfield we hoped you enjoyed the thank you bbq.



Radiola Aerospace is installing new lights for the runway, including Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPIs) and Runway End Identifier Lights (REILs).



PAPIs in action....

TOWER IN USE AGAIN

The old tower on Kapiti Road will soon be occupied again by an Aerodrome Flight Information Service (AFIS).

Unlike Air Traffic Control, the Flight Information Officers give the pilots relevant information and make suggestions. They do not tell the pilots what to do.

The AFIS will be run by a four-person team and will give pilots flying into Paraparaumu information on the weather and other aircraft using the aerodrome. One person will be on watch at a time during the AFIS operating hours.

The AFIS at Kapiti Coast Airport which is operated by Airways NZ is one of only two such facilities in the country. The other one is in Milford Sound.

Airways will be holding a seminar on the AFIS for airport users at Kapiti Coast Airport and Palmerston North Airport during the week of 4 July 2011.

FEEDBACK

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