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YOUR AIRPORT**



**CONNECTING WELLINGTON
WITH THE WORLD - AGAIN**

Wellington's flight connections with New Zealand and the world are thriving again.

Our domestic flight capacity should be over 100% of pre-Covid levels in the next few months, a major milestone in the city's recovery from Covid-19.

After a tough few years, it's so good to be able to see friends and family again.

It's a shot in the arm for Wellington's economy, especially with so many big events coming up like WOW, Wellington on a Plate and Beervana.

All of Wellington's international destinations are now re-instated with direct flights to Melbourne, Sydney, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Fiji very full.

It's great to have Air New Zealand, Qantas, Jetstar and Fiji Airways all providing international flights and more seats should be available as the year goes on.

Countries seeing the strongest demand for travel to and from Wellington include Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Germany, India and the UK.



Tourism Fiji



MEET
MATT CLARKE
OUR NEW CEO

DINING & PARKING
SPECIALS
FOR LOCALS

AIRPORT
EXPRESS BUS +
ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT

WILD AT HEART
SPIRIT AWARD
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INTRODUCING MATT CLARKE, OUR NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Tēna tātou katoa! It's a great privilege and pleasure to step into the role of Chief Executive at Wellington Airport this year.

I'm a true aviation fan, having spent more than 20 years working in and around airports in New Zealand and abroad. After a challenging time for the industry, it's just brilliant to see people and planes back and our terminal humming again.

The return of air travel means family and friends can reunite, businesses can connect, and tourists can check out the things that make our capital city so great.

This newsletter is a new way for us to engage with our local communities who live around the airport, keeping you up to date with our latest news. I hope you find it useful and informative.

If you haven't visited the airport for a while, I encourage you to pop in for a visit, enjoy some hospitality and check out our new retail outlets. We'd love to see you here!

All the best, Matt Clarke | Wellington Airport Chief Executive

SHOP OR DINE AND PARK FOR FREE ON WEEKENDS

Shoppers purchasing over \$50 worth of goods will receive two-hours free parking on a Saturday or Sunday.

Talk to our retail staff when making an eligible purchase and they'll provide a voucher which can be exchanged at the Parking Services Office on level 1 of the Multi-Level Carpark for your free parking.

Valid only on the day of the eligible purchase, for up to two hours in the Uncovered carpark or P120 Express (anything beyond is charged at the standard carpark rate).

Offer valid until the end of February 2023.



WILD AT HEART SPIRIT AWARDS

Each year we're proud to support local students who make an outstanding contribution to their school and local community.

The Wild at Heart Community Spirit Awards are presented to a Year 13 student from each of the five local colleges (Rongotai College, St Catherine's College, St Patrick's College, Scots College, and Wellington East Girls' College).

Each winner receives a \$1000 scholarship, along with a certificate. Awards will be presented at the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards dinner in November.

Nominations are open now until Friday 30 September. Find out more at wellingtonairport.co.nz/spiritawards.



WORLD OF WEARABLEART TOUCHES DOWN

A taste of the World of WearableArt (WOW) has landed at Wellington Airport. Five award-winning creations from the WOW collection are now on public display in the airport terminal until the end of the WOW Show season in October.

Wellington Airport's Manager Brand and Sponsorship, Jo Maxwell says the exhibit is already a major hit with the travelling public. "It's great to see people literally stopped in their tracks, and a constant stream of pictures and selfies being taken."

WOW attracts an audience of 60,000 people and contributes up to \$28 million to Wellington's economy.

Wellington Airport is proud to partner with WOW, along with other iconic Wellington events including Wellington on a Plate, Beervana, and the Cystic Fibrosis Wellington Christmas Tree Festival.



Pictured: Axminstress, Kate MacKenzie, New Zealand.



IMPROVING OUR RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Preparing for the impacts of climate change is a major priority for Wellington Airport.

Our seawalls play a crucial role in protecting our runway from storms and rising sea levels, two issues we know are going to intensify in the future.

This is especially important for the western seawall which also protects roading and the major sewer pipes to and from Moa Point.

These seawalls are nearing the end of their natural life, so we are at the early stages of thinking about replacement work.

It's likely to be several years before any work begins and we will be talking to the local community as we develop plans and ideas.



ALL ABOARD THE AIRPORT EXPRESS

The bus is back – finally! The new Airport Express service is now running between the Wellington Airport and Wellington Railway Station.

The all-electric service runs seven days a week, every 10 – 20 minutes for most of the day.

There are seven stops in total and Snapper cards are accepted. It also features luggage storage, free wi-fi and USB charging.

More information is available at metlink.org.nz/airport-express



NEW ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT ON THE WAY

You may have noticed a lot of construction work happening opposite Burger King and the Z service station near the airport.

We're building an electric bus charging facility here to support the new airport bus service, along with a rental car storage area.

The site is being carefully designed to ensure the boundary presents a green and attractive space with fences and hedges to integrate with the residential surroundings.

Work is expected to be finished in December this year and more information is available on our website wellingtonairport.co.nz.

If you would like to join an email list to be kept up to date on airport projects and works, please email us at wellingtonairport@wellingtonairport.co.nz. You can also ring us on 04 385 5100.





THE FUTURE FOR WELLINGTON AIRPORT - OUR 2040 MASTERPLAN

In December 2019 we published the final version of the Airport's 20-year Masterplan, after a period of public consultation.

This outlines what we need to do to cope with future demand, and ensure we're flexible and resilient to a changing climate.

Over the next 30 years Wellington's population is expected to grow by up to 80,000 which will mean more people travelling. We also need to handle new and sustainable forms of air travel, like electric flights and zero emission fuels like hydrogen.

All of this means we need more space, especially since we are already tightly crammed into a relatively small area.

That's why we purchased the southern half of Miramar Golf Course in 2019. While Covid-19 has put the brakes on, over the coming years we will need to gradually expand into this space to meet the needs of Wellington.

What's happening with the runway extension?

This is one of the most common questions we get asked! The short answer is it's 'on pause' while we investigate the work required to repair and upgrade the existing sea wall.

We still think that eventually it would deliver enormous benefits to the wider Wellington region by better connecting us to the world. It would also have sustainability benefits, given it would mean fewer connecting flights and reduce the overall fuel used by travellers.



CELEBRATING OUR AMBASSADORS

We're very proud of our Wellington Airport Ambassadors who provide a friendly, helpful and welcoming presence for travellers.

The team of 46 volunteers receive full training to help people with all kinds of queries, from finding their gate to helping with lost property.

According to Ambassador Maureen Groucott, "just being able to help people" is the best part of the role.

"An airport can be a bit confusing and overwhelming for some people. It's magic to be the one to help them and ease their worries."

Thank you to Maureen, Patricia and all our other Ambassadors!



Interested in becoming an Ambassador yourself? We'd love to hear from you! Contact fiona.gibb@wellingtonairport.co.nz



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