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**TŌU TAUNGA  
RERERANGI  
YOUR AIRPORT  
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**



## A SPECTACULAR NEW GREETING AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

A remarkable new installation and artwork has been unveiled at Wellington Airport: Ngā Tipua Nui (The Great Beings).

Created by Wellington Airport and WellingtonNZ, it features original artwork by artist Taupuruariki (Ariki) Whakataka Brightwell and was built by Miramar company Wilde Signs.

We're very proud of this unique centrepiece that has a meaningful story and connection to the land beneath us. If you haven't already, come and see it in the main terminal.



*Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna from Seatoun perform at a blessing for the new installation*



## OUR PLAN TO LOOK AFTER PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

At Wellington Airport we're deeply conscious of our responsibilities to our people, the environment and our local community.

We've recently released our Kaitiakitanga report which outlines how we're tracking in all these areas. For us, it's important to be held accountable by tracking, measuring and publishing results like this.

You can find a full copy on our website with some of the highlights including:

- A plan for net zero emissions for the airport's operations by 2030
- Reducing waste and water use 30% by 2030
- Supporting airlines to decarbonise with new sustainable technologies
- Sponsorship and support for numerous Wellington events and causes.



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STEVE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

WLG COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT FUND NOW OPEN



## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

Huge congratulations to our very own Steve Rybinski who has just celebrated his 30th anniversary at Wellington Airport! Steve is one of our Duty Managers and we asked him about his time here:

“This place has changed massively over the years. When I started it was basically a rattly, cold scary tin shed.

“There weren't many shops and no computers. We had to switch everything on manually and lock up by hand. It's improved out of sight since then.

“My most memorable moment was saving a guy's life here in the terminal. He collapsed and basically died, but we worked on for him an hour using the defibrillator. Later on I rung the hospital for an update and they actually put me through to him to speak.”



## SALUTING OUR WELLINGTON AIRPORT AMBASSADORS

Wellington Airport is fortunate to have a team of over 45 volunteers serving as Airport Ambassadors. They do a great job helping travellers and visitors navigate our busy terminal and are always there to lend a hand with a smile.

The Ambassadors have been particularly busy during the FIFA Women's World Cup. We celebrated their contribution with a function at the Lyall Bay Surf Club in June as part of National Volunteer Week - Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu.



## SPOTTED IN THE TERMINAL

This winter we've been thrilled to host a life-sized LEGO® dinosaur in our terminal as part of the Aotearoa-exclusive Jurassic World by Brickman® exhibition at Tākina.

If you missed seeing it here, make sure you get along to the full experience before it finishes in October. It features 50 large-scale dinosaurs, props and scenes from the movies and lots of hands-on activities for kids of all ages.



## HELP YOUR CAREER TAKE FLIGHT AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

We're always looking for great people to join our fun and friendly team here at Wellington Airport.

We work hard to ensure employees feel they belong and are valued and appreciated. To do that, we offer a range of benefits and opportunities including:

- A competitive salary and flexible working conditions
- Free car and bike parking
- Discounts on food, drink and retail (including 15% off selected duty-free items)
- Free onsite gym and F45 classes
- A range of learning, development and progression opportunities
- A fun and vibrant culture with regular social events and activities

Check out the careers page on our website to see the current roles available and more on what we offer.

[wellingtonairport.co.nz/careers](http://wellingtonairport.co.nz/careers)



## JEFF THE TROLL ON THE LOOSE AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

Wellington Airport's landing and departure screens were hijacked recently by a large troll wreaking havoc in the terminal, thanks to the clever folk at Wētā Workshop. This is New Zealand's first 3D illusion board and has been a real attention-grabber.

Lately Jeff the Troll has been busy at his day job as head of security at Wētā Workshop Unleashed, a new attraction in Auckland, but we look forward to seeing him back causing mischief at Wellington Airport again soon.



## WELLINGTON AIRPORT REGIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Congratulations to the finalists for the 2023 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards from across the region.

We run these awards every year to recognise the outstanding work of community group volunteers across the Wellington region.

Over the last two months we've been holding awards ceremonies in Porirua, Kāpiti, Upper Hutt, Hutt City and Wellington City. Winners will then go through to the regional award ceremony in November this year.

Check out our website for the latest information on all the winners. [wellingtonairport.co.nz/communityawards](https://wellingtonairport.co.nz/communityawards)

## GIVEAWAYS FOR LOCALS

**WIN**

**\$500 TO SPEND AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT**

We've got a \$500 Wellington Airport voucher to give away this edition. What will you spend it on - retail therapy at Witchery, Icebreaker, Trenerly or 3 Wise Men? Books from Relay or makeup from Cosmetique?

To enter, just send us an email to [competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz](mailto:competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz) with '\$500 to spend' as the title and tell us your favourite place to eat, dine or shop at Wellington Airport. Entries close 30 September 2023.

**WIN**

**\$100 DINING VOUCHER**

We also have a \$100 voucher to use at any of the airport eateries. Nachos from UBW, pizza at Peloton, Mojo café or dining at Whiskey Lima Golf - the choice is yours.

To enter the draw for a \$100 voucher, email us at [competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz](mailto:competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz) with 'Wellington Airport dining' as the subject. Entries close 30 September 2023.

**WIN**

**A VALET ULTIMATE GROOM FOR YOUR CAR**

Does your car need a bit of TLC? We have one Valet Ultimate Groom to give away. You don't even have to be flying to use it; you can drop-off and pick-up in a day. Terms and conditions apply.

To enter the draw email us at [competitions@wellingtonairport.co.nz](mailto:competitions@wellingtonairport.co.nz) before 30th September 2023.

**PARKING OFFER**

**SHOP AND PARK FOR FREE ON WEEKENDS**

Spend over \$50 at the airport and receive two hours free parking on a Saturday or Sunday.

Talk to our 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. This includes dining outlets such as Whiskey Lima Golf and Peloton Bar and Eatery.

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). Valid until 31 January 2024.

Congratulations to the winners of our Autumn newsletter giveaways - Paula E and Debbie C.

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## KICKING OFF WORLD CUP CELEBRATIONS

As part of the excitement around the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ we had some fun with the Wellington 'blown away' sign by replacing the 'O' with a giant football. The teams and visitors have loved being greeted in Wellington by this fun imagery.

When the football is removed we'll be auctioning it off for charity with the proceeds going to Football For All, a local charity which supports children's participation in football and futsal.

So if you'd like to acquire a giant football for your local school, club or even backyard – keep an eye on TradeMe!



Wellington Airport chief executive Matt Clarke with the giant football.



## NEW COMMUNITY FUND OPEN

The WLG Community & Environment Fund provides grants to organisations and community groups located within Motukairangi/Eastern Ward for the purpose of education, promotion and advancement of the community.

The funding priorities include education, community, environment, arts and culture, health and sport. The Trust has a total of \$75,000 to allocate in 2023 with grants between \$1,000 and \$25,000 considered.

The 2023 funding round is open between 1 – 31 August 2023. For more information on how to apply for a grant please visit:

[www.wlgfund.co.nz](http://www.wlgfund.co.nz) or contact [nannette.dempsey@wellingtonairport.co.nz](mailto:nannette.dempsey@wellingtonairport.co.nz)

 **WLG COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT FUND**



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