



LOCAL YOUNG ACHIEVERS RECOGNISED

Each year Wellington Airport is proud to support outstanding local students through our Wild at Heart Spirit Awards.

These \$1,000 scholarships are presented to a Year 13 student from each of our five local colleges: Rongotai College, St Catherine's College, St Patrick's College, Scots College, and Wellington East Girls' College.

These awards recognise and celebrate students who have gone above and beyond to provide service to their school and community.

Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship recipients (from left to right):

- Ben Bridle - Scots College
- Naya Espelita - Wellington East Girls' College
- Conor Chesney - St Patrick's College
- Ava Saulbrey - St Catherine's College
- Rex More - Rongotai College

More information about their achievements is available on the Wellington Airport website.



REGIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Just before Christmas we were proud to announce the winners of the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards for 2023, including our Supreme Award winner: Everybody Eats, who transform rescued food into restaurant dinners served on a koha basis.

Congratulations to all the winners, including People's Choice Award winners Mountains to Sea Wellington who are based locally in Moa Point.



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AFS RECRUITMENT DAY - JOIN THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT FIRE SERVICE

Our Wellington Airport Fire Service is recruiting four new firefighters to join the team starting in April 2024.

We are hosting a recruitment day on Tuesday 20 February where candidates will be asked to complete our required fitness test, take part in group exercises and undergo individual interviews. Candidates will also have the chance to meet the crew and learn more about the role of an Airport Firefighter.

This is a great opportunity to join our committed, social and passionate Airport Fire Service.

To apply, visit our listing on Seek or send your CV through to careers@wellingtonairport.co.nz
More information is available on our website and social media.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT FIRE SERVICE

Congratulations to our friend and colleague Graham Rock ('Rocky'), Crew Chief with the Wellington Airport Fire Service who recently celebrated his 30th anniversary here. We asked him about his time here:

"Like many children I wanted to be a firefighter when I grew up. However I was also interested in flying and had my fixed wing private pilot licence by the time I was 21, and then started as a Rescue Firefighter at Hamilton Airport in 1982 before coming to Wellington Airport in 1994.

"A typical day for me can involve attending emergencies like medical events and carrying out training with the rest of the crew. We test and check our vehicles and equipment, train and usually try to squeeze in a gym workout some time during our 12-hour shifts.

"The best thing about being here is the close-knit team of firefighters and operating within the dynamic aviation environment. Going to sea for marine training on the two rescue vessels is a highlight for me as well.

"It's a great group of people and probably because of that Wellington Airport is a great company to work for. I've been here 30 years and I'm still enthusiastic about the job."



WORK UNDERWAY ON NEW AIRPORT FIRE STATION IN RONGOTAI

Work is well underway on our new state-of-the-art Airport Fire Station on Coutts Street in Rongotai following a dawn blessing ceremony by local iwi in December last year.

The site was blessed by Nate Rowe from Taranaki Whānui and the soil turned by our Chief Executive Matt Clarke. It was a moving ceremony with staff from Wellington Airport and Naylor Love staff on hand, along with engineers, local city councillors and neighbours.

The project is likely to finish late next year and includes landscaping work to improve the streetscape and create a new public location for plane spotting.

*Pictured from left:
Matt Clarke, Kate Grinlinton, Ben Troy, Ayolt Wiertsema and Nate Rowe.*





Pictured: Concept of the new Lyall Bay Junction on Kingsford Smith Street



LYALL BAY REVITALISATION UNDERWAY

Wellington Airport is helping revitalise the Lyall Bay and Rongotai precincts with new food and beverage outlets on the way and construction of a new Airport Fire Station underway.

Plans are also being developed for a new public promenade area along Lyall Bay parade to improve access from the Leonie Gill shared pathway to the Lyall Bay shopping, dining and beach precincts.

Demolition is underway on derelict buildings on Tirangi Road and Greater Wellington Regional Council are proposing to develop this area for parking and charging electric buses.

Wellington Airport's chief executive Matt Clarke says this part of Lyall Bay has an exciting future.

"Lyall Bay is already a popular place for shopping, dining and spending time at the beach. This work is going to make it even more of a jewel in Wellington's crown, and a better place to live, work and play."

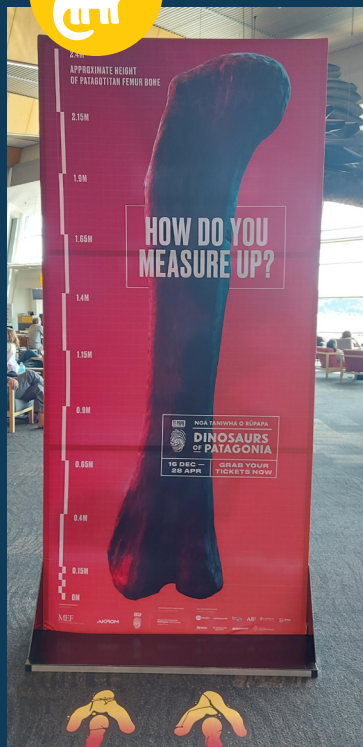
WIN A FAMILY PASS TO DINOSAURS OF PATAGONIA AT TE PAPA

Journey back in time and see *Ngā Taniwha o Rūpapa | Dinosaurs of Patagonia* at Te Papa this summer. This exhibition features one of the biggest creatures ever to walk the planet, the 30-metre-long Patagotitan.

If you are visiting Wellington Airport, be sure to follow the large dinosaur tracks to Te Papa Store where you will find lots of dinosaur themed gifts and treasures, or see how you measure up against a 2.4m patagotitan femur bone.

Wellington Airport are proud to be Exhibition Partners, and to celebrate we have two family passes (four tickets) to give away!

To enter, email us at competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz with the subject 'Dinosaurs of Patagonia' by 20 March 2024.



GIVEAWAYS FOR LOCALS

WIN

A \$250 SHOPPING SPREE AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

Books, toys, fashion, food or drink? The choice is yours if you're the lucky winner of our voucher to spend \$250 anywhere you want in the terminal.

To enter, just send us an email to competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz with '\$250 voucher' as the subject. Entries close 20 March 2024.

WIN

SKECHERS \$100 VOUCHER GIVEAWAY

To celebrate the opening of Skechers at the Airport Retail Park in Lyall Bay we have a \$100 voucher to give away.

To enter the draw, email us at competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz with 'Skechers' as the subject. Entries close 20 March 2024.

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 competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz with 'Valet Ultimate Groom' as the subject by 20 March 2024.

PARKING OFFER

FREE PARKING WHEN DINING AT RYDGES WELLINGTON AIRPORT

No need to worry about parking this summer when you indulge in the cracking good food at Whiskey Lima Golf or Peloton Bar & Eatery at Rydges Wellington Airport.

Spend over \$50 on food and beverage at either restaurant and receive two hours complimentary parking while you dine.

There are also great weekday afternoon offers at Whiskey Lima Golf including \$19 margarita pizzas on Mondays, \$30 for wings and beer on Wednesday, and \$25 fish and chips on Fridays. More information is on the Rydges Wellington Airport website.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Spring newsletter giveaway winners - Anita van der Loo, Lee Campny and Zoe Atkinson.



NIGHT FLIGHTS

Noise at Wellington Airport is carefully managed, including a curfew for flights between 1am and 6am daily. Exemptions are rare, but occasionally you may hear flights outside of these hours.

In most cases these flights are emergency medical flights by Air Ambulance Planes or the Westpac Rescue Helicopters managed by our good friends at Life Flight Trust.

“When the Westpac Chopper or Air Ambulances get tasked to fly at night, we’re the exception, not the rule,” according to rescue helicopter pilot James.

“It happens as little as possible, but when hospitals or the air desk [111 dispatch] request our help for a medical or trauma emergency, we could be the tool that could save the patient’s life.

“I can speak for our teams and the patients we fly when I say thank you for your patience and understanding.”

Other curfew exemptions for aircraft include civil defence emergencies, using Wellington as a alternate landing due to unforeseen circumstances at the scheduled airport, or for Heads of State or senior dignitaries.

We are always grateful for your understanding on these rare occasions. If you have any queries please email us at airnoise@wellingtonairport.co.nz



FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN AT KIDSZONE

Our pop-up kidsZone hub was a popular spot in the January school holidays and the perfect area to let your little people enjoy some toys, books and colouring with their grownups watching on with a coffee or snack. Be sure to check it out again in the April school holidays.



AN UNUSUAL PENGUIN VISITOR RESCUED FROM RUNWAY

A pilot about to take off from Wellington Airport on January 12th had to wait for an unexpected visitor on the runway – a little kororā (blue penguin).

Wellington Airport staff raced out to collect and help the young visitor who was in a less-than-impressed mood, given the hot temperatures – 50 degrees celsius according to our runway sensor!

Our team took him to The Nest at Wellington Zoo who did a great job nursing him back to health.

According to our Wildlife Officer Jack Howarth, “it’s a very unusual occurrence and we don’t have any evidence in our records of this happening before.”



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