

# **Airport** Times

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# Arrivals and departures at the Airport

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**2:** Don has been a key figure behind the airport's new welcome experience.

**3:** Don and Auckland Airport employee Fiona Ho try out a scooter at the first birthday of the airport's green travel plan



# A tribute to Don

The end of August sees our very own captain Don Huse flying off into the sunset after five years in the Auckland Airport cockpit. Don has led Auckland Airport with his own particular style and panache, smoothly dialling up or down for the requirements of each unique situation, and carefully treading the delicate line of keeping all the airport's stakeholders happy.

As this is Don's last *Airport Times*, we've taken the chance to ask him to reflect on his time at the controls...

### What are the highlights for you?

"A real highlight has been leading a team of committed and talented people, all focused on delivering a world-class passenger experience in an incredibly complex and everchanging environment. I am proud also of our initiatives to grow the business in all its dimensions, such as increasing our aero, retail and property offerings, the repositioning and rebranding journey we are now on, and of course Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa, our unique airport Marae."

### Any lowlights?

"To me, the glass is at least half full on this question! Obviously the ownership distractions of the last couple of years were disappointing professionally. They represented a significant opportunity cost. But, in general, I've only ever seen myself as being fortunate to have had the wonderful opportunity of 'wearing the jersey' for five years. In the lifespan of Auckland Airport this is almost just the blink of an eye. The goal of any CEO is to leave a company in a better shape than when they arrived. I'd like to think I've achieved that as the leader of a team effort."

## What have been the major changes you have noticed?

"The major changes I have noticed are in the people, and in the physical dimensions of the airport in terms of capacity, security and commercial activities. We have leveraged our existing skill-sets, and increased our talent base by bringing new members on to the team. I think our shift from being infrastructure driven to customer driven has also made a big difference, but there is still much to do. It is a never-ending story. We have continued to invest heavily in the future of Auckland Airport in terms of implementing our masterplan and developing our capacity."

# What will you miss most and what are you looking forward to the most?

"I'll genuinely miss the interaction with all the people, from the airport team, to our wide range of stakeholders, to our customers. I have to admit I don't like the 'R' word (retirement), so I won't use that! Margie and I intend to make the most of our greater independence and discretionary time. Without going into too much detail, I have some personal interests to pursue. These include governance, not-for-profit, and sporting activities. I also intend to become one of the perhaps more 'well-informed' regular travellers using Auckland Airport. And of course there will be more time with my family. That's important."

# What have been the big lessons you have learnt?

"One of the biggest lessons is the criticality of Auckland Airport to New Zealand's future. Also strongly reinforced has been our responsibility to all of our different communities of interest and stakeholders.

I've also learnt that everything is possible with an accomplished, motivated and welldirected team. For me, this includes the board, management and all the Auckland Airport staff.

I also want to thank my wife Margie for her unstinting encouragement, support and patience. Any demanding career requires family commitment and partnership, and that is not always visible to others. Finally, I want to thank our customers for their continued pride and confidence in New Zealand's gateway. My time as chief executive of Auckland Airport has been a great experience. It's been an extraordinary five years. It has been a privilege. I wish my successor Simon Moutter and the whole airport team all the best for the future.'



















### Farewell to Robert & Chris

August also sees the farewell of two other senior executives, chief financial officer Robert Sinclair, and GM property Chris Gudgeon. Robert and Chris both leave with best wishes and thanks for their contribution to Auckland Airport. Robert and his family are moving to the United Kingdom to begin a new international career and lifestyle, and Chris is taking over the CEO role at Kiwi Income Property Trust in Auckland. 1: Don, former employee David Hansen, Air New Zealand's airline manager Cheryl Coldicutt, former employees Ted Haughey and Margaret Peacocke at the groundbreaking for the northern runway – October 2007.

2: Trustees of the Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa Marae: Julie Wade, Don, David Hansen and Tony Gollin at the opening of the airport Marae – November 2006.

**3:** Kiingi Tuheitia and Don – November 2006.

4: Don, Prime Minister Helen Clark and former Auckland Airport chairman Wayne Boyd make an entrance at the 2005 ACI conference – November 2005.

5: Don, former Auckland Airport chairman John Maasland and GM engineering Steve Reindler survey the construction of the new arrivals area – February 2007.

6: Don and South Auckland Health Foundation executive director Pam Tregonning at the opening of The National Burn Centre – June 2006.

7: Don and Minister of Customs Nanaia Mahuta lead kaumatua and distinguished guests to the opening of the new international arrivals area – April 2008

8: Don and current Auckland Airport chairman Tony Frankham – February 2008.

**9:** Don and his lovely wife Margie at the ACI conference – November 2005. Far right: Maura McPhillips, a longstanding member of Aviation Security's baggage screening team.

# Introducing – Maura McPhillips

### What keeps someone in a job for 30 years? For Aviation Security's Maura McPhillips it is faith, people and an enthusiastic outlook on life.

Having recently celebrated three decades working for the government agency, Maura believes that being surrounded by good people and her strong Christian faith have kept her motivated and happy in her job.

Maura joined Aviation Security (AVSEC) in Wellington in 1978 and was one of only two women in the team. Six years later she transferred to Auckland Airport, and in 2005 she joined AVSEC's newly formed holdstow baggage screening team.

She rates her favourite memories of the past 30 years as seeing the Concord fly into Auckland and the Pope's visit in 1986. "I fondly recall swapping security duties for the day of the Pope's visit so that I could at least see him arrive. I ended up being in a photograph on the front page of the New Zealand Herald as the Pope kissed the ground when he stepped off his flight!"

Maura's credits her job for giving her skills that have enhanced her entire life. "Christianity is a huge part of my life and I have travelled around the world doing missionary work for the past 14 years. My job at AVSEC has taught



me how to relate to different cultures in a wonderfully dynamic environment. I now have the confidence and the ability to communicate with people from all over the world, which greatly enhances my missionary work," says Maura.

Maura's work with the church has taken her to India, Indonesia, Singapore, the USA, England and Europe and later this year she will spend three weeks in Malaysia and the earthquake affected areas of China. "When I was younger I used to think that drinking and socialising were fun, but travelling and carrying out missionary work beats the heck out of that!" says Maura.

**Right:** Artist Konstantin Dimopoulos spent three days installing the rods sculpture in Auckland Airport's international terminal. Passengers will be able to see the work when the second pier opens around October this year.



# **Sculpture to farewell travellers**

### An exciting new sculpture will help farewell Auckland Airport travellers when the second pier opens later this year.

The monumental sculpture, nine metres in length and three metres in height, is made up of a series of black and green vertical rods spaced together into a pattern. The work has already been installed in the departurelevel corridor that will lead to the second pier – home of the A380 aircraft when they begin flying into Auckland next year.

Kiwi sculptor Konstantin Dimopoulos provided the inspiration behind the artwork and says that the colour and form of the work is created to reflect in some part a map or pattern of New Zealand – the idea of home.

"I believe the sculpture, through its colour, form and shape, reflects an aspect of New Zealand that I strongly relate to.

"It echoes an 'idea' of New Zealand rather than a definitive statement about our landscape," says Konstantin. "Because the free-standing rods move in the slightest breeze, it is as if the sculpture is in some way waving goodbye to departing travellers and wishing them a safe journey."

### The dynamic sculpture is perfectly positioned to sparkle in the afternoon sunlight and will create movement through shadows and reflected light.

"There is an optical illusion quality about the sculpture and the rods appear to open and close as you walk past them. The pounamu green colouring comes and goes with the intensity of the light. Light is definitely an integral part of the piece."

Konstantin is an internationally-acclaimed artist noted for his distinctive rod sculptures. His works are in public and private collections throughout New Zealand and Australia. He is currently preparing to install a public sculpture in the USA.

# History on the legendary George Bolt

### When you next cruise along George Bolt Memorial Drive on your way to or from the airport, spare a thought for the legendary man after whom the street was named.

Captain George Bruce Bolt OBE was a pioneering New Zealand aviator born in Dunedin in 1893 who was interested in flight from a very early age.

In 1916, Bolt left the South Island and was lured to Auckland to work as a mechanic at the Walsh Brothers Flying School at Kohimarama. He soon became the flying instructor at the flying-boat base.

Bolt is famous for the first airmail delivery in New Zealand and the first business passenger trips in Australasia. He also set many aviation records; including the altitude record of 6,500 feet in 1919 and, in 1918, the non-stop flying record from Auckland to Wellington.

He served with the RNZAF and the RAF during World War Two and in 1944 was appointed chief engineer of Tasman Empire Airways Limited (now known as Air New Zealand), a position he held until his retirement in 1960.

George Bolt achieved world wide respect for his engineering ability, his flying prowess, and his tremendous contribution to aviation in New Zealand. He died in 1963.





# Celebrating another year

### Rugby players, pavlova and buzzy bees were out in full force at this year's Auckland Airport Airline of the Year award dinner.

Sixty airport representatives turned up for the annual dinner, dressed to reflect this year's New Zealand theme and to vote Korean Air the winner of the 2007 Airline of the Year title.

Guests were entertained by Kiwi comedian Te Radar and a surprise performance by the Three Waiters. The award has been commemorated for the past 15 years with past winners, including Continental Airlines, Emirates and Air New Zealand.

### Far left: On

Wednesday 27 February 1929 a two-seat Avro Avian arrived in Cambridge, piloted by the famous aviator Captain George Bolt. This photo comes from the Frank Green Collection, which is held in the Cambridge Museum.

# Switching into power saving mode

### With hydro lakes at low levels, New Zealand is preparing for power shortages and Auckland Airport is taking some practical measures to ensure our country keeps glowing.

The Airport's energy team recently completed a night-time audit of the international and domestic terminals and they are already counting the savings.

The audit has led to a series of simple, no-cost ways of cutting back power consumption – without compromising the comfort or security of those who pass through or work within the airport.

Auckland Airport's sustainability advisor Martin Fryer says most of the measures centre around switching off non-essential lighting, along with encouraging staff to turn off computers, screens and unused appliances.

"It is estimated that these measures alone will save at least 3,600 kWhr per day – that's enough electricity to power about 130 households," says Martin.

### greening the airport greeningtheairport@akl-airport.co.nz



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Left: Cheryl Coldicutt, Jeanette Carleton, Greg Edmonds, Robyn Deucher and Jill Lane join in the festivities. Far right: If the service centre is closed or you simply just want to drop a small package off without leaving your car, the drive-thru is for you.

# **Concert treat** for arriving passengers

### A concert grand piano took centre stage at the arrivals area last month, a publicity stunt to welcome Ian Munro, the Australian adjudicator of the 2008 National Piano Competition.

The usual bustling area of the terminal took on a different tone and was relatively quiet as New Zealand's national piano champion Denny Liu worked his magic on the keyboard, welcoming visitors with concert music. Thanks to some swift identification by airport staff, Denny was alerted of the judge's arrival and switched from concerto to 'Waltzing Matilda' as lan arrived.

lan Munro is one of the world's most accomplished pianists. He's travelled and performed in more than 30 countries. "This is very special. I've never been welcomed like this before. It's exciting for me and I can see it is for lots of other passengers too," said lan.

**Right:** Denny Liu won last year's National Piano Competition.





# Drop-off and drive-thru courier service

For the ultimate shipping convenience, try the new FedEx drive-thru facility at 4 Laurence Stevens Drive, Auckland Airport. This innovative facility is the first of its kind for the freight industry in the Asia Pacific region.

The drive-thru drop box is available 24-hours a day and packages should be no bigger than 29.5 x 4.5 cm, or tightly packed small FedEx boxes.

The service centre is open from 8:30am to 5:30pm on weekdays, and 8:30am to 11:30am on Saturdays. Call the customer service team on 0800 733 339 for further details.

**Far right:** Hours of creative talent went into the outstanding artwork by Nga Iwi Primary.

# **Celebrating our native tongue**

Maori language is an intrinsic part of New Zealand culture and history. Language defines a nation and its people and 'te reo Maori' (the Maori language) helps give Aotearoa its distinct and unique cultural identity. Many New Zealanders appreciate this more when they travel overseas and realise it is part of what makes them uniquely Kiwi.

New Zealanders have been celebrating Maori Language Week since 1975. The week is dedicated to encouraging the use of Maori language and phrases. This year, Maori Language Week ran from 21-27 July and the airport joined in the festivities by encouraging staff to adopt some Maori phrases into their daily life. Staff were encouraged to answer the phone with the Maori greeting

# **A better forecourt**

You may have noticed that a major reconstruction of the international terminal forecourt is well under way. Once completed in September, the area will streamline traffic flow and be on a par with international traffic modelling best practice. It will provide shorter



'kia ora', commend colleagues with the phrase 'ka pai' (well done) and to generally 'kia kaha ake' (give it a go).

The appetites of over 100 staff were suppressed at Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa Marae with a delicious hangi and local Nga lwi Primary School pupils helped join in the festivities, displaying stunning Maori artwork in the international terminal. Children from the school also entertained passengers in the international arrivals area with their choir and 'kapa haka' (maori performing arts) group.

turnaround and easier drop-offs, more convenient access to transport for arriving passengers, and ensure greater safety and control over the transport and taxi flow for the airport.





# **Uniform goes to the dogs**

It's not just confiscated fruit that is turning heads in the arrivals area – but a stylish new uniform worn by the four-legged members of MAF Biosecurity New Zealand.

The canine detector programme's 19 beagles stepped out in their uniforms last month and are now sporting black jackets complete with reflector strips, the new MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ) logo, and the slogan "New Zealand – it's our place to protect."

As part of a national MAFBNZ rebranding that began last year, the beagles are the first 'front-line' staff members to have new uniforms, and they have been well received by staff and the public.

"We needed a uniform to make the dogs more visible to travellers," says Janet Williams, canine operations supervisor. "They have to be easily distinguishable from the drug dogs which is why they clearly have MAF Biosecurity New Zealand on their new jackets.

"We want all travellers and New Zealanders to take a lead in protecting New Zealand. Making the beagles more visible is a great last minute reminder to travellers to remove any fruit, meat, plant or animal products that may be in their bags."

The jackets, designed by the MAFBNZ Detector Dog Programme, are a cotton/polyester blend and were carefully crafted to be comfortable for the dogs who work 11-hour days on a four-day on, four-day off roster.

# Auckland voted second best airport in Australia and Pacific region

Auckland Airport continues to be award winning. The airport has been ranked the second best airport in the Australia and Pacific region in the 2008 independent Skytrax Awards, with only Brisbane Airport receiving a higher ranking from within Australia, New Zealand or the Pacific.

Auckland Airport's chief executive Don Huse said "It is very rewarding that the enormous amount of work we all put in is appreciated by the people who most matter – the travellers. We compete in a global environment and we need to continually raise our standards."

The global survey is conducted by aviation research organisation Skytrax, with more than 8.2 million questionnaires completed. Passengers rated more than 40 categories including check-in, baggage collection, cleanliness, staff courtesy, shopping and security.

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### Physiotherapist

Shirley Lamont, the physiotherapist at Flying Fit Health Club, has left the airport. Shirley is continuing to work part-time in the eastern suburbs and can be contacted on 021 621 378. Far left: Stylish beagle Piper shows

off her new uniform as she works hard to protect New Zealand's border at Auckland Airport.

# Useful contacts

AUCKLAND AIRPORT		CONFERENCE ROOMS		Services	
Airport emergencies	Ext 98777	Domestic terminal		Travelex	256 6536
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Auckland Airport reception	256 8815	The Clubhouse	256 8924	Speciality and Gifts beachculture	256 9396
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AIRLINES		International terminal	050 0700	NZ & Beyond	257 4600
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Airworks operations centre	275 5981	FUNCTION CATERING		Sunglass Hut	257 0149
Air Chathams	03 305 0209	HMSC-Auckland Airport	256 8782	Time Out	525 0200
Air National	256 2100	LSG Sky Chefs New Zealand Ltd	255 0700	International terminal	
Air New Zealand	256 3584	Pacific Flight Catering	275 3000	Accessories	
Great Barrier Airlines	275 9120	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES		Guess	257 5802
Mountain Air Pacific Blue	256 7025 256 6921	Aviation Security Service	256 1700	Sunglass Hut Sunglass Hut/Watch Station	257 0149 256 8041
Qantas Airways	256 7652	Customs	275 9059	Tie Rack	256 6190
Skylink	256 7500	Immigration	277 0634	Vodafone Rentals	275 8154
		MAF	909 8604	Books, Magazines and Music	
International	275 9914	Police	275 9046	Whitcoulls	256 8212
Aerolineas Argentinas Air New Zealand	256 3584	GROUND HANDLERS		Fashion	057 0000
Air Pacific	256 8525	Air Centre One	275 7167	Adidas beachculture	257 3366 275 2346
Air Tahiti Nui	256 6910	Air New Zealand	256 3620	Bendon	256 1153
Air Vanuatu	373 3435	Menzies	256 8339	BONZ in New Zealand	256 9300
Aircalin	256 8051	SkyCare	256 1215	Merino Discovery	256 6198
Asiana	308 3359	HELICOPTER SERVICES		Rip Curl	275 8371
British Airways	256 6318	Heliflight	0800 768 677	Food and Beverage	
Cathay Pacific	256 8747	-	0000100011	Café Down Under	256 8468
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EVA Air Freedom Air	256 8465	Airbus	0508 AIRBUS	City of Sails Hayama Sushi & Noodles	256 6200
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Korean Air	256 8322	Aviation Country Club	275 6265	McDonald's	255 0921
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Lufthansa Airlines	303 1529	Airport Lollipops Educare	275 0888	Tank Juice The River Café	257 4110 256 8578
Malaysia Airlines		Butterfly Creek	275 8880	General Duty Free	200 007 0
Pacific Blue Polynesian Blue	0800 670 000 0800 670 000	Flying Fit Health Club Golf Driving Range	275 5747 275 6080	Choc Stop	256 6214
Qantas Airways	256 6318	Treasure Island Adventure Golf	275 7531	DFS Galleria	257 3555
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Apex International Forwarding	256 9727		215 9415	Artport	256 8087
Apex Logistics		SHOPPING AND DINING		ChocoVino	256 7545
Asian Express Airlines Barber Logistics	976 2977 255 0970	Airport Shopping Centre		Kiwi Discovery	256 6195
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CT Freight	275 1634	Foodtown	256 2128	The Great New Zealand Shop	256 6650
DHL	0800 800 020	Outlet Store	275 3115	Time Out	525 0200
DogTainers NZ Ltd	256 0999	Postie Plus	275 0123	TravelPharm	256 8036
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Fliway Group	279 5200	The Sharing Shed	275 0478	Airways Panel and Paint	275 3335
Green Freight Limited	275 3101	The Warehouse	275 0156	Firestone Direct	275 0555
IRT-BAS	275 4002	Warehouse Stationery	257 2730	Harriman Signs	275 7809
Japan Airlines	275 3114	Domestic terminal		ImpEx Personnel J A Russell Electrical & Data Suppliers	256 6590 256 1261
Jupiter Air	257 1250	Books and Magazines		Koru Club (car valet)	256 3949
Korean Air	256 8605	Whitcoulls	256 8216		257 0095
Menlo Worldwide	255 0800 257 1810	Food and Beverage		Parking Services	256 8527
NZ Post – international freight forward Origin Air Freight	257 1810	Bach Café	256 8570	Pit Stop	257 4071
Pace Air Services – next flight services	257 1818	Dunkin Donuts	257 4441	Qantas Valet (Base Care)	256 8520
Priority Fresh	255 0841	Espresso Plus Hayama Sushi & Noodles	256 8562 256 6516	Result Consultancy Shell Skyways Service Station	257 4467 275 9082
Qantas Freight	275 1019	River Café	256 8570		256 0911
Skynet Worldwide	257 0016	Tank Juice	257 2043	Skyway Car Storage	275 9753
TNT Express	0800 275 868	The Ranges	256 8566	The Truck Cleaning Company	256 7015
UTi New Zealand Ltd	255 1100	Wishbone	257 0193	Travel Agents Travel Service (TATS)	256 7050
Wilson Logistics	255 0222	Velluto Café	256 8570	Vehicle Testing New Zealand	257 2180
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