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**TŌU TAUNGA
RERERANGI
YOUR AIRPORT
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**



**ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT TO TAKE FLIGHT
FROM WELLINGTON AIRPORT IN 2026**

Watch the skies... from 2026 this amazing Air New Zealand electric aircraft will be calling Wellington Airport home!

We are thrilled to have been chosen along with Blenheim Airport as the site of New Zealand's first regular electric aircraft service.

The ALIA aircraft will be used by Air New Zealand to operate a cargo service across the Cook Strait as a commercial demonstrator. This will help us learn and prepare for the future as electric aircraft increasingly come into service.

It's a real coup for Wellington and a big step on our journey to be New Zealand's hub for short haul electric flights.

**HYDROGEN ENERGY
AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT**

Another step towards decarbonising aviation took place earlier this year with hydrogen trialled at Wellington Airport.

Air New Zealand, Wellington Airport, Toyota New Zealand, and Hiringa Energy joined forces to use hydrogen to charge Air New Zealand's electric tugs and service vehicles.

This is the first time it's been used at an airport in New Zealand and gave us valuable insights. In the longer term, hydrogen could play a big role in powering long distance flights.



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LOOKING AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT AND PEOPLE

This month we've released our annual Kaitiakitanga report, highlighting how we support the environment, people and our local community.

Some of the highlights include:

- A plan for net zero emissions for our own operations by 2028 (emissions are already down 27% since 2017)
- Sponsorship and support for numerous Wellington events and causes
- Reducing our waste sent to landfill and water use 30% by 2030
- Supporting airlines to decarbonise with new sustainable technologies.

The full report is available on our website www.wellingtonairport.co.nz



FLYING KIWI TOUCH DOWN AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

We were proud to welcome a batch of flying kiwi into Wellington Airport recently, on their way to be released into the hills around Wellington.

It's part of Capital Kiwi Project's re-wilding mission to bring kiwi back to Wellington, supported by the mahi of community, tangata whenua and landowners.

The kiwi were flown from Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari in Waikato by Wellington Aero Club volunteers. They join the 63 kiwi re-wilded in Wellington's backyard since 2022 who are doing well and have started breeding.

Wellington's new kiwi population are protected by the established network of 4,600 predator traps spanning from Red Rocks on the south coast to Porirua.



STUDENT ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT NEW AIRPORT FIRE STATION SITE

The new Airport Fire Station on Coutts St in Rongotai is progressing well. Next time you are passing, check out the awesome artwork hoardings created by talented Wellington Primary school children.



SUPPORTING DIVERSITY AND COLOUR IN WELLINGTON

How cool was the Wellington Pride Parade in March! Wellington Airport was proud to be a Silver Sponsor and march alongside our friends and colleagues.



QANTAS RAMPING UP FLIGHTS TO AND FROM WELLINGTON

Wellingtonians will enjoy more choice and competition for crossing the Tasman next summer as Qantas ramps up flights to and from the capital.

The airline has announced an increase in Wellington-Melbourne flights from daily to 10 times per week between September 2024 and April 2025, adding up to 1,000 seats on the route each week.

The daily Wellington-Brisbane service will also upgrade to a larger B738 aircraft in October, adding an extra 35,000 seats per year between the two cities.

Qantas is now Wellington's largest international airline, well ahead of any other airline by total seats and number of return flights operated. Roll on next summer!



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT WELLINGTON AIRPORT

If you visited Wellington Airport last month you may have seen our Artist in Residence – Em Wafer.

Em is a full-time New Zealand artist and muralist who exhibits nationally and internationally. She created this stunning original artwork which is being auctioned to raise money for the Āhuru Mōwai Trust.

The Trust supports families of children with special needs and differences to find support, take a breath and exhale. It's a cause close to Em's heart, who is frequently inspired by moments with her son James who is on the autism spectrum and brings beautifully unique perspective shifts through a neurodivergent lens.

GIVEAWAYS FOR LOCALS



WIN

**\$100 OF
HA HA CHICKEN
AT WELLINGTON
AIRPORT**

Our newest food outlet at Wellington Airport is no laughing matter - it's Ha Ha Chicken, serving up delicious Korean fried chicken!

We have a \$100 voucher to give away to one lucky winner. That's a lot of tasty fried chicken!

To enter the draw email us at competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz with 'Korean Fried Chicken' as the subject by 31 May 2024.

WIN

**A \$250 SHOPPING SPREE
AT THE GIFT COMPANY**

The Gift Company is the home of quality New Zealand gifts and souvenirs to treasure.

We have a \$250 Gift Company Shopping Spree to give away to one lucky winner.

To enter the draw email us at competition@wellingtonairport.co.nz with 'The Gift Company' as the subject by 31 May 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 31 May 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.

SUMMER ISSUE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Summer Issue giveaway winners: Abbey Kingston-Burke, Dave Marshall, Fiona Esam, Judy Toh and Lesley Rea.

**FREE
MULLETS**
for legends at
Wellington Airport
today.



THE MULLET MATTERS

Legends across Aotearoa were rocking mullets in March to get behind the Mental Health Awareness Campaign 'The Mullet Matters', and Wellington Airport was proud to do our part.

We organised a pop-up barbershop in the terminal and a couple of awesome Wellington barbers were kept busy all day, giving away free mullets for locals, passengers, staff and some cool-as seniors from Rongotai College.

Our own Sustainability Manager, Georgina Blane was the first mullet off the rank and raised over \$1000 for this great cause.

Funds raised across the month help keep vital mental health resources free for the one in five who will need them, and for those who love and support them.

#TheMulletMatters



COMMUNITY GARDEN LITTLE LIBRARY & SEED SWAP

A group of passionate Year 11 students from Scots College have embarked on a community project to design and construct a gardening book, seed swap and garden material library for our urban garden on Bridge St, Rongotai.

With the support of our Edible Earth Garden Manager, the Wellington Airport Facilities team and a generous donation of seeds and supplies from Lyall Bay Bunnings, these young women hope to have the community garden library up and running very soon. Watch this space!



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE WELLINGTON AIRPORT REGIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS

Every year, Wellington Airport and the five local councils come together to recognise the amazing work carried out by community groups in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards.

This year is a very special one for Wellington Airport as we celebrate 20 years of recognising the incredible work volunteers and organisations do within our communities.

Nominations for the 2024 Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards are open until Friday 31 May 2024. Community groups or members of the public are invited to nominate any not-for-profit group or organisation working in the interests of the community.

For more information visit the Wellington Airport website: [wellingtonairport.co.nz/communityawards](https://www.wellingtonairport.co.nz/communityawards) or contact Jo Maxwell, our Community Awards Manager: jo.maxwell@wellingtonairport.co.nz



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