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Equipment upgrade for Whanganui Airport

Whanganui Airport has reached a significant milestone after a major upgrade of navigational equipment, thanks to a collaborative project between Whanganui District Council and Airways, New Zealand's air navigation service provider.

Airways is contracted by the Council to provide the navigational equipment needed to support a scheduled passenger service and aeromedical and charter services. The Airways upgrade has involved significant cost and resulted in improvements in services for local and national aviators.

Manager – Ports, Allan MacGibbon, says the project has been ongoing, with negotiations held over several years between Whanganui Airport, Airways and the Airports Association, to ensure the assets were upgraded or replaced.



An upgrade to equipment at Whanganui Airport includes the first LED approach lights in New Zealand

“The focus has also been on ageing systems and contractual arrangements between airports and Airways nationally. The upgrade includes the first LED approach lights in New Zealand and the establishment of a pilot activated lighting system, which replaces a manual system,” says Mr MacGibbon.

“For New Zealand regions, the cost of aviation is significant. We don’t want to see an increase in capital costs which would in turn be passed on to passengers or other users of the airport, so we worked with Airways to keep costs down.

“As a result of the work, all navigational assets at Whanganui have been fully upgraded or replaced and user charges have decreased with the Whanganui community being the beneficiary.

“Throughout the project Airways staff have been extremely proactive and have made huge efforts to innovate and look at new solutions to issues regions face, primarily around the cost of infrastructure.”

Mr MacGibbon says the Council has also contributed \$80,000 towards the replacement of a switchboard.

The total upgrade includes:

- New cabling for all systems
- Refurbished approach path indicators
- A new airport beacon
- New runway end lights
- Refurbished runway lights
- A new standby generator with capacity to support the Airways systems and power the terminal
- A new switchboard (joint-funded between Airways and the airport)

A further positive landmark for Whanganui Airport is the one-year anniversary of the Air Chathams Whanganui to Auckland service, which will be celebrated at Whanganui Airport on Tuesday, August 1.

Youth recreation forum New date – August 24

What facilities and activities do you want to see in our community for young people?

Councillors Helen Craig and Josh Chandulal-Mackay invite everyone to a forum to discuss ideas for easy and affordable facilities and activities to engage our younger community in sport and recreation.

We encourage younger members of our community to attend as well as sectors of the community which are already providing facilities and activities for youth.

Please note this date has been moved to **24 August 2017**. It was originally advertised in Community Link for August 3, but has been rescheduled.

New date: 5.30pm-7.00pm, Thursday, August 24, Pioneer Room, War Memorial Centre, Whanganui.



Public Engagement Forums

We are about to launch public forums as a way for the Council to engage with the community.

If you have something you’d like to raise with the Mayor and Councillors, please contact us using the contact details below and a staff member will be in touch. Our next Council meeting is at 1.00pm on Tuesday, August 8.

A maximum of four speakers will be allowed, with each person or group speaking for no longer than five minutes. Councillors may ask questions to seek clarification on matters but will not make decisions on what has been raised in the sessions.

Issues raised at the forums may be delegated to a subcommittee or to a Council Officer for further exploration.

Please register by 4.00pm, Thursday 3 August, by emailing publicforum@whanganui.govt.nz

Road closure

Somme Parade

Somme Parade, from Cumbrae Place to Roberts Avenue, will be closed from 7.00am on Thursday 27 July 2017, until 6.00pm on Friday 15 September 2017, to enable completion of retaining wall works. Detour signs are in place. Thanks for your patience while this work is completed.

Prompt dog registration payments

If you are a dog owner, we encourage you to take advantage of our prompt payment rebate for registering your dog. This is available until Monday, 31 July 2017 for the 2017/18 registration year. If you pay by this date, you will also continue to be eligible for Responsible Dog Owner status.

Tender for impounded stock

Gelding miniature horse

We invite public tenders for a black miniature gelding horse, aged 2-3 years.
As the animal was found trespassing on private property and has not been claimed by the owner, it will be sold by public tender in accordance with the Impounding Act 1955.

Please submit your tender bid to Grant Nutbeam, Whanganui District Council Animal Management Team, 101 Guyton Street, or by emailing grant.nutbeam@whanganui.govt.nz

In your tender application, please include:

- Your name, address and phone number
 - The amount you are tendering for
 - A brief description of the location where the miniature horse will be homed
- For more information, please contact Grant via email or on 349 0001.

Council meetings

We welcome members of the public to attend our meetings.

Council meeting To strike the rates for 2017/18	9.00am, Thursday, July 27	Council Chamber
Property and Community Services Committee	1.00pm, Tuesday, August 1	Council Chamber
Wanganui Rural Community Board	3.30pm, Wednesday, August 2	Committee Room 2
Council meeting	1.00pm, Tuesday, August 8	Council Chamber
Statutory Management Committee	9.00am, Thursday, August 10	Council Chamber
Strategy and Finance Committee	1.00pm, Tuesday, August 15	Council Chamber

Agendas are available at the Customer Services Counter, Municipal Office Building, 101 Guyton Street and the District Library two working days prior to the meeting.