

Air Chathams



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Air Chathams Briefing Sheet for Whanganui:

Air Chathams is an established Airline that has operated scheduled and charter services since 1984. Initially between Chatham Islands and domestically within NZ, but have also operated in the Pacific Islands. More recently Air Chathams have very successfully established the Air Service in Whakatane to replace Air NZs withdrawal in April 2014.

The Airline has a track record and the experience, expertise and resource to provide Whanganui with a similar sustainable Air Service that is able to increase capacity as required to allow for growth into the future.

Air Chathams history illustrates that we are here for the long term, and we are able to offer Whanganui a high degree of certainty of continuance.

Aircraft and schedule Proposed:

Air Chathams currently operates two 18 seat Metroliner aircraft and three 50 seat Convair 580s
The seating capacity of the Metroliner is similar to the Air NZ Beechcraft

Air Chathams will operate its Metroliner Aircraft on the same current Air NZ week-day schedule times, however, by dedicating an Aircraft to the Whanganui service, will enable the airline to offer a more advantageous weekend schedule for the leisure traveler.

The Aircraft will continue to overnight in Whanganui.

Air Chathams will dedicate an Aircraft to Whanganui, therefore allowing greater flexibility to increase flights in periods of high demand, or additional flights for special functions. There will also be the ability to adjust the departure times of the schedule if with experience, the Whanganui community indicated it wanted that.

Air Chathams 50 seat Convair Aircraft fleet will allow the ability to provide greater capacity for groups attending events and conventions and similar in Whanganui.

Air Chathams will work with Travel Agents and Tour Operators to use our larger Aircraft capacity to promote and increase passenger numbers into Whanganui for events as they arise.

Specific Factors:

Financial Security

Air Chathams can easily demonstrate that its traded successfully since 1984.

Since the Airline commenced it has worked very closely with local body on the Chatham Islands, and the Mayor and council members, and the Whakatane Mayor and council would attest to the Airlines performance and willingness to do whatever it can to assist the area.

Aircraft proposed, models, seat numbers

For the schedule- Metroliner 3, 18 seats. For large groups Convair 580, 50 Seats, Both Aircraft types are Twin Turbo Prop, Pressurised.

Air Chathams aircraft are equipped with navigational equipment to Airline standard requirements and existing aids at the Airport will be suitable and provide a consistent Air Service.

Aircraft Servicing and Back up

Air Chathams has its own NZCAA 145 Certificated Maintenance Base in Auckland. Maintenance Control will plan Maintenance so that an Aircraft will always be available for the Whanganui Schedules. The Airline has the ability to swap aircraft around to cope with any unplanned Maintenance problems that may arise.

Flight service booking arrangements

We have a reservations system that has an online booking facility and Call Centre for our current operations, and this is currently being extended to include Whanganui.

Flights post 30 July 2016 will be available for booking by Friday 03 June 2016

The fare structure will be of five basic fares to enable us to achieve the average fare we need for us maintain a sustainable Service. The Airlines calculations and experience in Whakatane indicate the average airfare cost will reduce.

The Reservations System allows promotional fares to be entered to stimulate growth.

Ground equipment and GPU etc.

The Airline will provide whatever Ground equipment we require

Infrastructure and staffing at Whanganui.

Similar to what occurred at Whakatane, discussions will be held with the local existing staff/personnel regarding the functions and Services the Airline will require at Whanganui. If they are not available, the Airline will employ and train local staff to provide those functions.