

Apron/ Taxiways

No issues with taxiways and the apron area.

Airfield Maintenance

In preparation for Cyclone Cook a contractor was used to clear drains and waterways to allow water to run off areas generally affected by heavy rain. This worked well and we had no issues with flooding which has been a problem in the past.

Runway

No issues to report.

Civil Aviation Authority

The CAA has recently announced their new Fees and Charges. There is a positive result to the TAA with these new charges, in that the CAA has removed the charges for Audits and Inspections. This means a saving of around \$3000.00 per annum to the TAA.

Airways

No issues to report.

Roads and Car Park

New road markings have been painted on the road next to the car park extension to delineate between the edge of the road and the car park. We have had cars being parked on the road causing traffic flow issues. The new markings appear to have reduced the problem so far.

Security

Air New Zealand reported that they had a passenger, who was late to board the aircraft, not go through the normal boarding procedure and tried to climb the fence rather than go through the boarding gate as he panicked and thought he would miss his flight. Air New Zealand staff handled the situation.

Baggage Claim

Work in progress. Prices are being sought for a temporary standalone building.

The Southern Apron Extension

The tender for the Southern Apron extension has been awarded to Deano's Earthmoving Ltd. Approval has been given by the Ministry of Transport for the work to proceed. The work is scheduled start at the end of April, and is being managed by Opus Consulting.

Leases

An application to assign the lease of Site 8 from Izard Investments to Nowell 2 Trustee Ltd has been received. Effectively this is assigning the lease from Richard Izard to his son. A valuation is being carried out at this time on the sites which are due for lease renewals. This valuation should be received next week.

Master Plan

The TAA have held Strategic Planning workshops, as a part of the master plan development and ongoing direction of the airport. This is work in progress.

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