

## **Operations Report**

### **September 2017**

#### **Safety Management System**

The recent adoption of the Aero Safe IRIS programme is the online integrated risk and safety information system which we are using on a daily basis. We have been able to move away from the Airways system and populate IRIS with operational activity. The graphs are proving to be useful providing us with a snapshot of incidents and relevant hazards.

#### **Apron Paint Markings**

It appears that the wing tip clearance of Code C aircraft while parked on gates 2 and 3 do not meet the requirements as per the Advisory Circular. As corrective action, we have engaged Plateau Consultants to survey new gate markings. The outcome will be removing existing markings on gate 2 and remarking to accommodate the Q300's.

#### **Self-Claim Baggage Area**

Progress is continuing with the installation of the new self-claim baggage area adjacent to the terminal building which is being built by Kiwi Span. Euro scaffolding has provided a temporary baggage area in the interim. The road in front of the terminal has been reduced to a single lane to minimise traffic and the work site fenced / coned off to the public. Works is progressing within the scheduled timeframe.

#### **Who's On Location (WOL)**

Who's On Location is a simple way to manage contractors signing in and out of the Taupō Airport. After an initial induction, contractors are encouraged to download the App WOL. As we are not always in the office, the system allows contractors to sign in and out, and a notification text is sent to management to advise who is on site. WOL also has a geolocation function which advises management of the contractor's location on the airfield. We have been using WOL for some time and are finding it very effective.

#### **Wildlife Management**

Awareness and understanding of bird concentrations and movements can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of bird control on the aerodrome and will determine the amount of effort required to manage the risk and the type of control actions. Taupō Airport has multiple control measures to curb bird numbers. These include the long grass policy which runs parallel to the main runway, intended to deter birds from entering the runway; regular culling by a dedicated contractor, and frequent runway sweeps. Bird scaring devices are also used. Plovers are our most problematic species. This information is printed in our AIP.