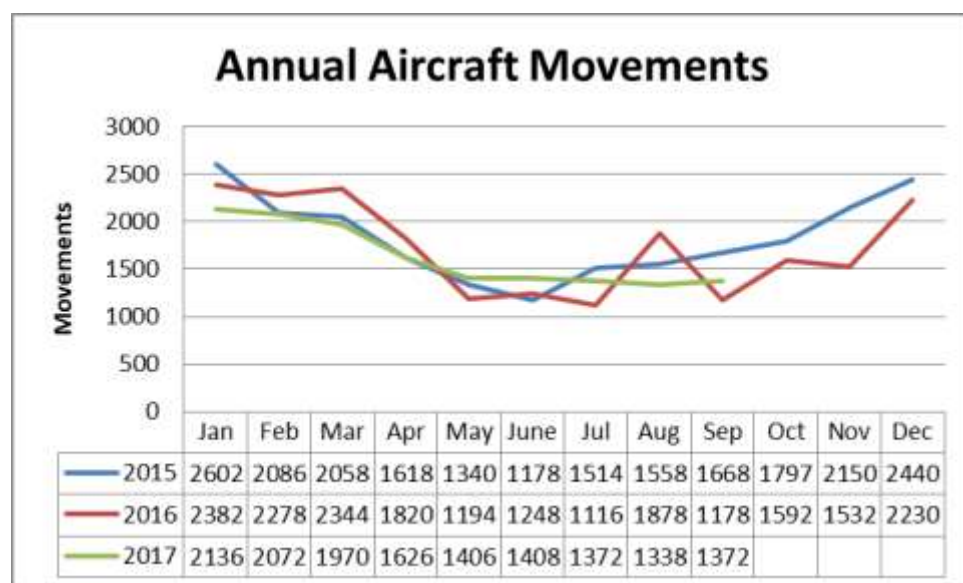


TO: TAUPŌ AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMMITTEE
 FROM: Taupō Airport Manager
 SUBJECT: General Manager's Report – October 2017

Operational

Landing activity	Monthly operated Sep 2017	Monthly operated Sep 2016	Cumulative Year 2017	Cumulative Year 2016
Scheduled flights	266	240	2250	2144
Non-scheduled charters	0	0	28	50
General Aviation	444	348	3792	3570
- Helicopter				
- Parachute	334	286	4994	5960
- Private	772	683	7404	7368
- Military	0	0	24	14
Total movements	1372	1178	14700	15438
Note: Helicopter movements are included in General Aviation movements.				

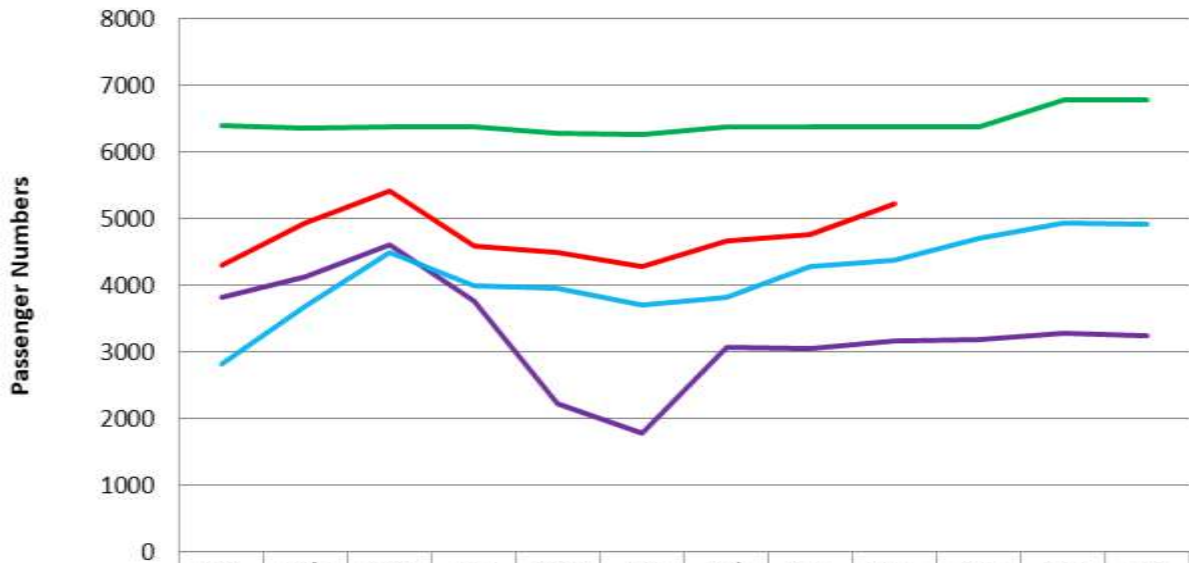


Aircraft movements for the month of September tracked slightly ahead of last year. The poorer flying weather which was experienced during the winter has lessened, and there have been a few finer days for the VFR traffic to come through the airport.

The Catalina Club held their AGM here at recently and used the lake to get their crews current on water operations. It is great to see this wonderful old aircraft still active on the water and using the Taupō Airport as their base while doing this.

Passenger Activity	Month Sep 2017	Monthly Load Factor	Month Sep 2016	Cumulative Year 2017	Cumulative Load Factor 2017	Cumulative Year 2016
Scheduled flights	250		222	1724		1668
Air New Zealand	4494	59%	3015	36320	63%	28898
Sounds Air	736	60%	767	5989	60%	6206
Total passengers	5230		3782	42309		35104

Total Passengers



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	3826	4124	4612	3769	2228	1773	3060	3050	3172	3180	3275	3240
2016	2810	3683	4484	3999	3950	3703	3813	4280	4382	4712	4936	4913
2017	4294	4928	5410	4594	4501	4282	4656	4767	5230			
Capacity	6388	6361	6379	6370	6279	6270	6379	6379	6370	6379	6779	6779

Passenger numbers are well ahead of the same period last year and cumulatively for the year are nearly 7500 ahead. Air New Zealand is performing well but Sounds Air was static with a slight decrease in September.

Operations Report (as at 26 October 2017)

RPAS

Taupō District Council has recently put out a media release titled 'Drone App a useful tool in aircraft safety' on various social media sites. This will help to ensure public are aware of the rules pertaining to operating a drone under CAA Rule 101. Taupō Airport Authority (TAA) has been working closely with Taupō District Council and the Department of Conservation (DOC) as drone operators are required to seek permission from the land owner. DOC has installed signs at the Huka Falls prohibiting drone activity. Approval request to operate within 4km of Taupō Airport can now be filled out online via the Taupō Airport website.

Self- Claim Baggage Area

Building works is now complete and operational. Public can now retrieve their baggage safely in the enclosed structure without spilling onto the road as was the case previously. The space allows the golf cart and up to four baggage trolleys to manoeuvre easily inside the building. Some tidy up work is still in progress including apron fencing.

Check In Counters

Air New Zealand has been in consultation with TAA about removing the existing check- in counters in the terminal building and replacing them with individual counters. The current design is not practical and the proposal will allow for three set of scales which will improve passenger traffic flow. The new check in counters have a more modern feel and will enhance the visitor experience.

Ground Maintenance

With the onset of spring, we are busy with contractors mowing grass areas landside and airside. The oat crop adjacent to runway 17/35 has been cut and baled. The Lucerne crop on the western side of the airfield is about to be baled. TAA receive commission based on the number of bales each crop produces.

Charter Aircraft

We are starting to see an increase in the charter market with a number of small jets operating to and from Taupō. The Catalina is expected the weekend of the 28 October and will be doing several lake landings to keep current. Over the summer season we expect an influx with ground handling requests as both local and international visitors enjoy the greater Taupō region. Taupō continues to be a port of departure to overseas ports, facilitated by Customs NZ and TAA.

ANZAC Memorial Drive

Considerable time and effort has gone to tidying up Anzac Memorial Drive. It certainly looks a lot better with much of the undergrowth and debris now removed and the RSA signs being cleaned and freshly painted.

Mike Groome
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