



WHANGAREI AIRPORT 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**MICHAEL CHUBB
 CELEBRATES HIS 20TH
 ANNIVERSARY AS
 WHANGAREI DISTRICT
 AIRPORT MANAGER
 THIS YEAR.**

Mike decided to tender for the management contract of WDA after experiencing dissatisfaction with the way the airport was run. As a longstanding tenant of the airport through his aircraft engineering business, Northland Aviation, it was a natural progression to absorb the day-to-day management of Whangarei's busy transportation hub. Mike employs a small team to help with the daily tasks of boundary checks, runway inspections and bird control while he himself oversees the 'big picture' and masterminds airport projects.

In his busy two decades of service, Mike has overseen & implemented two expansions and drastic re-designs of the main airport terminal, a runway & apron extension and full re-surface, and introduced AWIB. Other improvements include several upgrades to the airport's main carpark- the most recent being a move to introduce paid carparking for passengers and visitors to the main airport terminal. Most notably, in 2005 Mike achieved certification of the airport in anticipation of being able to receive larger aircraft. This led directly to AirNZ introducing the Q300's to Whangarei routes in 2014.



SAFETY TIPS



Keep Track of your Journey

Always use NZ COVID Tracer app, or note what service you're on, when and where you got on and where you are sitting today.



Everyone must wear a face covering

Wear for entire journey and avoid touching it or your face. Dispose of your single-use mask in a waste bin or wash your reusable one after use.



Keep your distance where you can

Give others space where possible



Practice good hygiene

Clean your hands regularly, or use hand sanitiser. Cough or sneeze into your elbow.



Stay home if you are sick

If you are feeling unwell, please don't travel.



TOP OF THE WORLD WITHOUT THE WINGS



Chris Douglas got back into flying three years ago and is currently doing his instrument rating, but that is not his only passion. Chris has recently returned from climbing three South Island peaks including Mt Cook. Pre COVID-19, Chris has travelled the world climbing in some remote locations in Nepal, Alaska and South America. This year Covid has interrupted his plans to Climb Gusherbrum II in Pakistan, at 8034m its the worlds 13th tallest mountain. With being restricted

to NZ Chris says there is plenty to keep him busy with 24 mountains over 3000m and the endless flying opportunities around our beautiful and diverse country.

Back on the ground Chris flies a beautiful Cardinal which will soon be at home in one of Whangarei Airports two new hangars. Chris and Steve Stokes have built these hangars on the far side of the Airport and expect them to be complete by the new year.

ELECTRIC SKYS ZERO-EMISSION AIRCRAFT VISION

By 2035, the world's first zero-emission commercial aircraft could take to the skies. To bring this vision to reality, Airbus is exploring game-changing concept aircraft – known as ZEROe – powered by hydrogen, a disruptive zero-emission technology with the potential to reduce aircraft emissions by up to 50%.

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Sunair

SMALL AIRLINE WITH A BIG FUTURE



Every day, dozens of regularly scheduled flights are powering around New Zealand. But it is not just Air New Zealand and Jetstar, there are many smaller airlines who connect our communities.

Sunair is privately owned by Dan and Bev Power and has enjoyed a safe operating history spanning over 30 years, something we are all very proud of.

Initially starting as a commuter operator to Mōtītī Island in the Bay of Plenty with

one aircraft, we now operate a fleet of twin-engine aeroplanes in New Zealand.

The Airline is special because of the amount of time we have been in operation (solid history) coupled with our range of domestic services, often offering routes and destinations that larger aircraft and carriers don't offer.

We also operate flight training and aircraft maintenance services, which make our operations quite varied and comprehensive. Our flight training offers students the opportunity to train with a functioning airline with the possibility that we can take them on as pilots one day.

To keep going, growing and succeeding. We are looking at expanding as the market calls for it and our flight training is also taking off this year, with more students

taking up training in both Whangārei and Tauranga.

We offer a service that is unique in our area. For a reasonably priced fare, we can take you direct between some of the main business hubs in the central and upper North Island, whereas through other carriers you often have long layovers in large airports.

We offer multiple flights each week to a few popular holiday destinations within NZ, including being the main operator offering services to the Barrier from the Bay of Plenty (no need to travel to Auckland). We are a locally owned and operated team with years of experience and expertise and always have a friendly voice at the other end of our 24-hour phone service.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CREW AT WHANGAREI AIRPORT

To all the operators and Users and Stakeholders of Whangarei Airport.

We are all acutely aware of the difficulties aviation has faced this year and we all know how widespread the effects of Covid-19 have been. We all operate and survive by the continued traffic through our Airport and it makes sense that we work together to make the best of the aviation journey makers that pass through our doors.

In all transactions at the airport the management team seems to be the centre of communications and interaction. We make every effort to keep everyone informed of airport news and events and share this at the

various meetings we have each year.

Our relationships with each of you are important to us and we thank you for being here to say good morning to, for your active participation in airport activities, and for the effort you make to create a great experience for all the people who want to travel through Whangarei.

From the Team at the Airport, Mike Chubb, Kendon, Mike Dent, Paul, Stephen, and Bernard we wish you a very merry Christmas and pray that next year is fantastic for you all.



TRAINING TRAINING TRAINING



Whangarei Airport has recently organised training sessions for Operators and Users of our Airport. We focus on the most useful topics of how to operate the equipment that is around us at the Airport. Fire extinguishers are a hot topic with CPR and Defibrillators thumping in a close second. We keep the sessions basic and as hands on as the participants would like. Thank you to those who attended as its always a good time to catch up as well.

To help remember the steps of using a fire extinguisher, the technique we suggest using is the **PTASS** technique

PULL the safety pin or remove the clip

TEST squirt the extinguisher to make sure it's working

AIM the nozzle at the base of the fire from a safe distance. Most extinguishers are designed to be operated from about 2-3 metres away

SQUEEZE the handles

SWEEP the extinguisher from side to side while aiming at the base of the fire