

STAFF REPORT

TO: Council Enterprises Subcommittee
FROM: Motueka Aerodrome Manager
REFERENCE: A303
DATE: 26 March 2006
SUBJECT: Motueka Aerodrome Report March/April 2006

FINANCIAL STATUS

The balance sheet to the end of February 2006 is attached. Note that the income receipts terminate on the 14 February.

The cost of the AMP for the airports seems to have been loaded onto Motueka and the cost of \$9,162.00 was not budgeted for this year.

Never-the-less the bottom line still shows the aerodrome operating in the black at this time.

SHELL FUEL FACILITY

The new fuel facility has now been commissioned to the delight of our main aerodrome tenant user of Jet A1, Nelson Skydive. The facility means that they do not now have to travel daily to Nelson for Jet fuel for their aircraft.

The new facility looks impressive, especially at night-time with the security lights on.

AERODROME HISTORY

An enquiry by a person wanting to trace their family history has prompted long-standing Aeroclub Member, Jim Maguire to research the history of the aerodrome. Jim will also contact the Motueka Museum who also have photographic records and other archives relating to the aerodrome. Council's Property Manager, Jim Frater may also be able to help with some information on the title and past leases Council has held over the land. I have given Mr Maguire the opportunity to research from the archives held at the Service Centre and will support his initiative in other practical ways. In return Jim has agreed to provide a copy of his research when completed.

AIRPORT TENANTS MEETING

The airport tenants meeting was one of the best attended and most positive meetings I have had to date. Discussions pertained to the proposed strategic development of the aerodrome and the proposed Open Day. In regards to the strategic development, there was good support for the plan and support for the concept of more modular hangar type facilities and to reduce consent procedures by pursuing one global consent for the development. The draft strategic plan is presented in confidential business for the Committee's consideration however following Council preliminary approval the draft will need to go through public consultation processes before any implementation can take place.

OPEN DAY

The aerodrome tenants have made this initiative amongst themselves and I visited the aerodrome for a short time during the Open Day on 25th March. The overall impression was that the event was a very positive experience for those attending and I would be pleased to see this become an annual occurrence. I would also note that the aerodrome tenants also invited the Nelson Drag Racing Association to display some of their vehicles on the airfield.

I will have some pictures of the event available at the meeting.

WEATHER

The prolonged dry spell has resulted in dust being a significant issue at the aerodrome and we have curtailed all mowing until the soil moistens following the much needed rain. Pigeons continue to be a problem on the airfield which again may be attributable to weather conditions as this is the first time we have had this sort of problem I believe. Measures are in hand however to remove the birds from the airfield.

RECOMMENDATION

That report be received

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