

# **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council Enterprises Subcommittee  
**FROM:** Motueka Aerodrome Manager  
**REFERENCE:** A303  
**DATE:** 23 August 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Motueka Aerodrome Report August 2005

---

## **FINANCIAL STATUS**

The end of year report shows the books reasonably balanced despite the significant increase in professional fees and wages.

Note that the income increase cancelled out most of the fees and salaries expenditure. (Financial reports attached).

The indications for the current year show a marked increase in expenditure on administration over the budget. This is attributable to being completely transparent in allocating staff time to aerodrome administration activities. With improvements in management it is hoped that administration costs may be reduced in the future.

## **MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Sicon maintenance contract is now operational and the first mowing has been undertaken.

## **GRASS TAXIWAY WORKS**

Work on the grass taxiway is anticipated to begin in October and will take three weeks to complete, plus an additional three months for the new grass to adequately take. We will need to ensure traffic does not damage the taxiway during this establishment period.

Following completion of this work, we will need to refocus on the work of refurbishing the grass runway. Last year this work was deferred due to the high costs of tenders.

## **SHELL FUEL INSTALLATION**

Shell are on track for installing the new improved fuel facility and will shortly be making an application for resource and building consent.

## **CURRENT FUEL STATION**

Some minor repair work was carried out on the present fuel filling pad to fix rough grass areas immediately next to the concrete pad.

## **NELSON DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION**

With the signing of the licence agreement for the Nelson Drag Racing Association, it is anticipated the necessary safety work will be carried out in the near future.

## **BOOGIE WEEKEND**

Sky Dive Abel Tasman held one of its bi-annual 'Boogie Weekend' events on the weekend of 18-21 August 2005. At the time of writing no specific details are available, but it is understood that 150 skydivers from all over the country took part. The increased activity resulted in a few complaints regarding noise but it is understood the organisers endeavoured to keep noise nuisance reduced and even took off away from the town to alleviate noise even though this meant taking off with the wind behind them.

## **NELSON AIRPORT**

My meeting with the Nelson Airport Manager was unfortunately broken short to an unfortunate accident. The meeting has been rescheduled and I will be reporting back any finding to the Council Enterprises Subcommittee.

B Askew  
Motueka Aerodrome Manager

<http://tdctoday:82/Shared Documents/Meetings/Council/Committees and Subcommittees/Council Enterprises Subcommittee/Reports/2005/RFN050831 ces Motueka Aerodrome Report.doc>