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### **JILLY MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR AVIATION SAFETY**

A \$5000 scholarship is being offered to support a project or person which contributes to improved aviation safety in New Zealand, particularly in Canterbury.

Applications will open in October for the inaugural Jilly Murphy Memorial Scholarship for Aviation Safety. The scholarship is being offered jointly by Christchurch Airport and Airways Corporation, in memory of Jilly Murphy, a member of the Christchurch Airways tower team who tragically died in central Christchurch during the earthquake of February 22, 2011.

Jilly worked for Airways for 20 years as a highly skilled controller and was loved and respected by her colleagues at the airport. Aviation safety was very important to her and her family is supporting the scholarship because of its focus on that. A memorial seat has been placed in her honour at the base of the Airways air traffic control tower at Christchurch Airport.

The scholarship fund may be used for learning, resources, equipment or to supplement income for a person focussed on aviation safety. The project could be research, a process, a product or anything else than enhances aviation safety.

A shortlist of three applicants will be selected and advised on 22 January 2014 and interviewed by a panel consisting a representative each of Jilly's family, Airways and Christchurch Airport. The successful applicant will be announced on 22 February, on the three-year anniversary of the quake.

**TIMING:** Applications open October 22, 2013 and close on December 22, 2013. Interviewees will be advised January 22, 2014 and the scholarship winner announced on February 22, 2014.

To enter, please download and complete the application form on [www.christchurchairport.co.nz](http://www.christchurchairport.co.nz) and/or [www.airways.co.nz](http://www.airways.co.nz)

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### **Christchurch Airport – bringing the world South**

Christchurch Airport welcomes almost 5.5 million passengers a year, ranking as New Zealand's second largest airport. The airport occupies a unique position economically, as the South Island's busiest and most strategic air connection to the world's trade and tourism markets. 85% of international visitors to the South Island are welcomed and farewelled at Christchurch Airport.

In addition, the airport plays an important role as the South Island's major domestic hub servicing all New Zealanders, enabling passengers to connect to a full spectrum of destinations throughout New Zealand. Christchurch International Airport is a major driver of the regional Canterbury economy, generating airport precinct related jobs for nearly 6000 people.

Government policy currently offers 'Open Skies' over Christchurch until 2017, giving favourable consideration to airlines offering new services to and from the city.

Christchurch Airport is owned and operated by Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL). CIAL was established as a limited liability company in 1988, and ownership of CIAL is now shared by Christchurch City Holdings Limited with 75% and the New Zealand Government with 25%. The company's vision is to be recognised as New Zealand's leading tourist gateway.

Christchurch Airport is a carbon neutral company and has received carboNZero certification from Landcare Research following a detailed measurement and analysis process. CIAL is the first airport company in the Southern Hemisphere to attain certified carbon neutral status and is the second carbon neutral certified airport company in the world.

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