

# Thank you

(and some info for those who missed us).

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Kia ora,

It was good to see and meet many of you at our open days at the Tarras Community Hall recently.

We were pleased to welcome more than 120 people over the two days - both faces we'd seen before and some new ones too.

Thanks for taking the time to learn about the project, read some of the feedback we've had so far and share your opinions with us.

What remains very clear (as you will see on the post-it notes below) is there is a real diversity of opinion. We know a lot of you are waiting for more details on the project - we understand that and are not here to make you 'pick a position'.

We are pleased with how the various streams of work are progressing. The addition of Rhys Boswell to the project team (read more below) will add further momentum.

As we talked about at the open days, we are on track to have an update on runway alignment during June/July. That will enable us to then provide more detail on flight paths.

Before then, we will have a project website live so that you have a source of accurate information you can rely on and answers to frequently asked questions.



The active engagement with the Tarras community will continue throughout the project. We will also be broadening our discussions with communities around the wider Central Otago district and neighbouring regions.

In the meantime, please feel free to email us at any stage:  
[central@christchurchairport.co.nz](mailto:central@christchurchairport.co.nz)

Thanks again,  
**Michael Singleton**  
**Project Director**

# Couldn't come?

We know it's a busy time of year so have packaged up all of the information we presented at the drop-in days so you can read it [here](#).

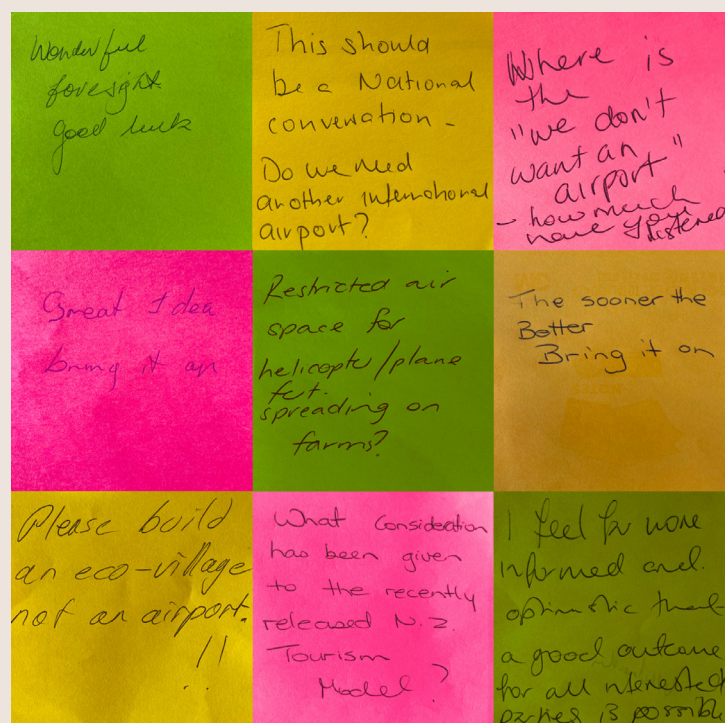
The focus of the days was sharing the feedback we'd had from conversations with people who live in and around Tarras, explaining more about the rationale for it and our next steps.



# A wide range of views ...

Many of those who visited the drop-in days took the opportunity to leave a post-it note with their thoughts on it.

Here's a snapshot of some of the notes ... it shows you how diverse the views on the project are.



## Introducing Rhys Boswell



Rhys is the latest addition to our project team and will add his deep knowledge to the project's planning and sustainability work streams.

Having started his career in Hong Kong working on what was the new Chek Lap Kok airport, Rhys has worked at Christchurch Airport for more than 20 years - most recently as our General Manager of Planning and Sustainability.

He has led complex planning processes and has been the architect of many of the airport's **sustainability initiatives**. It's the culmination of this work that led to Christchurch Airport being the first airport in the world **to be recognised for best practice in carbon reduction**. This is an achievement Rhys is justifiably proud of.

An avid Highlanders supporter, Rhys grew up in Dunedin and has always had a close connection with Central Otago. He is looking forward to being part of the project.

"It's a chance to work on something closer to home and the opportunity to plan a new airport that is up there with the most sustainable in the world doesn't come along every day."

## Our next steps ...

In summary, we are working hard investigating options around flight paths and runway alignment and expect to be able to release an update in June/July.

We will have a project website live soon which will provide you with a go-to source of accurate information on the project.

We are acutely aware of the project's potential impact, which is why we are taking the time to explore options so that the information we release is well-researched and considered.

You're more than welcome to email us with any questions:  
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It was great to hear from some of you after the first newsletter.

