



Tronos Flight

Avro RJ100 jet aircraft - operated by Tronos Jet Maintenance



An Avro RJ100 jet aircraft (pictured above), operated by Tronos Jet Maintenance and also carrying Atlantic Star Airlines' personnel, arrived at St Helena Airport at 3.51pm on Friday, 21 October 2016 - a technical stop, en-route for delivery of the aircraft to Chile.

The Tronos flight provided the Airport with additional real time data and a pilot's report - which help to build a more comprehensive picture of the conditions at St Helena Airport under which we will be asking a scheduled air service to operate. Atlantic Star Airlines are one of a number of potential partners with an interest in operating regular flights to St Helena.

Update on Access Road

Work on the Access Road continues apace. The road from Deadwood through to Rupert's is currently receiving additional layers to complete the road surface. Drainage is being installed from Pipe Ridge down to Rupert's, and the concrete road leading to the Wharf in Rupert's is being surfaced. Kerbs are being placed and road signs installed along the length of the Access Road. Work continues to identify and remove insecure rock on Rupert's Hill.

Work at the Deadwood section of the road will be carried out to ensure that junctions are safe and suitable for various vehicle types. This work will include the re-shaping of existing berms, and the replanting of ornamentals and endemics by the LEMP team.

The public is reminded that the Access Road remains under construction and therefore only the road between Bottom Woods and the Airport is open to the public. Now that the Wirebird breeding season is upon us, drivers in Bottom Woods area are asked to exercise caution to avoid injuring this endemic species.



Access Road receiving its final slurry surface between Pipe Ridge and Rupert's Valley

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Progress in Rupert's

Final section of concrete pavement for the Airport Access Road, with the bayside fuel facility in the background (far left)



Airport Project works in Rupert's continue, with the recent completion of the concrete road section from the Wharf to the Basil Read workshop site (the building previously used as the Cannery). Works will now focus on the installation of electricity and water services to the Wharf.

The Sea Rescue Facility is almost complete. The building is now ready for installation of furniture and equipment and work is beginning on the hard standing surface surrounding the facility.

Works are also progressing on the fuel receipt facility at the existing Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI) Beach Site, with foundations being laid in preparation for tank installation.

In Upper Rupert's, works on the new BFI are focused on the construction of the control building and the installation of the interface tanks. These tanks will enable fuel stocks to be tested and, if necessary, treated - to keep them within specification.

The Airport Project Team would like to extend their thanks to residents and businesses in Rupert's for their continued patience and support during the works.

Farewell to Clare Harris

On Friday, 30 September 2016, the Airport Directorate said farewell to Deputy Airport Project Director (Construction & Operations), Clare Harris.

Clare started work with the Airport Project on 7 September 2005, when designs for the Airport were being developed. Over the 11 years with the Airport Project, Clare has witnessed many big project milestones.

Clare said

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working on the Airport Project over the last 11 years. Seeing the Airport Project - which consists of not just the Airport and associated Infrastructure, but also a new Bulk Fuel Installation, a Wharf and a Permanent Road from Rupert's through to Prosperous Bay Plain - move through all the different stages from feasibility now to operations, has been the best working experience of my life."

We would like to say a big thank you to Clare for all her hard work and dedication to the project, and wish her well for the future.

