

# Aviation MET Symposium Oct 2021





Introduction

- Aviation Overview Painting a picture .
- Reporting Services Aerodrome Observations, Weather Radar, Lightning Detection.
- Forecasting Services Collaboration, Meteorologist value.
- **Products and Partnerships Future of Weather**
- Forecast R&D Future Direction.
- Resilience.





## Aviation overview painting a Picture: Ray Thorpe General Manager Aviation Business







## **Still looking Forward not Backward**



Observation

Networks

## Down with regards to \$\$

**New Platforms** 

driven world

**Products in a data** 



#### but still with regards to

**Painting a Picture** Customer/Industry engagement



Relationships & Partnerships	Aeropath collaboration     Air N2 Flight Keys integration     Customer engagement			
Research & Innovation	Point Specific Fonecasts     New / emerging opportunities – e.g. UNV & Aerospace     NZ Defence Force			
Forecaster Transition	Formalise forecast consultancy service     New & enhanced met products - Wind Shear Forecast & QNH Automation			
	Aviation MET Data Resilience     Decommission of legacy systems			
	Aviation Charging Model     Enhancements – Metlet refresh & products			



reporting services





Forecasting

services





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#### **R & D Future Direction**



#### Resilience



# What should be the highest priority right now?

Mentimeter

ht size services accuracy cost effective efficiency ed destinations

# **Focus Areas Short and Medium Term**

Relationships & Partnerships	<ul> <li>Aeropath collaboration</li> <li>Air NZ flight planning system integration work</li> <li>Customer engagement (ATSG, NSS, BARNZ, Aviation NZ, QMUG, Flight Training, Airports, ATM)</li> </ul>				
Research & Innovation	<ul> <li>New /emerging technologies</li> <li>NZ Defence Force</li> <li>Aerospace &amp; eVTOL/UAV</li> </ul>				
Forecaster Transition	<ul> <li>Forecaster consultancy service</li> <li>Automation Mid Level SIGWX, new Wind Shear Forecasts &amp; QNH Automation</li> </ul>				
Resilience	<ul> <li>Aviation MET Data Resilience</li> <li>Decommission of legacy systems</li> </ul>				
Sustainability	<ul> <li>MetFlight replacement</li> <li>COVID and Environmental Challenges</li> </ul>				

# Walking the walk



Improved data quality & visualisation to deliver value-add to customers as well as gaining forecaster efficiencies through automated SIGWX charts

Increased **user engagement** through the Aviation Transformation Services Group supplemented by NSS





**Systems Migration and Relocation** Seabridge House, Level 2, 110 Featherston St with choice based working



**Positive feedback** from embedded forecaster trial with Air NZ demonstrated the value of providing **tailored solutions** to meet customer needs supported by continuation of embedded forecaster consultant in the Aerospace sector and our training meteorologist at AFB Ohakea.





**Strategic relationships maintained and on-going collaboration** with NWS's, regulators and industry groups



#### Collaboration and Aviation Partnerships



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**Enhancements** to MetOps to facilitate better **C**ollaborative **D**ecision **M**aking and retiring legacy systems. **Education material -** revised and new **PPL CPL** Met Training manuals



Completed all planned New Southern Sky deliverables

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Reporting Services : Kevin Alder Manager Met Data Services

- AWS / Weather Radar Network Performance
- Lightning Network Upgrade
- Wellington Radar Upgrade









#### **Lightning Detection Network Improvements**

- A significant upgrade to the National Lightning Detection network was completed in June 2021.
- New software features have improved the output from the network, with better location accuracy and vastly improved detection efficiency, particularly of cloud-cloud lightning.
- Similar upgrades overseas have resulted in a four-fold increase in the detection of Cloud-Cloud lightning events.
- Data from the network are used to enhance METAR AUTO reporting, and Lightning products are available through a range of our platforms.



#### Wellington Weather Radar

Project: Upgrade the Wellington Weather radar at Outlook Hill, 13 km W of NZWN. Budget \$2.3M

#### Scope:

- Strengthening of the existing tower.
- Removal of the radome and radar hardware.
- Installation of a new dual polarised doppler weather radar receiver, transmitter, antenna and radome.

Site works are scheduled for March - May 2022.

Radar products will be unavailable during the installation phase (6-8 weeks).





Forecasting Services : Marcel Roux Manager Aviation Weather Services







# Connecting with our Meteorologist

D2 – Wed 14 Jul							
Overnight R'Way Ice Risk	H - TL 22Z	Overnight A'craft Ice Risk	H - TL 222				
Wx Risks	18-21Z	21-00Z	00-03Z	03-06Z	06-10Z		
Low CLD/VIS							
FG							
SN							
WIND	18-21Z	21-00Z	00-03Z	03-06Z	06-10Z		
SFC Wind	020 05	BECMG 200	05 200 10 PROB30 320	260 15 PROB30 320	26012 PROB30 320		
Max Gust	10	10	16	25	18		
'00FT Wind	VRB 05	340 10	340 20	340 30	320 20		
<b>TURB</b> risk	N	N	M	H.	н		

 D3 - Thu 15 Jul
 D4 - Fri 16 Jul
 D5 - Sat 17 Jul

 M - ICE AM
 H - ICE AM
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#### How our meteorologists connect Day to day



Good morning NZ Met, we have just renewed TS SIGMET H05 over northern Tasman Sea. Its approaching FIR boundary and may need SIGMET coverage within an 1 hour. Lord Howe Island recorded 48kt gusts as the squally line went across.



#### VAAC Collab NZ/AUS [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED] Chat Files Meeting Notes Whiteboard Polls + VAAC Wgn 02/09/2021 7:45 pm Hey VAAC Darwin, hopefully you've heard that we've got some maintenance going on overnight tonight and will be asking you to take over VAAC Wellington for us shortly as backup for the duration. We actually have an active VAA tonight! So we'll need a little more detailed handover than usual. We're expecting our maintanence outage to begin around 11Z and hopefully should be over around 14Z. If all goes well you won't have to issue anything because the next issue of our VAA is expected just after 15Z VAAC Darwin 02/09/2021 7.49 pm Good evening . hope you are well. Thanks for the information. all noted. is the duty VAAC forecaster tonight, we will stand by for further instructions when closer to 11Z. VAAC Wgn 02/09/2021 8:12 pm Excellent. We'll want the takeover message in effect by about 10.502 because its one of the checklist items needed before our tech guys can start their work :) I'm happy to brief any time between now and then, a phone or teams call might be best otherwise I'll be here all night typing out too much infol 😁 VAAC Darwin 02/09/2021 8:13 pm Lets say 10:30Z for a Teams conversatio 02/09/2021 8:15 pm VAAC Wgn VAAC Darwin:2/09/2021 8:15 pm

Would you have any monitoring capability left during outage period 11Z-15Z?

VAAC Wgn 02/09/2021 8:17 pm Yup absolutely. The problem is that the outage will kill visual weather!

VAAC Darwin 02/09/2021 8:18 pm d 1 OK. Will ring you/chat at 10:30Z

#### Contextual













### Future of Weather

### Amy Dreverman - Aviation Solutions Delivery Manager



# **Future Solutions Framework**



# **Future of weather**

- Making use of enhanced data sets
  - New SIGWX Charts
- Easily consumable data EG IWXXM, JSON
  - APIs allow flexible integration with customers systems
    - Aeropath partnership
    - Electronic Flight Bags
    - Flight Planning systems
  - Bridge the gap between weather data and customer impacts
- High value forecasting expertise
  - Automation allows forecasters to focus on what really matters
- Research and innovation is key to adding value and meeting requirements for emerging technologies such as UAVs
- Collaboration with users
  - Ensure development of products that are fit for purpose





## New aviation weather portal

- Developed in partnership with Aeropath
- Integrated aeronautical and meteorological solution
- Interactive map with weather & aeronautical overlays
- Altitude slider bar to show information relevant to you
- Desktop, tablet and mobile friendly



# New aviation weather portal















Research and Development: Iman Soltanzadeh Manager Forecasting Research & Development

Nowcasting and Raincast



# Nowcasting @ MetService

### Nowcasting roadmap

### to 12 h



#### Acronyms:

- StrikeCast: Lightning nowcasting system
- RainCast: Rainfall nowcasting system
- WindCast: Wind nowcasting system
- **CloudCast**: Cloud cover nowcasting system
- **SatCast**: Satellite Nowcast (NWC/GEO)
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- -Warn: Warning system





#### Seamless Precipitation Prediction System







7.5 min frequency









#### New Zealand High-Resolution Rapid Refresh System (NZH<sup>3</sup>R)









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Satellite Nowcasting System

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#### **Data Centre Migration Project**

Moving MetService's servers and applications to AWS and CCL

Over 250 servers now migrated, including several key aviation systems

- WeatherTrakII
- MetJet
- 1 Minute Observations

Remaining server and network migrations to complete by December – including further aviation changes

Key project for MetService, delivered by a dedicated team with considerable experience in migrations, supported by our key IT providers

Wellington Office Relocation Wellington Forecasting Operations and other staff moving from Kelburn to CBD in December and January























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