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The William Pickering Lecture 2007
Auckland International Airport- The Engineering Story

The Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand's (IPENZ) 2007 William Pickering Public Lecture Series introduces the engineering story behind Auckland International Airport (AIA).

IPENZ Chief Executive Dr Andrew Cleland says the organization is proud to be working in collaboration with AIA General Manager Engineering Steve Reindler who will present the lecture at 14 venues around the country beginning on 01 August in Whangarei.

Dr Cleland says the Pickering Lecture lets New Zealanders hear how engineering has influenced the nation. This year the public will hear how engineering has made it possible for our country's main international airport to operate according to international technical standards.

Mr Reindler will tell the engineering story, commencing with the airport opening in 1966 and through to today's much greater and more sophisticated engineering-dependent operation, including the current re-development and extension.

"Auckland Airport is both part of the public face of New Zealand, and its most important gateway", says Mr Reindler. "As a nation we are dependent on its smooth and efficient operation, and at the heart of that operation is engineering.

A full schedule of tour dates and venues follows.

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About IPENZ: The Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) is the professional body which represents professional engineers from all disciplines in New Zealand. The Institution sets internationally bench-marked qualifying standards for degree qualifications in engineering, and serves engineers by securing formal recognition for their professional standing. IPENZ provides services for about 9000 members.

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Presentation dates, venues and dates

City	Date	Venue	Start time
Whangarei	1 August 2007	The Dickens Inn	7.30 pm
New Plymouth	2 August 2007	Devon Hotel, Courtney Room	7.00 pm
Dunedin	7 August 2007	Skeggs Gallery, Municipal Chambers, The Octagon	6.30 pm
Hamilton	9 August 2007	Room SG01, S Block, Waikato University	6.15 pm
Tauranga	16 August 2007	BoP Polytechnic Bongard Centre	7.30 pm
Wellington	21 August 2007	Lecture Theatre 1, Pipitea Campus, Victoria University	7.00 pm
Auckland	23 August 2007	Waitemata Ballroom, Langham Hotel, 83 Symonds Street	6.00 pm
Napier	27 August 2007	Lecture theatre 1, EIT, Gloucester Street	5.30 pm
Gisborne	28 August 2007	Upstairs, The Irish Rover, 69 Peel Street	6.00 pm
Nelson	30 August 2007	Waimea Room, Rutherford Hotel	6.30 pm
Wanganui	4 September 2007	Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Museum,	7.30 pm
Palmerston North	5 September 2007	Te Manawa, 326 Main Street	5.30 pm
Christchurch	11 September 2007	TBC	TBC
Greymouth	12 September 2007	Ashley Hotel	7.00 pm