

NZ Post prepares for job boom in lead up to Christmas

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New Zealanders' growing love affair with online shopping is seeing NZ Post hiring an extra 600 people in the lead up to another record-breaking Christmas.

NZ Post Chief Operating Officer Mark Stewart says the Christmas jobs will be spread around the country to help deliver a predicted 20% increase in parcels compared to Christmas last year.

"Last year we processed and delivered 2 million additional parcels in November and December. This year we're expecting that figure to be at least 2.4 million."

NZ Post employs and partners with around 6,000 people throughout the year, but Mark says as the busiest time of the year approaches, it's all hands on deck.

"We deliver 1 in 2 parcels bought online in New Zealand, and we know how important this time of year is for our retailers and their

customers, so we've been planning for this all year. We've got more people working with us, and we're increasing our Auckland fleet with another 100 vans out there delivering for our customers. Later, we'll have around 200 more vans countrywide making sure that parcels are getting to where they need to be. We've also got another, fourth 737 plane for extra air capacity, in operation from even earlier than last year.

"At Christmas, we believe it's the thoughtfulness of buying, wrapping and then sending a parcel is what really matters. And New Zealand Post's role in this is clear. We're here to get that thoughtfulness into your loved one's hands as carefully and efficiently as possible."

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