

CROCS CAN FLY

Shipping our two big crocs from Australia to Butterfly Creek presented us with some major challenges - the foremost being concerns over the health and well being of the crocs during transport. We faced a significant animal welfare issue in that the commercial air operators flying out of Darwin made a fairly circuitous and lengthy trip down to Auckland.

Large animals such as our two “salties” are prone to serious stress and other health issues when being transported over long distances. For obvious reasons the quicker the trip the better the chances of them arriving safe and sound and hence our approach to the RNZAF.

As it eventuated the RNZAF confirmed that they had a flight coming through Darwin in April that had spare capacity and that was able to ship the croc crates. As you can imagine we were delighted with the offer and are extremely grateful for the assistance offered us by the RNZAF.

To a person we cannot speak more highly of the RNZAF staff we had dealings with. They were fantastic. This applies to both the highly competent, excellent ground personnel and the very switched on guys flying and manning the Hercules – what a great experience.

