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**CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT OF THE YEAR FOR 2007**

Canberra International Airport has been named Capital City Airport of the Year for the second time in five years.

Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron, received the prestigious industry award at the annual Australian Airports Association dinner in Melbourne last night.

The Airport won the 2002 'Airport of the Year Award' for its leadership and excellence in national aviation and airport management.

Presenting the 2007 award, Association President, Mr Ken Keech said: "The winner really is a capital city airport in every way." During the year under review, the Airport had undertaken a string of major aeronautical and non-aeronautical works. "Throughout the process, there was no disruption to any airline schedules, no mean feat when you lengthen the main runway by 600 metres to increase the airport's capacity to handle large, wide-body aircraft," he said.

The achievement was also notable because it involved laying 225mm of asphalt on the existing runway surface - and it was completed at night.

Completion of stage one of a significant business park, with its own 145-seat conference centre, was also a significant achievement. So, too, was the fact that all buildings within the business park received prestigious Australian Building Greenhouse Ratings of Five Stars. [This is not right but this is what they said.]

Other achievements during 2007 included:

- The completion of the on-airport Super Centre with a 20,000 square metre factory direct sales outlet;
- A 4,000 square metre supermarket and a 1,000 square metre liquor store;
- Four further office buildings, each with a 4.5 star energy rating were completed in a defence precinct on the other side of the Airport for a variety of government departments; and,
- Three heritage-listed hangars were redeveloped and refurbished.

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