



THE HUB



OUR "SPLENDID" TERMINAL OPENED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, THE HON TONY ABBOTT, OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEW TERMINAL AT CANBERRA AIRPORT ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL, PRONOUNCING THE FACILITY "SPLENDID".

"What a pleasure it is to be in this building. What a delight it is to arrive here, or to walk through here, because this is a building which is not just functional but truly beautiful. Whether it be the water sculptures outside, whether it be this splendid piece that we stand beside now, whether it be the sense of style and spaciousness that we have all around us, this is a credit to everyone associated with it and it is a monument not just to the great city of Canberra, our National Capital, but it is a monument to

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“IT IS GREAT TO BE HERE TODAY TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS SPLENDID, SPLENDID NEW TERMINAL BUILDING”



TOP PRIME MINISTER TONY ABBOTT AND QANTAS STAFF. **ABOVE** PRIME MINISTER, CHAIRMAN, CANBERRA AIRPORT, TERRY SNOW, SENATOR ZED SESELJA, ANDREW BARR MLA, AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, CANBERRA AIRPORT, STEPHEN BYRON.

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the determination, the courage and the vision of the Snow family and in particular, you Terry,” Mr Abbott said.

Executive Chairman of Capital Airport Group, Terry Snow then praised the government for promoting new investment in infrastructure but called on Mr Abbott to relax regulatory barriers to enable full utilisation of the capacity at Canberra Airport.

The Prime Minister responded: “If you can sort out the airlines who want to fly into Canberra from overseas, well I think you can be confident that we will give you the relevant permissions.”

The Prime Minister said that the terminal was part of an airport that was not just a place to board a plane but which had become an epicentre of the economy in the Australian Capital Territory.

“This is not just an airport, this is a precinct, this is an industrial park, this is a technology park, this is a very dynamic part of the local economy.”

Over 300 contractors, staff, stakeholders, construction team and politicians witnessed the great unveiling, as a curtain dropped behind Andrew Rogers’ towering ‘Unfurled’. The window revealed a Qantas plane haloed with a water arc from fire engines. An enormous cake – a feat in culinary expertise – in the shape of a globe featured all the future international routes in red lines of icing sugar.

As onlookers reminisced about the changes over the last 16 years, Terry Snow announced that Canberra Airport is “all dressed up and ready to go.”

VIBE HOTEL ON-AIRPORT

TOGA FAR EAST (TFE) HOTELS UNDER THE VIBE HOTEL BRAND, CHOSEN AS PARTNER.

After a six month operator selection process, Vibe Hotels has been chosen as the winning brand.

"TFE Hotels demonstrated a clear understanding of the brief and best aligned with our vision for the future." Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron said.

"TFE Hotels is a leading hotel operator in Australia and is a joint venture between Australian family-owned company Toga Group and Far East Hospitality, Singapore's largest private property developer. Canberra Airport is excited to be embarking on this venture with TFE Hotels, particularly as it strengthens the regional relationship with Singapore, one of Australia's most important economic, intellectual and trading partners.

Toga Group Managing Director, Allan Vidor said: "We are delighted to be working in partnership with Canberra Airport to deliver a brand new hotel - Vibe Hotel Canberra - which will provide business and leisure travellers with convenient 4.5 star accommodation at the airport and just a stone's throw from the CBD.

"The announcement of this iconic new Vibe Hotel is testimony to Canberra Airport's commitment to maintaining its position as Australia's leading airport and its strong vision for the Canberra region."

Mr Byron also recently unveiled the winning design for the hotel by architectural firm Bates Smart, engaged for the building and interior design after a design competition conducted last year. Situated just 150 metres from the entry to the new terminal, the building will be centred



ABOVE VIBE HOTEL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT CANBERRA AIRPORT.

around a full height atrium featuring a large ground floor intermingle zone with reception, bar, restaurant and conferencing facilities.

The hotel will have a business travel focus and consist of 191 rooms and suites over seven storeys with sweeping views over Lake Burley Griffin to Parliament House, and across the runway to the east.

"An airport hotel has been long envisaged in our master plan and will strengthen the case for international flights and increased domestic capacity by delivering a premium accommodation option for travellers," Mr Byron said.

The hotel is expected to be completed by October 2015 with the first guests welcomed in November 2015.



IKEA COMING TO MAJURA

FLAT-PACK FURNITURE GIANT, IKEA TO BE BUILT ADJACENT TO MAJURA PARK.

Canberra Airport welcomes the announcement that Ikea will be in the same vicinity as Costco and Australia's largest Woolworths outlet at Majura Park. It will be another drawcard for those 900,000 people living within two hours' drive of Canberra.

The announcement is good news for business confidence in the ACT, and is a welcome addition to the existing retail infrastructure on the Airport. Construction is due to begin at the end of the year, with an expected opening date of late 2015.



OPEN DAY STATISTICS



24,000 PEOPLE



18 PLANES, 2 GLIDERS,
1 HELICOPTER,
1 HOT AIR BALLOON



14 EATERIES



28 ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



1,026 PEOPLE
ON BUS TOURS



TOP FULL SCALE MODEL F35 FIGHTER JET. ABOVE CROWDS LINE UP TO SEE 'CONNIE' AND THE QANTAS AND VIRGIN AUSTRALIA PASSENGER PLANES ON DISPLAY.



OPEN DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

A MODEL OF AUSTRALIA'S NEW JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER JET, VIRGIN AUSTRALIA AND QANTAS PASSENGER PLANES AND AEROBATIC DISPLAYS WERE THE CENTREPIECES OF THIS YEAR'S OPEN DAY.

Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron said: "There is nowhere else in Australia where a major capital city airport enables its community to get so close to the action of a fully operational airport, and we are pleased to be able to offer that to our community."

Canberra Airport would like to thank the many organisations who contributed their time, aircraft and equipment, in particular: Qantas and Virgin Australia, the Royal Australian Air Force, Historical Aircraft Restoration Society, Canberra Aero Club, Lockheed Martin, the Australian Federal Police, Canberra Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting, Emergency Services Agency, Hewatt Civil Engineering, Southern Tablelands Gliding Club, Australian Air League Canberra Squadron, and all the Canberra Airport Staff who gave up their weekend to assist.



TOP LEFT THE RAAF ROULETTE PILATUS PC-9A MID-DISPLAY. TOP RIGHT KEEPING THE KIDS ENTERTAINED. BOTTOM RIGHT RARE EXPERIENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY. PHOTO: PAUL NICHOLAS



ABOVE "ROOS" BY JEFF THOMSON GREET PLANES ON THE TARMAC.



ABOVE PRINCESS KATE, PRINCE WILLIAM AND BABY GEORGE STEP OFF THE RAAF PLANE AT FAIRBAIRN.

RUNWAY ARRIVALS

CANBERRA AIRPORT RECENTLY WELCOMED TWO NEW FAMILIES TO CANBERRA.

Passengers arriving in Australia's national capital might be a little surprised at being greeted by a mob of kangaroos beside the runway, thanks to the installation of a new artwork 'Roos' by sculptor Jeff Thomson. Crafted from recycled corrugated iron, with fifteen tones of grey to add texture and to look just right.

Canberra Airport owner and Executive Chairman, Terry Snow said "It's quite a striking work. We hope that it will be a conversation piece for our forthcoming international visitors."

Canberra Airport commissioned the work from Thomson after seeing a picture of a previous kangaroo sculpture by the New Zealand artist. 'Roos' consists of two males and a female with a little joey tucked away.

Another family that arrived at Canberra Airport recently was of the more regal variety. Prince William, Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George touched down at Fairbairn on a Sunday evening in April.

They were greeted by dignitaries including the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, Chief Minister Katy Gallagher and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop - as well as two hundred onlookers who had won the privilege in a ballot.

The Royal visit to the Nation's Capital included planting a tree at the National Arboretum, a reception in the Great Hall at Parliament House and Anzac Day commemorations at the Australian War Memorial.



ABOVE JUBILATION FOR THE AIR FORCE RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AIR FORCE RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM FOR WINNING THE INTER-SERVICE TOURNAMENT

For the first time in ten years, the Air Force Jets won the inter-service rugby league tournament held at North Ipswich in Queensland. Canberra Airport are proud sponsors of the team and wish them every success in their next round of matches.

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