

Artist in residence

Master sculptor Ante Dabro is at work in his airport studio on one of two imposing female figures that will soon grace the grounds of Brindabella Business Park.

When completed next March, The Dancing Lady or Ballerina as Ante prefers to call her, will take pride of place in the Park's main square. She will join Susanne, a smaller, more traditional sculpture already in position by the pool.

"The Ballerina demands attention," says Ante. "The more you look, the more you see. Susanne is more personal, more contemplative."

Both works were commissioned by Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow, who was especially impressed after seeing some examples of this talented artist, and is a keen supporter of the arts industry.

In a long and distinguished career, Ante Dabro has held many solo exhibitions across Australia and overseas. His major works include the Australian naval memorial on Anzac Parade and the La Prouse memorial in Paris.



Above: "Susanne"



Above: "Ballerina"

Brindabella Airlines Flies Higher

Canberra based Brindabella Airlines has won the National Transport Industry's highly sought "Achievement of the Year Award."

The prestigious transport award was presented to Brindabella's CEO, Jeff Boyd, and Managing Director, Lara Corry-Boyd by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Australia.

The Chairman of the Institute's ACT section, John Wallis, says Brindabella Airlines won the achievement award against significant competition.

"The final decision was based on the airline's professionalism, the significant benefits it delivers to passenger transport in Canberra and the example of excellence Brindabella set for the Logistics and Transport industry."

Accepting the award at a ceremony in Melbourne on Friday, 20 August, Lara Corry-Boyd congratulated Brindabella's staff, Qantas and the owners of Canberra and Newcastle Airport for nominating the airline.

"It's great to be recognised because it reflects the investment and hard work of our loyal staff," she says.

Brindabella Airlines has experienced significant growth since its modest beginnings as an executive charter service, aircraft maintenance and flight training school to a regional airline operating regular flights to Newcastle and Albury. Based at Canberra International Airport, Brindabella employs a staff of 30 and operates 17 aircraft, including two Metroliners.

Right: Brindabella Airlines Metroliner



Sapphire Avionics, A gem of a business

Sapphire Avionics is one of the latest businesses to establish a presence in the Airport's rapidly developing general aviation precinct.

Greg Brander, a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer, moved the business from Merimbula on the NSW south coast to Canberra at the urging of Brindabella Airlines CEO, Jeff Boyd.

"I like what's happening here," says Greg. "When I visited the Airport 15 years ago it was not much more than a tin shed. There has been a lot of growth and development since then and that's been good for Canberra." Greg's fledgling business already employs two full-time technicians and one casual secretary/book keeper.



"Big plans for small business." Greg Brander - Sapphire Avionics

Hello sailor!

Recognised as one of the most advanced maritime choppers in the world, the Seasprites regularly take to the skies over Canberra for advanced skills training and testing. The Navy, as part of a \$1 billion project to provide security for its new fleet of ANZAC class frigates, has purchased a total of 11 Seasprites. Featured right is one of three new Super Seasprite helicopters to visit Canberra for advanced training and testing.



Hello sailor! New Navy chopper

100 jobs in days!



Canberra International Airport sincerely thanks employers for their overwhelming response to its campaign to find 100 local jobs in 100 days.

Working in partnership with not-for-profit employment organisations, Caloola Training and Wesley Uniting Employment, Canberra International Airport agreed to financially support the campaign to find 100 meaningful jobs for the region's long-term unemployed.

"We were fairly confident we could find the jobs within 100 days," says Airport Executive Director, Tom Snow. "However, we never imagined that we could achieve that target in just 50 days. The response from local employers has been magnificent and we are extremely grateful for their active participation in a campaign that has made a real difference to the lives of 100 of our fellow citizens."

Campaign Background: Due to the hard work of government and the local community, Canberra & Queanbeyan are lucky to share one of the lowest unemployment rates in Australia. Though for a small few they still find themselves without full-time work.

For employers, there are many benefits in recruiting a talented person who is long-term unemployed. Not only are you getting a person who is eager and keen to work, you could also receive financial government assistance in the form of Commonwealth funding, state subsidised training and/or national recognition of skills. If you're an employer, you should consider the benefits that could be awaiting you. 100 Jobs in 100 Days employers will also be eligible to win national and international travel prizes as a special way of saying "thank you" for helping support our community.

For further information on Canberra International Airport's involvement in the campaign contact Tori Murray: 6275 2222 or tmurray@canberraairport.com.au



Australia's first Green Star!

8 Brindabella Circuit is the very first Australian office building to be awarded the prestigious 5 Green Star rating for environmental excellence.

Independently established by the Green Building Council of Australia, the 5 Green Star rating is the highest of its kind and represents an "outstanding achievement" by Canberra International Airport.

Now under construction in Brindabella Business Park, 8 Brindabella Circuit sets new environmental benchmarks in sustainable building design and construction.

"8 Brindabella Circuit is the first Australian office building design to be officially recognised for its excellent environmental initiatives under Green Star," says Green Building Council Executive Director, Maria Atkinson. "The Green Building Council of Australia congratulates Canberra International Airport on this outstanding achievement which recognises their industry leadership."

At an informal ceremony in the Town Square adjacent to 8 Brindabella Circuit to celebrate the 5 Green Star rating, ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope MLA described the award as an extraordinary local achievement. "I hope and expect that other developers and building owners in Canberra, for example in Civic,



8 Brindabella Circuit, Canberra designed and Canberra built, Australia's first 5 Green Star rated building.

"The award clearly demonstrates that Canberra currently leads the nation in the development of environmentally sustainable commercial office buildings," says Tom Snow.



"The Winning Team." From left to right: ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope; Executive Chairman, Canberra International Airport, Terry Snow; Executive Director, Green Building Council of Australia, Maria Atkinson; Executive Director, Canberra International Airport, Tom Snow at the accreditation ceremony.

will look to this development as a new standard – to be met or even beaten."

Airport Executive Director, Tom Snow, paid tribute to the outstanding skills of the local architects, designers, engineers and builders behind the project. "We are immensely proud of this building because it is Australia's first 5 Green Star and its design, management and construction is an all Canberra affair," he says. The 5 Green Star rating reflected the Airport's absolute commitment to the environment and the long-term viability of all the buildings within Brindabella Business Park.

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ACT Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope, MLA, officially welcomes Australia's first 5 Green Star rating.



Brindabella flies higher

Our local airline becomes a nationally recognised "Achiever of the Year."



100 jobs in 50 days!

How an idea for a jobs creation program has become an overwhelming success.



Hello sailor

Seasprite helicopters visit Canberra for advanced training and testing.

8 Brindabella Circuite key features

Australia's best, Canberra designed,
Canberra built and Canberra owned.

"This exceptional environmental rating would not have been possible without the active support and enthusiasm of Executive Chairman, Terry Snow, and the complete professionalism of the many skilled Canberrans involved in this project," said Tom Snow.

8 Brindabella Circuit's unique design features include:

- A 45% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions and energy consumption equivalent to permanently taking 130 cars off the road;
- A 50% reduction in potable water usage;
- 100% recycled timber, 90% recycled steel and 30% recycled waste product in cement;

- A solar powered control system including solar hot water;

- 100% outside air ventilation – no recirculation;

- Water efficient fittings including waterless urinals, dual flushed toilets and hands-free infra-red taps, efficient landscaping – design features that will save 690,000 litres of water a year a 43% reduction in water usage; and

- Low emission products including low volatile organic compound paint, carpet and adhesive, contributing greatly to occupant health;

Through strict adherence to Green Building Council standards, Canberra International Airport is set to deliver a building that will have minimal impact on the natural environment and provide a healthier and more efficient work-place for its tenants.

Construction of the three-storey \$9 million building at 8 Brindabella Circuit started in November 2003 and is expected to be completed by January 2005.

"We believe that within the next 10 years, buildings that are not built and designed in a sustainable manner will not be tenanted," says Tom Snow.

For more information:
www.canberraairport.com.au/greenstar



Tom Snow addresses the Canberra community on the responsibility of building green.



Jon Stanhope and Terry Snow oversee the laying of the commemorative plaque.



Australia's first 5 Green Star "Australian Excellence" rated building - 8 Brindabella Circuit now under construction.

Airport's role "fundamental" says Stanhope

Canberra International Airport is fundamental to Canberra's social and economic existence as the Nation's Capital, says ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope MLA.

Mr Stanhope was addressing Outlook 2020, a forum considering important cross-border issues between the ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounding NSW. Sharing the occasion with NSW Premier, Bob Carr, both warned of the need to carefully consider the impact of cross-border residential developments at Tralee and Googong on Canberra, and to plan properly to ensure appropriate settlement patterns. Both agreed it was necessary to avoid the mistakes of similar housing estates in the past.

"I know people want to bring in the bricklayers now but to do that without planning for water and infrastructure would simply repeat mistakes" said Carr.

"Once we've settled water, our efforts will turn to agreeing on settlement patterns, how many people, where they will be, and at what rates developments will be laid out. And this will inform how we will determine our infrastructure priorities and the best ways of providing them. When we get those fundamentals in place investment certainty can follow," said Carr.

Supporting the Premier's call to remove the 'invisible border' between their jurisdictions, Mr Stanhope raised some particular problems with the proposed residential developments at Tralee.

"We need to discuss and assess the impact of the development of residential developments like Googong and Tralee immediately outside our borders, whether this would impact on the aims of the Spatial Plan," said Stanhope.

Mr Stanhope said there has been intensive discussion about Tralee, in particular:

- its impact on the future of the Canberra Airport,
- the perpetuation of pockets of development,
- its relationship to the Hume Industrial Area,
- the transport links, and
- service delivery issues such as water.



Airport's role "Fundamental," says Chief Minister.

Mr Stanhope reaffirmed the importance of Canberra Airport: "We must acknowledge these issues and give them the serious attention they deserve. In saying that, we recognise that Canberra International Airport is fundamental to Canberra and the region's social and economic development, indeed to our very existence as a major city and the nation's capital. We must therefore be aware of the potential negative impact on the Airport of any proposed development, urban or otherwise, or indeed any other impacts on existing development in the ACT as a result of noise sharing."

Canberra International Airport has vigorously opposed the development of residential estates under flight paths such as at Tralee because they would impact adversely on the living standards, safety and comfort of future generations and compromise airport operations. The Airport is actively opposed to noise sharing over existing Canberra and Queanbeyan suburbs.

Other than the problems highlighted at Tralee, neither Mr Stanhope nor Mr Carr detailed any specific problems with any other developments.

RAAF Association Honours Terry Snow



The National Executive of the RAAF Association has formally recognised the role played by Terry Snow, the Executive Chairman of Canberra International Airport, in the restoration of a war memorial that was desecrated two years ago by thieves.

Representing about 10,000 RAAF ex-servicemen and women across Australia, the Association awarded Mr Snow the prestigious O'Connor Trophy for his ongoing support in raising awareness of the RAAF's long and distinguished links with the national capital.

First awarded in 1988, the O'Connor Trophy is conferred by the National Executive to the person or organisation considered to have been most helpful to the RAAF Association. It is named after Brian O'Connor, a celebrated Second World War airman.

In late October 2002, thieves tore out and stole 13 mature trees lining the Memorial Grove. Situated in a bushland setting off the Federal Highway, the Memorial records the proud history of the many men and women who served at RAAF Base, Fairbairn.

"That senseless attack could not have occurred at a worse time for the 250 members of the ACT Association," said National President, Geoff Michael. "They were about to dedicate a memorial plaque for 36 Transport Squadron which operated at Fairbairn for three years from 1955. When Terry Snow learned of their plight, he and his team from Canberra International Airport became immediately involved restoring and cleaning the damaged landscape, locating replacement trees and planting them."

The Airport continued to maintain the Memorial Grove's landscape during Canberra's prolonged drought, said Mr Michael.

The Snow family's links with the RAAF go back 62 years. During the Second World War, Terry's father and mother Bob & Jessie Snow, then licensees of the Hotel Queanbeyan, billeted members of the Netherlands East Indies Air Force after they were repatriated from the East Indies.

Chief Minister applauds airport's "foresight"

8 Brindabella Circuit is a tribute to the foresight, commitment and leadership of Canberra International Airport, says ACT Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope MLA.

The Chief Minister was formally acknowledging the awarding of Australia's first 5 Green Star rating for a commercial office building.

He told a gathering of business leaders who celebrated the award that the 5 Green Star rating positioned Canberra as a national leader in environmental sustainability.

The following is an edited transcript of the Chief Minister's reflections:

"It was the architect Frank Lloyd Wright who said 'the physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his client to plant vines.'

I am sure that no one will want to hide this building. I expect that it will become an icon of excellent building design in Canberra.

It is an extraordinary achievement to be the very first Five Green Star accredited building in Australia, using the Green Star office design-rating tool.



"This is truly a local achievement," Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope.

I want to congratulate Canberra International Airport unreservedly for the foresight, commitment and leadership that they have shown in developing a showcase example of sustainable building design and construction. I understand that Tom Snow has been a driving force behind this aspect of the project. Congratulations Tom on a job well done.

I have been very impressed listening to the raft of innovations that have gone into the design of this building, and by the rigorous and comprehensive assessment that is required to achieve a Green Star rating. The ACT Government has been a member of the Green Building Council for some years now, and we know that achieving a 5 Green Star rating is no picnic.

When we invest in large infrastructure, we know we have to live with it for a long time, so we need to get it right at the beginning.

We know that the way a commercial building is designed can make a huge difference to the cost of its operation and the performance of its occupants.



"8 Brindabella is an outstanding achievement," Maria Atkinson, Executive Director, Green Building Council of Australia.

Too often, we worry about the capital cost and ignore the performance of the building over the whole of its life. A smart building such as this will deliver significant operational savings in energy, greenhouse emissions and water. It will also create a more positive indoor environment which will generate significant staff productivity savings. It's not just about being green, it's also good business sense.

Canberra International Airport has demonstrated its business acumen before. With the costs of resources rising and the supply of skilled employees limited, buildings like this are good investments for their owners.

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I hope and expect that other developers and building owners in Canberra, for example in Civic, will look to this development as a new standard to be met or even beaten. I'm sure that Canberra International Airport would not be upset if others sought to do this.

This is truly a local achievement. Not only is this building locally owned and managed, but local firms have also carried out its design and construction. I would also like to congratulate architects Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn, and builders Construction Control, for their roles in bringing this project to fruition.

This is the type of innovative project that one might ordinarily associate with larger cities like Sydney or Melbourne, or perhaps with the Federal Government in Canberra. But I am pleased to say that this project is Canberra's very own. Organisations in Canberra's private sector are leading the way for the rest of Australia, and showing both the private and public sector what can be achieved in sustainable building.

Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope.