

A'Hern Fitness Expanding

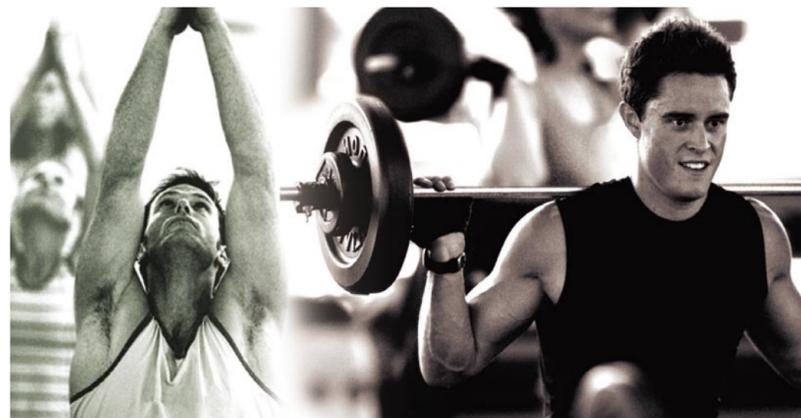
A'Hern Fitness has expanded its premises at Canberra International Airport. The new gym 'AeroFit' is double the size and is a direct result of growing membership numbers and the introduction of an exciting new fitness program.

The Managing Director of A'Hern Fitness, Nick A'Hern, said the expansion was needed to develop a group fitness studio that would cater for world-renowned Les Mills fitness to music workshops.

Operating in 55 countries, the Les Mills fitness classes have more than 4 million members worldwide and is a growing phenomenon in the health industry.

A'Hern Fitness will bring two of the seven Les Mills classes to the redesigned Airport fitness centre - Body Pump and Body Balance.

"We are very excited to introduce two Les Mills group



fitness classes to our members," A'Hern said. "Body Pump is a high energy workout using light adjustable weights and dumbbells. This class is designed for fat burning and rapid weight loss and toning. Body Balance is less high energy focused combining yoga, pilates and tai chi to deliver relaxation and improve posture."

A'Hern and partner Jenny have participated in several Les Mills classes and were impressed with the results.

"In view of the focused nature of the classes, we have employed 8 fully trained specialists to undertake the new courses. We propose running 11 classes a week to cater for the increased interest in group fitness classes," A'Hern said.

As a result of the expanded premises, AeroFit can now cater for 40 people at a time.

Airport Explores Expanded Factory Outlet Concept

Canberra International Airport is exploring through further public consultation its planned warehouse for factory seconds and out of season goods.

A formal notice inviting public comment was made public on Wednesday, 26 October.

The Airport announced on 2 August that it had received approval from the National Capital Authority to build the base for a factory outlet centre on Airport land fronting Majura Road. It also revealed that it was calling for expressions of interests from operators.

Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said the decision to undertake further public consultation came about because prospective operators and tenants had indicated strong interest in the proposed centre.

"In view of positive feedback from centre operators and the fact that many new retail businesses have indicated that they want to come to Canberra, we have decided to

explore the possibility of an expanded centre with the public now rather than later."

The Airport would be guided by the public's response to the proposal, Byron said. "We know from independent studies that consumers are enthusiastic about factory warehouse shopping," he said. "We also know that it had the capacity to generate around 600 new jobs and give the local economy a significant boost. What we now want to know is what the public thinks about the idea."

The draft proposal now available for public comment discusses a centre allowing staging up to 20,000 square metres of leasable retail space. If approved, this would account for approximately 1.7% of Canberra's retail space by 2008. The impact on existing centres has been independently assessed as having no significant adverse economic impact upon existing retailers.

The proposed centre would be landscaped and include facilities for public transport – taxis, Canberra and Queanbeyan buses and tourist coaches - and parking spaces for up to 1,500 cars. The Airport has commissioned an independent assessment of likely traffic flows in and around the proposed centre. The independent traffic study had concluded that any impact on traffic flows would be minimal. The Airport has also consulted with ACT Roads and the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) on the impact on roads.

"This is a style of shopping entirely new to Canberra," Byron said. "Shoppers can expect value for money with leading fashion labels up to 70% off."

"Factory outlet operators such as Birkenhead Point and DFO in Sydney now advertise on Canberra television stations. We want to keep those shoppers and that lost income in the Canberra and Queanbeyan region." Byron said.



100 Jobs in 100 Days

'100 Jobs in 100 Days' Canberra International Airport's community initiative to find meaningful jobs for the region's long term unemployed has again proven to be "a resounding success" says Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow.

"This is a fantastic result," he said. "So far, we have been able to place an extraordinary range of talented people in well paid jobs. Clearly, we are going to beat last years record of 243 placements in 100 days."

At the 70 day mark, the Airport's not for profit job providers had found work for 224 people.

When launching the campaign at Parliament House in September, Snow committed the Airport to double

its efforts to find work for the regions long term unemployed.

The Federal Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Kevin Andrew, formally launched the 2005 jobs campaign at Parliament House on 7 September.

At that occasion he said "having a job is not only about the ability to pay bills, it's also about our dignity and sense of worth. I encourage all employers to get behind this worthwhile initiative".

Celebrating Canberra's Engineering Excellence

Question: What does a program that traces space debris; a ship's communication system and a world-class business park have in common?

Answer: They were all winners at the 2005 Canberra Engineering Excellence Awards.

Announcing the winners at the National Convention Centre, Air Vice-Marshal Julie Hammer, congratulated entrants on the high quality of their submissions, which she said showcased the extraordinary depth and breadth of local engineering expertise.

8 Brindabella Circuit took out one of the awards for engineering excellence. Situated in the Brindabella Business Park, this is one of many prestigious awards the building has received.

It was the first commercial office building in Australia to receive a 5 Star Rating. 8 Brindabella Circuit also won a United Nations Association Environment Award in June for commitment to ecologically sustainable design.

Airport Executive Director, Tom Snow, said the award recognised the skills and experience of the many Canberra based firms involved in the design and construction of 8 Brindabella Circuit.

ACT Deputy Chief Minister, Mr. Ted Quinlan, also congratulated the winners: "these awards are important to the ACT because they highlight the importance of engineering to the local economy," between 1931-45 in Australia."



100 Jobs in 100 Days focuses on finding jobs for back to work parents.

Airport Leads the World in Sustainability Says Chief Minister

8 Brindabella Circuit was part of a commercial precinct that was a model for the world to follow, ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope said when formally opening the building on Tuesday 8 November.

He told a gathering of business leaders and Brindabella Business Park tenants that the building was a manifestation of a philosophy by which the Airport's management lived and operated.

"This building does not sit in isolation. It is part of a commercial precinct that leads the world in terms of sustainability. This is truly an example not only of Canberra showing the way, but of Canberra's private sector showing the way," Stanhope said.

8 Brindabella Circuit has won a string of national and international awards, including Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Building Award, ACT No Waste Awards and United Nations commendation.

The Chief Minister applauded the commitment to environmental sustainability demonstrated by Terry and Tom Snow describing them as two "highly evolved" visionaries who were passionate about their city.

"I am also pleased and proud that this building is a totally local achievement - locally owned, locally built, locally managed and locally designed. Congratulations to Daryl Jackson and Alastair Swayn, and builders Construction Control, for the part they have played in this historic construction."

Stanhope said Canberra is a community accustomed to firsts - being first and coming first, setting an example for others to follow, creating a truly model society. "Today we celebrate another first - the first Five Star accredited building to be completed under the Green Star scheme."

8 Brindabella Circuit is a fully tenanted, three story building, with 4040 square metres of lettable floor

Canberra International Airport



Photo: Paul Sadler

'Showing leadership' Tom Snow, Terry Snow and ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope

space and accommodation for three retail outlets. Tenants include Deloitte, the Australian Research Council (ARC) and SMS Management and Technology.

"The way a commercial building is designed can make a huge difference to the cost of its operation and the performance and comfort of its occupants," Stanhope said. "Buildings such as this deliver significant operational savings in energy, greenhouse emissions and water. Staff productivity can be boosted by almost 5% through better indoor quality and thermal comfort," he said.

Airport Executive Director, Tom Snow, said 8 Brindabella Circuit clearly demonstrates that environmentally sustainable development is not only cost effective but also commercially viable. The Airport had no difficulty finding tenants for the buildings, he said.

"This building will increase staff productivity but more importantly its total environmental footprint is minimised so it doesn't harm the natural environment," he said.

This is the second time Jon Stanhope has visited the Business Park to celebrate the building's unique construction. In September last year, he joined Maria Atkinson, the Executive Director of the Green Building Council of Australia, to celebrate the awarding of the 5 Green Stars, an Australian first for commitment to sustainable building.



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ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope officially opens 8 Brindabella Circuit

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SUSTAINING CANBERRA

8 Brindabella Circuit wins the 2005 Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Building Award.



STRONG SURGE IN VISITOR NUMBERS DURING SEPTEMBER

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Sustaining Canberra

Canberra International Airport has won the sustainable building category in the inaugural Keep Australia Beautiful ACT Sustainable Cities Awards.

Presenting the awards, ACT Planning Minister, Simon Corbell, congratulated the Airport saying it was an example of the private sector leading the way in green planning and design.

“8 Brindabella Circuit is a tangible demonstration that environmentally sustainable development is cost effective and commercially viable,” Mr. Corbell said. “It has achieved commercial outcomes while incorporating recycling and innovative environmental systems used to reduce waste and the consumption of finite resources and an impressive list of environmental firsts.”

Mr. Corbell said the Sustainable Cities awards program recognised the role private sector, government bodies and the community played in environmental improvement.

“The Sustainable Buildings category encourages builders and developers to seriously consider the benefits of sustainable building practices. These can be through building material selection and by using designs increasing a building’s day-to-day environmental efficiency,” Mr. Corbell said.

Mr. Corbell said 8 Brindabella Circuit boasted a significant range of environmental initiatives, including noteworthy reductions in carbon dioxide emissions and energy use, cut backs in potable water use, and substantial recycling of building materials. These features are worthy of replication in other developments within Canberra.

“The Sustainable Buildings category encourages builders and developers to seriously consider the benefits of sustainable building practices. These can be through building material selection and by using designs increasing a building’s day to day environmental efficiency,” Mr. Corbell said.

“The ACT Government is pleased to sponsor this category through the ACT Planning and Land Authority as part of its efforts to encourage builders and designers to use ecologically sustainable approaches to development.” “I would like to congratulate those who entered the Awards this year, but in particular those who entered the Sustainable Buildings category,” he said.



ACT Planning Minister Simon Corbell congratulates Airport Executive Director Tom Snow

“We were pleased to see a strong field of contenders that provided examples of building practices that improve the environmental performance of buildings, including passive building design, sustainable construction methods or resource-saving components.”

Airport - A True Hub for South Eastern Australia

Brindabella Airlines says its new Victorian service is doing well. The Canberra based airline introduced a five-day a week service to Traralgon on September 1.

Brindabella’s Managing Director, Lara Corry-Boyd, says the Latrobe Valley service is growing steadily in popularity.

Victoria’s Latrobe region is home to several major towns and hosts a population of around 70,000. Brindabella’s new service enables people from the region to hub through Canberra connecting to other regional or major city destinations.

Canberra International Airport welcomes Brindabella’s Canberra International Airport

new service because it represents yet another step toward the Airport becoming a major south-eastern Australian travel hub.

Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said Brindabella’s new service meant that regional Victorians could avoid costly delays at Melbourne Airport and hub directly through the ACT.

Passengers can book flights at www.brindabellaairlines.com.au or on 02 6248 8711



Brindabella’s inaugural touches down at Traralgon

Strong Surge in Visitor Numbers During September

A record number of people moved through Canberra International Airport during September.

“This was our best month ever and represents a tremendous boost for tourism in Canberra,” Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said today. “It also demonstrates the effectiveness and success of ACT Tourism’s ‘See yourself in Canberra’ marketing and advertising campaign.”

Passenger movements during the month of September totalled 224,522, an increase of 1.2% over the previous monthly record set in August last year. The September quarter also produced record numbers of business, leisure and visiting friend travellers. “The airlines carried a total of 664,674 people to and from Canberra over these three months, an impressive increase of 5.8% over the same quarter in 2004,” Byron said. All airlines reported strong passenger growth.

This is a remarkable result for ACT Tourism given the high price of oil and the withdrawal of Virgin and Rex Airlines from the Canberra to Sydney service. “With results like this, we have every reason to be optimistic about the future of the region and our on-going ability to attract visitors to the region.”

Qantas had demonstrated its confidence in the future growth of the region, introducing its new-generation, larger 72 seat Dash 8 aircraft on its Canberra/Sydney and Canberra/Melbourne services early next year.

“We are also looking forward to the introduction of Ozjet, the new business class airline, some time next year,” Byron said.

Brindabella Airline’s continued growth as a regional operator was also making a significant contribution to the growth of people visiting Canberra. Brindabella Airlines operates successful services to Newcastle, Albury and Traralgon.

“We will continue to do all that we can to support and encourage the growth of more direct services to all of Australia’s capital cities,” Byron said. Canberra International Airport presently provides direct services to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Adelaide and Perth.



ACT tourism lifts off

Photo: David Morrell

Airport Report Card

Canberra International Airport has scored highly in a major study into the quality of the ACT’s infrastructure.

Prepared by Engineers Australia, the study - the 2005 Infrastructure Report Card - gave the Airport a ‘B’ rating because ‘only minor changes’ were required for it to meet present and future growth expectations.

The study also noted that airport management had successfully managed growth, identified the infrastructure improvements required to improve capacity and functionality and was actively planning to implement them.

Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, described the study as ‘a timely wake-up call’ for the ACT. “It’s an important document because it provides a truly independent snapshot of the present-day standards of the ACT’s roads, electricity networks, storm water, water and telecommunication systems.”

Byron said he was confident the Airport’s \$300 million infrastructure program, which includes a new terminal

and runway extension, would enable it to achieve an “A” rating next time round.

The Airport strongly supported the study’s call for the ACT to be actively involved in a community debate about infrastructure standards.

“We are very conscious of community expectations,” Byron said. “Our Master Plan requires us to consult regularly and openly with all our stakeholders to ensure that they are fully aware of future programs and their likely impact on a community.”

The 2005 Infrastructure Report Card also notes that:

- Passenger flows currently exceed the terminal’s capacity during peak periods
- Apron space for overnight aircraft parking does not meet current demands all of the time and

Restrictions limit the number of heavy aircraft landings and take-offs in a given time period.

“We are working strategically with the airlines, regulatory authorities and governments to address these limitations,” Byron said.



\$5 Million on Roads and Roundabouts

Canberra International Airport is spending around \$5 million to improve traffic flows in and around its terminal precinct and Brindabella Business Park.

The Airport is building three roundabouts - two on Majura Road and one on Pialligo Avenue.

The roundabouts will be gifted to the ACT Government when completed early next year.

Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said the new road works were being built at no cost to ACT taxpayers and represented an important part of the Airport’s contribution to ACT infrastructure.

“The Pialligo and Majura roads are heavily congested with traffic,” he said.

“Around 16,000 cars a day use Majura Lane - more than triple the traffic flow of 2 years ago - further 26,000 cars a day travel on Pialligo Avenue between Queanbeyan and Canberra. Around seventeen percent of them travel to the Airport during peak hour - the balance being regional traffic.”

The roadworks were necessary to meet the steady increase in people accessing the Airport. During the last four years, passenger numbers had increased from 1.8 million to 2.5 million a year.

The ACT Government has been planning the duplication of the final 1,200 metres of Pialligo Avenue for the last 5 years and the construction of Majura Parkway for the last 3 years.

In addition to the roundabouts, the Airport has constructed a new access road at the corner of Fairbairn Avenue and Nomad Drive.

Designed to take further pressure off the main Airport entry roundabouts on Pialligo Avenue, the new access road will improve access for people working in the Airport’s general aviation sector.



New roundabout on Pialligo Avenue eases traffic flows

Airports Fuel Massive Investment Boom

The Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Warren Truss, has strongly endorsed the importance of non-aeronautical investment at Australia’s privatised Airports.

He told the 24th Australian Airports Association National Convention in Hobart, that Airport privatisation had led to a massive boom in private sector investment in this critical infrastructure, which would not have occurred under government ownership.

Returns from non-aeronautical development were helping to support investment aeronautical infrastructure and facilities.

“It begs the question whether such development and growth at these major Airports would be taking place under other planning controls,” he said.

Developments at Australian Airports were taking place under the strict planning regime of the Airports Act, which was generally working well, and there was no proposal for major change.

Defence Minister Opens New Defence Capability Facility

A new facility that will improve the capability of Australia’s Defence Forces was formally opened in the Brindabella Business Park by Defence Minister, Senator Robert Hill, on September 7.

Around 100 representatives from ACT business enterprises and senior Defence personnel attended the opening ceremony at 20 Brindabella Circuit.

Operating as a ‘virtual company,’ the Rapid Prototyping, Development and Evaluation (RPDE) Program is a \$20 million venture that seconds local and international specialists to work with Defence in a collaborative and non-competitive environment.

“RPDE is proving to be an effective example of partnering between industry and the Australian Department of Defence,” Senator Hill said.

“This collaborative environment benefits RPDE members because they gain a greater understanding of the needs of the Australian Defence Force in a network centric warfare setting. Defence benefits through rapid access to expertise across key industries to resolve issues and make improvements in the Defence Forces war-fighting ability,” Senator Hill said.

RPDE will address all aspects of capability including doctrine, training, support and organisational aspects as well as technology and systems.

Senator Hill said the program had already started to deliver enhanced Defence and Industry cooperation. This was creating the means for rapidly exploiting industrial innovation to achieve the knowledge edge for the ADF.



Defence Minister, Senator Robert Hill at the opening of RPDE at Brindabella Business Park