

## AIRPORT ROADS PROGRESSING WELL



New roads improve Airport access.

**Works to significantly upgrade roads between the Airport and Civic are progressing well and could be open by Christmas, according to Airport Director of Projects, Ben Rayner.**

And the fleet of trucks and earth moving equipment that appears daily on Pialligo Avenue bears out his optimism. So, too, the growing mountain of earth that will form the foundation of the Airport flyover – the new stretch of duplicated road that will provide a seamless bypass of the Airport. So far more than 30,000 cubic metres of soil have been moved on site and the disruption to traffic flows kept to a minimum.

The most challenging aspect of the project is the relocation of roadside essential services, Mr Rayner said. He also paid tribute to local

construction company, Woden Contractors. "They are doing an excellent job."

Under a joint funding arrangement negotiated last year, the ACT Government and the Airport are sharing the cost of duplicating a 1.3 kilometre section of Pialligo Avenue between the intersections of Beltana Road and Brindabella Circuit.

The ACT Government is contributing \$7.5 million toward the cost of the road upgrade and the Airport has budgeted \$6.7 million. The Airport is also carrying any project cost overrun which

is expected to be substantial. The Airport is project managing the upgrade and will gift it back to the ACT community as a public road. The second stage of works are currently scheduled for completion by mid 2010 and include the extension to Monaro Highway, north of Pialligo Avenue, to Fairbairn Avenue.

ACT Roads Director, Mr Tony Gill, said the roads project is running well and on time.

Managing traffic flows remains a challenge, Gill says. "In the meantime, I ask motorists to continue to be patient."

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## Snow Foundation Gifts Bus to YMCA.

The Snow Foundation has replaced a community bus, administered by the YWCA of Canberra. The new \$50,000, 14 seat Toyota Hiace, replaces a similar vehicle which was stolen from the Lanyon Community Centre in June 2006, and not recovered.

Snow Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Ms Georgina Byron, today formally handed over the keys of the new minibus to the YWCA Lanyon Community Development Program

during a regular meeting of the Lanyon Valley Senior Citizens group. "The bus provides a very valuable service to the Lanyon community and we are delighted to see it back on the road," she said. The Foundation had also agreed to meet the ongoing costs of registration, insurance and maintenance.

The Snow Foundation has fully supported a community bus for the Lanyon community since 2001. "Local community groups have greatly missed the benefits of the YWCA's bus," Ms Byron said. So much so that the YWCA is already taking many enquiries regarding bookings for the bus, which operates free of charge to community groups. The arrangement only requires that the bus be returned in a clean condition and with a full tank of petrol.

The bus will be used by a range of community groups, such as seniors wanting to visit local exhibitions and youth groups going to the coast

on camping holidays. "The Snow Foundation chooses to support this kind of community service because of the positive difference it can make to the lives of people," Ms Byron said.

Accepting the bus, the YWCA of Canberra's Executive Director, Rebecca Vassarotti, said "The minibus offers a unique service in the Lanyon area, enabling community participation in a range of activities which would not be possible without the Snow Foundation's generous support. In the six months prior to the theft, 19 different community groups had used the bus, for a total of 149 days out of the 170 days in which the bus was available for use".

In the 18 years since it was established, the Snow Foundation has provided assistance to more than 110 different community organisations and individuals. It was established by Terry Snow and George Snow to provide help to the disadvantaged and vulnerable.



The YWCA Canberra's Executive Director, Rebecca Vassarotti, with Snow Foundation CEO, Georgina Byron and Director, Tom Snow.



Candid Canberra.

Photo: Paul Sadler

## Brindabella Airlines Jet Streams to the Future.

Brindabella Airlines has added a new aircraft to its regional fleet.

With a crew of three and seating for 30 passengers, the BAE J41 Jetstream represents a significant step up for the Canberra based airline.

According to Brindabella Airlines CEO, Jeff Boyd, the Jetstream is the fastest and most fuel efficient aircraft in its class. It was a natural choice because of its passenger comfort and proven reliability, he said.



Stephen Byron, Airport MD and Jeff Boyd, Brindabella Airlines CEO.

Photo: Paul Sadler

## Canberra's Own E-Jet.

Sporting a new name - 'Candid Canberra' - this new Virgin Blue E-jet is a regular visitor to Canberra Airport.

The new name came about after Virgin Blue's 60 Canberra staff lobbied CEO, Brett Godfrey, for some local recognition.

"Since dramatically ramping up our Sydney to Canberra and Canberra to Gold Coast services, we thought the branding was a great idea," Mr Godfrey said. "Canberra is now a major destination so it deserves recognition in its new fleet."

With a range of 2,400 nautical miles, the new 114 seat E-190 has larger cabin space, wider aisles and bigger overhead lockers to cater for leisure and business travellers.



Tiger launches second Melbourne service.

Photo: Paul Sadler

## Tiger's Second Coming.

Just three months after launching its Canberra to Melbourne service, Tiger Airways is committing to a second daily flight.

From August this year, Tiger will offer an afternoon service to Melbourne, leaving Canberra around 5.25pm, in addition to its existing 10.30am service.

"This is a wonderful result for Canberra and highlights the appeal of Tiger's absolute commitment to affordable, no frills air travel," Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron,

said. "Tiger's genuine low cost approach is clearly attractive to a whole new generation of travellers who are taking advantage of their low fares.

"This strong response from travellers in both cities confirms that the new era in affordable travel is here to stay and available to those who are prepared to go online and find it," he said. "Tiger's second daily service provides a fantastic opportunity for ACT tourism to attract even greater numbers of tourists to our national attractions."

Tiger operates its daily Melbourne services from the multi-user end of the Canberra terminal, adjacent to Virgin Blue.

"I congratulate Tiger on their commitment to Canberra and look forward to the introduction of even more low cost services to other cities in Australia," Byron said.

## A Trade Secret Comes to Canberra.

Trade Secret, a leading off price apparel and lifestyle store, is open for business at Majura Park, Canberra Airport.

According to Trade Secret Managing Director, Richard Gazal, the new outlet brings an entirely new shopping experience to Canberra.

Operating under the banner of "Big brand, cheeky prices," Trade Secret is a one-stop family shop, carrying a wide variety of brands - baby wear, children's clothing, fashion wear for men and women, homeware and gifts.

"Canberrans no longer have to pay full price for big name fashion items," Gazal said. "Trade Secret offers discounts of up to 60 percent off the recommended retail price every day."

Trade Secret's new stock arrives daily and includes prominent brands like Van Heusen, Pierre Cardin, Bonds, Osh Kosh, Fila, Lovable, Kayser, Morrissey and Oroton.

"Our dedicated buying team sources and negotiates the best possible prices on all brand name products," Mr Gazal said. "At the same time, our operations team ensures overheads are kept to a minimum and as a result we are able to pass on unprecedented savings to our customers."



Aviation farewells "a great mate".

## Aviation Mourns "A Great Mate".

"A great mate" and "a passionate pilot".

These were some of the sentiments expressed by friends and colleagues following the tragic death in June of Mr Graeme Camage in a NSW south coast plane crash.

Mr Camage was flying his much loved Nanchang, a single engine Chinese military trainer, when it crashed at Moruya. "Aviation has lost a

champion and a great mate," Mr Terry Snow, Executive Chairman of Canberra Airport, said. "His wise counsel and warm sense of humour will be missed by all of us." Known to friends as "Mr Nanchang", Mr Camage was a passionate pilot, a successful businessman, mentor and a generous donor, according to friend and business partner, Brian Candler. "The greatest benefit he leaves, is that we are all better for having known him."

In the days before aviation security made it impossible, Graeme and friends would meet most Saturdays at "the bat cave" - a T hangar at the Airport - for a barbecue and friendship. "Flying is usually a solitary pursuit but Graeme made it fun for everyone and our thoughts go out to his wife and family," Mr Snow added.



HOME Patron, Sir William Dean, Terry Snow, Father Peter Day and Georgina Byron.

## A New HOME for Queanbeyan.

The Snow Foundation has agreed to donate \$400,000 to the local community's initiative to establish Home in Queanbeyan (Home).

Home will provide 24 hour supported accommodation – residential, not institutional, care for 20 people with mental illness who cannot live independently and have been, or are at risk of being, homeless. Residents will receive medium- and long-term care within their own self-contained, one bedroom units (with two dedicated to respite care). There will also be communal areas for dining and recreation.

In its biggest single donation so far, the Foundation will donate \$400,000 over the next four years to help get Home up and running as soon as possible.

Details of the donation were announced on Monday, April 21 by Foundation Chairman, Mr Terry Snow, and Father Peter Day. More than 150 people from all walks of life attended the cheque handover, including Patron and former Governor-General, Sir William Deane. Sir William said he had enjoyed a 70 year

association with Queanbeyan, where he used to shop with his parents when Canberra was a suburb of Queanbeyan.

"All the ideas, inspiration and ideals that emerged from Kevin Rudd's 2020 Summit are subservient to one basic truth," he said. "That is, how we treat the most disadvantaged in our society. The mentally ill are the worst placed among homeless people because they do not have a place they can properly call their home." Sir William said.

"Home in Queanbeyan is the inspired initiative of Father Peter Day who, when training for the priesthood, witnessed first hand the daily struggle of the mentally ill on the streets of inner Sydney - and later in Queanbeyan - and decided to do something about it," Mr Snow said.

"I understand that these life-changing street experiences taught Father Peter that the task of helping the mentally ill cannot be adequately addressed by governments and health experts alone. We, the community, also have a responsibility to share our gifts and expertise if things are to change for our most vulnerable citizens," Mr Snow said.

Terry's daughter and Snow Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Georgina Byron, had discussed with her family the urgent need to help relieve the plight of people who, with too little support, often become overwhelmed by their illness.

## Airport's Water Saving Initiatives.

Canberra Airport has been recognised by ACTEW for its water saving initiatives.

To mark World Water Day, ACTEW showcased Canberra Airport, Parliament House, Floriade and the Australian National University as examples of businesses working hard to minimise their use of water.

The Managing Director of ACTEW Corporation, Michael Costello, said the entire community had felt the effects of the drought and have banded together to conserve the water remaining in our dams.

"These organisations have excelled themselves, going well beyond what is required by contributing large water savings," Mr Costello said.

The Managing Director of Canberra Airport, Stephen Byron, said the Airport stores over 1.2 million litres of rainwater, uses only non potable water for irrigation, has water-efficient cooling towers and waterless urinals, and will soon be recycling over 100,000 litres of water every day.

"The passion and drive of those involved with Home to help the most desperately vulnerable in our community is beyond question, and humbling. We are delighted to help provide the bricks and mortar for this much needed initiative," Ms Byron said.

Located in central Queanbeyan, the purpose-built residential facility will cost around \$3.5 million to build and include a manager, a caretaker, support staff, and a team of community volunteers.

Father Day welcomed the Snow Foundation's generous support. "Our first priority is to provide a home for people; to love them back into life so they, too, might enjoy active and fulfilling lives within their community."

Home will not be a lock up facility. It will be a place where people will be free to come and go. "It will be their home," he said.

"Thanks to the generosity and compassion of the Snow Foundation we can make this happen sooner rather than later. We also believe that the Queanbeyan community is providing national leadership by tackling head-on this national crisis that lies at our feet. Hopefully, Home will inspire other communities to do the same."

The Snow Foundation is the creation of brothers Terry and George Snow, who established it in 1990 to help the less fortunate in society.

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