

Snow Foundation CEO Outlines New Direction

Wednesday 20 August: Young mothers, the homeless and the mentally ill receive special attention in this year's Snow Foundation community grants.

According to Chief Executive Officer, Ms Georgina Byron, the Foundation has approved grants totalling \$400,000 to 27 local organisations and individuals.

"Society's disadvantaged remain our key focus in 2008," she said. "Around 66 per cent of our 2008 grants program will go to the most marginalised people, many of whom are homeless, or facing homelessness. Sadly, homelessness and mental illness go hand-in-hand, which is why the Foundation is making a concerted effort to help these areas this year. Of the remainder, we continue to support people with disabilities and provide funding for educational and recreational programs for at risk youth".

In this regard, two early intervention programs for at risk youth – the Tuggeranong Arts Centre Messenger program (\$20,000) and Cooma YMCA's Boys to Men program (\$17,000) captured

the Foundation's attention. With a retention rate of 85%, the Messenger mental health program enjoys strong success. It builds resilience through an arts program of drama, visual arts and dance. The YMCA's new, and much needed, Boys to Men program is for local boys aged between 13 and 17, offering life skills mentoring and gender, drug and alcohol education.

The Foundation has also identified new and expectant mothers as another area of special need. In its 2008 ACT Annual Report, Open Family reported a lack of support and crisis accommodation for young expectant mothers. As a result, the Foundation will fund a case worker at Karinya House (\$26,000) for the next two years. Located at Evatt, Karinya House provides an outreach program and support accommodation for mothers and babies.

In recognition of the everyday difficulties facing the disadvantaged, the Foundation will provide financial support for four food programs this year – Oz Harvest (\$10,000), which gathers food from cafes and restaurants for distribution to local charities, Stasia Dabrowski's Food for the Disadvantaged (\$17,380); Anglicare's Fresh Foods for Families (\$12,000); and Ainslie Primary School Breakfast Club (\$3,300).

The Foundation has also foreshadowed a significant change in approach this year.

"We want to be more hands-on, more involved with the people and the programs," Ms Byron said. "We want to do more than just sign the cheques. The Foundation wants to have a better understanding of the social issues that confront the community. We want to be assured that the programs we are supporting are delivering

meaningful benefits to those in need."

In the 18 years since it was established by brothers Terry and George Snow, the Foundation has contributed \$2.3 million to 125 local organisations and individuals. In June this year, Terry doubled the corpus from \$5m to \$10m.



The Hall Family were presented with a new walker for daughter Keeley

Canberra – will open in early November to give Christmas shoppers an added bonus.

"The Brand Depot Toys R Us store will feature all the fun that we are renowned for – but the big news for Canberra is that right next door will be a Babies R Us store. This is only the second Babies R Us store to open in Australia and it's going to be located at Brand Depot," he said.

Babies R Us is a new concept offering a wide range of items for babies – including a complete range of furniture and bedding.

A retail veteran of 22 years, Gruber said Toys R Us had been looking to open a second store in Canberra and Brand Depot offered the business great opportunity to lever customers away from the other major retailers in the ACT.

And he promises 'absolutely unbeatable' Grand

Opening sale specials when the Brand Depot store opens its doors for business.

"There will be hundreds of items that you will not be able to buy anywhere else," he said.

"Nothing beats the joy and excitement of watching a child receive a much loved toy," Gruber said. "It is a positive life experience and to be involved is very rewarding."



Toys R Us launches BABIES R US at Brand Depot

Toys R Us will be making Canberra parents jump for joy this November, when they open Canberra's first Babies R Us store at Brand Depot.

Toys R Us Managing Director, Ray Gruber, says the new revamped store – their second only in

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BRINDABELLA'S NEW CANBERRA HEADQUARTERS



Left: Brindabella Hangar officially opened by Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Anthony Albanese and Jeff Boyd. Right: Jeff Boyd, Brindabella Airlines CEO.

Wednesday 3 September: Brindabella Airline's new \$6 million hangar and administrative centre was clear evidence of a uniquely close working relationship between two local, family based businesses - Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron said.

Mr Byron was speaking at the opening of Brindabella Airline's new Headquarters. He was joined by The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese, in the presence of Regional Aviation Association of Australia Chairman, Mr Michael Bridge and Brindabella Airlines Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jeff Boyd.

Mr Albanese congratulated the two businesses on their collaborative efforts. "Probably no other airport in Australia has invested so much time, energy and money into the development of a regional airline service. Brindabella's new regional base represents a \$6 million investment by the Airport and the culmination of a dream Terry Snow had 10 years ago to establish a home based regional airline in Canberra," he said.

Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron, said he was very proud of Brindabella's new building, its stylish aviation influenced architecture and its cutting edge technologies.

"Buildings like this define our commitment to provide high quality infrastructure and a first-class working environment," he said.

"Ten years ago the site on which this building stands was part of an aviation backwater, a neglected precinct of old and unattractive buildings. Today it stands shoulder to shoulder with a new generation of high quality buildings – Alpha Catering, Capital Jet Hangar and, the soon to be built freight centre for Australian Air Express."

The Chairman of Regional Aviation Association of Australia, Mr Michael Bridge applauded the partnership between Canberra Airport and the airline. "This partnership proves to me, and all present here today, what can be achieved when two commercial companies decide to work together rather than against one another," he said. "It should also highlight to you what can be achieved by regional airlines if given a fair playing field."

The decision to build a new base for Brindabella Airlines represented a commitment the Airport made in its first master plan to drive economic activity and create new jobs.

"Brindabella Airlines is one of around 140 airport related businesses that provide employment for some 8,000 people at Canberra Airport. We're delighted to be associated with Brindabella Airlines and look forward to the future with confidence," Byron said.

Jeff Boyd said the new headquarters would provide security and a stable base for the growing regional airline.

"I would like to thank the airport for building us such a wonderful headquarters and maintenance hangar facility," Mr Boyd said. "This new facility gives staff a real sense of pride in their place of work. It also represents the great relationship between the airport and our rapidly growing airline. The future looks very bright."

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Stage One of Airport Road Due to Open by Christmas

Thursday, August 14:

The first stage duplication of Pialligo Avenue will be open to motorists by Christmas, easing the present traffic flows around Canberra Airport, ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope, said today. Mr Stanhope was inspecting works progress with John Hargreaves.

Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron, ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope and Minister for the Territory and Municipal Services, John Hargreaves.

Queanbeyan's Land of Plenty

There was absolutely no need to build homes under Canberra Airport's flight paths because Queanbeyan City Council already had more than enough residential land to satisfy the demand for housing, Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said today.

He was responding to the findings of an independent, expert investigation commissioned by the Airport at the request of the NSW Planning Minister, Frank Sartor. The report established that Queanbeyan's Local Government Area had sufficient land to provide for an estimated 22,000 new homes over the next 50-60 years and well in excess of Mr Sartor's 10,000 dwelling requirement.

"The results of this investigation are now with NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor and should finally sound the death knell for council plans to approve the building of thousands of homes at Tralee under our main southern flight path. No one, certainly no family, should be expected to endure the living hell consequences of living under a flight path, especially when there is better and more suitable land nearby. And no responsible planning authority should even contemplate it," he said.

The investigation was carried out by international town planners Parsons Brinckerhoff, world leaders in the development and operation of community infrastructure projects. At the request of the NSW Planning Minister they were asked to:

- Locate 10,000 homes sites within the Queanbeyan Local Government Area; and
- Explore the possibility of 'bending or modifying' the Airport's present flight paths in order to identify any potential residential land within its existing High Noise Corridor.

The investigation categorically ruled out the possibility of shifting the Airport's present flight paths. "Such a move was not acceptable because it would simply transfer the adverse impacts of aircraft noise to other parts of Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra," Byron said.

However, the investigation was successful in locating a big bank of residential land within the city's Local Government Area that was not effected by aircraft noise – some of it from Queanbeyan City Council's own website. It identified a total of 8,950 land sites in four new locations and a further 4,500 new dwellings within the existing urban areas of Queanbeyan.

"When Googong's 5,500 home sites are included, the Council has enough land to supply up to 22,000 homes and none of it is under a flight path," Byron said. "This investigation offers a ready-made solution to Queanbeyan's long term residential land requirements. I urge the new Council to act in the best interests of the wider community and make use of a land supply that best values the living standards of the people they seek to represent."



Airport Executive Chairman Terry Snow, with Parliamentary Secretary for International Business Assistance, Bob McMullan.

Freight Fundamental to ACT's Long Term Development says McMullan

Tuesday, August 26:
The Parliamentary Secretary for International Business Assistance, Bob McMullan, says the development of key mainstream airport activities like freight is essential to the long term economic development of Canberra.

He was turning the first sod of a new \$6 million Australian Air Express Freight Centre at Canberra Airport. Airports like Canberra were fundamental economic drivers of the 21st century. "You can't imagine a successful 21st century capital city without a successful airport for passengers without effective freight services," he said.

Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow said freight played an enormously important role in the life of Canberra.

"Canberra is the only non-curfew airport of any significance between Brisbane and Melbourne capable of handling increased freight, and as such it is important that we preserve what we believe are harmonious relations with our

neighbours with a low noise corridor. There are some greedy developers who want to destroy this and compromise the Airport for short term gain," Snow said. "But we believe if the Government and community take a long term view, they will appreciate the importance of the facilities we are developing here today."

Airports were important generators of jobs, McMullan said.

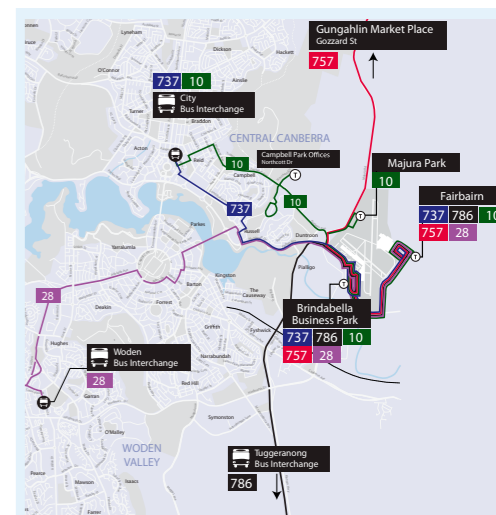
"Not every kid growing up in Canberra wants to work for the public service, not every kid growing up wants to work inside an office and we want to provide jobs for all our kids, whatever their ability, whatever their ambition whatever their interest. We want them to choose to stay," McMullan said.

Economic growth by itself was not wonderful, he said. However, it did create opportunities for young people. "That's why I support occasions like this, even if they are controversial."

McMullan said the business of government could not be done effectively unless people could get in and out of Canberra and support freight facilities.

"We get a lot of opportunities and challenges as the national capital, but we are also effectively the capital of south east NSW and provide a great service for the whole region. Try and run a business in Yass, Goulburn, Queanbeyan or Braidwood, you need airport freight, we want the region to prosper, and Canberra will prosper when the region prospers.

"I am very pleased to nail my colours to this mast and say these are the sort of developments Canberra needs. This is a vote of confidence in the city," McMullan said.



Action's Airport Timetable

ACTION have added five extra services to Canberra Airport

The new services will provide commuters with increased access to Civic, Belconnen, Woden, the Parliamentary Triangle, Gungahlin and Tuggeranong.

- New Xpresso Route 737 from the City to Brindabella Business Park
- Civic/Belconnen (route 10) – a 7 day per week service linking the airport with Civic, and onwards to Belconnen interchange. This service will run every 30mins during the day on weekdays (hourly in the evenings) and hourly on weekends and public holidays
- Parliamentary Triangle/Woden (route 28) weekday service running every 30mins at peak times, and every hour off-peak on weekdays. There would be no weekend service
- Gungahlin (route 757) – peak time service every 30mins on weekdays. Runs up Majura Road/Horse Park Drive to Gungahlin Marketplace
- Tuggeranong (route 786) – peak time service every 30mins on weekdays. Runs down the Monaro Highway to the Tuggeranong Interchange.