

Majura Park makes a mark at Skyfire 21 celebrations

For the third year running Canberra Airport has sponsored FM104.7 – Canberra’s highest rated commercial radio station – in their flagship event Skyfire.



Crowds of locals and visitors lined the shores of Lake Burley Griffin on Saturday 21 March, to witness the Canberra sky light up with a spectacular fireworks display choreographed to a 30 minute soundtrack. Canberra Airport precinct Majura Park was a major sponsor of the event and received widespread coverage on the night.

It is estimated that one third of Canberra, or approximately 130,000 people, turned out to mark the 21st anniversary of this free annual

Lighting up the sky. The eleven pontoons fire off comets to an estimated 130,000 people.

community event which involved more than 3000 aerial fireworks and about 20,000 comets shot from 11 pontoons on the lake.

Majura Park promotional staff distributed more than 4000 helium balloons, 3000 discount vouchers, 800 perfume samples and 2000 cardboard seats which proved popular with

spectators looking for protection from the ground beneath them.

Canberra Airport Business Development Manager, Tori Murray said, “This is a fantastic event for us to be involved in. This is the biggest FREE community event in Canberra and we are proud to be associated with it”.

Meeting the needs of the community in sympathy with the community:

Canberra Airport is committed to working with its community to deliver the outcomes sought by the community: growth in flights and destinations, jobs for its residents, upgraded roads, and residential amenity without the adverse impact of aircraft noise.

The 2009 Master Plan forecasts annual passenger growth of 4.2% over the 20 year life of the Plan with 7.25 million passengers expected to pass through the airport in 2029/30, including over 380,000 international passengers. Direct international flights to and from Canberra are expected to commence in 2010.

Having completed a lengthening and strengthening of the main runway in 2006, Canberra Airport has now commenced construction of its new terminal. Canberra Airport’s \$350m aviation infrastructure program will ensure the Airport is ready to meet future growth. Canberra Airport also foreshadows a key role in meeting the needs of the Sydney basin – a role that would deliver a Very Fast Train (VFT) to the national capital.

“We believe that the use of an existing major airport facility, such as Canberra Airport, will significantly mitigate the cost to the Commonwealth,” Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron, said.

“The cost of developing a new international airport facility outside the Sydney basin at a location between Canberra and Sydney, with a dedicated high speed rail link to Sydney, would be substantially greater than extending a high speed rail line to Canberra and utilising existing airport facilities at Canberra Airport.”

Major freight operators, constrained by the curfew at Sydney Airport, have also approached Canberra Airport regarding the opportunity to utilise Canberra Airport as a freight hub. Building on existing overnight freight flights that currently operate to Canberra, this may involve 3-5 aircraft per night in the next five years, rising to up to 15 flights per night in 20 years.

Mr Byron said “the Master Plan commits the Airport to working with the NSW Government, the Queanbeyan City Council and the Commonwealth during the consultation period to agree on those areas where new residential areas are not compatible with aircraft noise.”

The 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan is available for viewing on the Airport’s website www.canberraairport.com.au or by contacting the Airport on 02 6275 2222.

Written comments are welcomed and must be received by 5pm Friday 8 May 2009.

Canberra Airport’s Master Plan

Canberra Airport has released the 2009 Preliminary Draft Master Plan for public consultation.

The plan updates Canberra Airport’s existing approved 2005 Master Plan and outlines the vision for the operation and development of Australia’s National Capital airport for the next 20 years.

The Master Plan revolves around three key themes:

- Infrastructure ready: Through unprecedented levels of investment in aviation and community infrastructure, including roads, Canberra Airport is ready to meet the needs of all Airport users.
- Generator of economic and employment growth: Canberra Airport is the primary economic and social gateway for the region, employing thousands of people and generating a massive economic impact.

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CANBERRA’S NEW \$350 MILLION TERMINAL



Canberra Airport’s \$350 million investment, “AirVolution” will see world-leading new aviation facilities and create 1350 jobs.

Tuesday 7 April: Canberra Airport has announced its \$350 million terminal redevelopment, creating more than 1350 jobs over the next four years.

Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, announced that the project was now back on track. “Six months ago, as a result of the uncertainty caused by the Global Financial Crisis, this project was dead. Now, thanks to a number of factors including the Federal Government’s bank guarantee and 30% Investment Allowance, we are now able to move forward with confidence,” Mr Byron said.

Formally launching the redevelopment, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese, said Airports were more than transport infrastructure. “They are the gateways to our

cities, they convey the first impression for people who arrive in the city of Canberra about the nature of the city”.

The new terminal will also boast international capabilities with dedicated customs, immigration and quarantine facilities, triple the baggage handling facilities, double the amount of check-in facilities and quadruple the airline club lounge areas.

Waiting outside on a cold winter’s morning

will be a thing of the past, with Australia’s first enclosed heated taxi rank with televisions and other amenities.

These works totalling \$350 million worth of investment over the next four years, will provide an important boost to employment within the region. The construction workforce alone will total 350 people while another 1000 people will find jobs in the supply chain for the construction.

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Left: Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron, Minister Anthony Albanese and Airport Chairman, Terry Snow inspect the Terminal model. Right: An artists impression of the central atrium in the new terminal showing the new retail area and views of aircraft beyond.

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The new Terminal will include Trigenation Technology, which will reduce the building's carbon emissions by 75% compared to the existing facility. This technology will use the waste heat from electricity production to heat and cool the building, improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Airport's environmental initiatives also includes a 600,000 litre tank to capture all

rainwater, recycled water for toilets and air-conditioning, solar utilisation, waste recycling, fuel reduction initiatives and low energy fittings making it the greenest, most carbon friendly terminal in Australia.

"Whether you live in Canberra or whether you are a visitor, the focus of this new airport is about the experience of our passengers and this new terminal will be the best in Australia and for its size probably the best in the world," Mr Byron said.

The new multi-storey car park, apron extension and the Southern Concourse Terminal will be completed by the middle of 2010. The remaining works including the Western Concourse Terminal Extension will be completed in 2012, subject to planning and finance approvals.

"This infrastructure will deliver an economic boost into the future, driving growth in the tourism and transport economies, not only in the Canberra region but throughout Australia." Mr Byron said.

Delays end as new roads open at Canberra Airport

Friday 3 April: NRMA director, Alan Evans, and Canberra Airport Chairman, Terry Snow, officially opened the duplication of Pialligo Avenue between Beltana Road and Brindabella Circuit, including a grade-separated interchange at Canberra Airport's new entrance.

The two extra lanes on Pialligo Avenue have eased travel times for more than 30,000 drivers each weekday and improved access to Canberra Airport and Brindabella Business Park.

This project, involving the duplication of a 1.3 kilometre section of Pialligo Avenue between the intersections of Beltana Road and Brindabella Circuit, was completed ahead of schedule by local contractor Woden Contractors, under a historic joint funding agreement between the ACT Government and Canberra Airport.

The agreement involved an ACT Government contribution of \$7.5 million toward the cost of the road with the Airport committing a further \$8 million including project management fees. In a first for the Territory, Canberra Airport project managed the upgrade and has 'gifted' it back to the ACT community as a public road.



Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron, NRMA Director Alan Evans and Airport Chairman Terry Snow give the thumbs up to the new road works.

Mr Evans said, "This is a great example of a public-private partnership and shows innovation on the part of Canberra Airport who are prepared to play a role in addressing the traffic issues around the airport, and to serve their customers better."

Speaking on behalf of Brindabella Business Park tenants KPMG partner, Mr Craig Sloan, welcomed the road improvements saying, "I personally

didn't think that this road would make such a huge difference. How wrong I was. No longer do staff need to leave the office earlier than normal to allow for traffic delays which makes a big difference to our bottom line and the satisfaction levels of our staff."

The remaining ACT Government roadworks currently underway around the Airport are expected to be completed by August 2009.

However, in order to accommodate the next wave of new airline services, more aircraft parking will be needed.

"We need to be ready," says Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, "building new infrastructure today means that we are ready to meet the demands of tomorrow. Long delivery lead times mean that construction needs to happen now to avoid constraints when growth returns to the market."

"The \$14 million infrastructure investment, funded solely by Canberra Airport, will be built by locally-owned company Hewatt Earthworks", Mr Byron said. The project and earthmoving equipment rolls in for the nine-month construction program from April to December 2009. This busy program includes a team of 80 local people laying pavement a staggering 1.4 metres deep and capable of holding the weight of a 380 tonne aircraft.

"Upon completion, the expanded apron will accommodate another three Boeing 737 aircraft,

or a number of smaller aircraft" says Byron, "this will ensure that Canberra Airport can continue to accommodate future new airline services that will bring further choice, more competition and cheaper airfares to the travelling public."



Virgin goes direct to Townsville and Hobart

The month of April 2009 has secured its place in Canberra Airport's history books with the announcement of two new airline services to commence.

Virgin Blue began direct daily jet services between Canberra-Hobart and Canberra-Townsville in April, 2009. The commencement of these services now means that, for the first time, Canberra is connected to every state capital with daily airline services.

Services to these two new, exciting and contrasting cities opens the doors to the people of Canberra to explore the diversity of our island home. Townsville, located in tropical North Queensland is a vibrant city with a surrounding region that encompasses beautiful coastal towns, our treasured Great Barrier Reef, rainforests, the rugged outback and country terrain.



Virgin Blue's E-Jet now servicing Townsville and Hobart.

Photo: Paul Sadler

Hobart, the capital of Australia's apple isle, draws a vast contrast from the tropical landscape of the northern mainland. Hobart is a city of sails, sandstone and sunshine – a place that combines a rich colonial past with contemporary art and culture; a place that has all the attractions of a state capital, wrapped up in a friendly, accessible, people-sized city.

Although different, both cities are highly desirable holiday destinations and services are expected to be popular with the people of Canberra. One-way internet fares start from as little as \$99 between Canberra and Hobart and \$149 between Canberra and Townsville.

To book, visit www.virginblue.com.au or phone 13 67 89.

Construction on new apron moves full steam ahead

Friday 27 March: Canberra Airport has announced that construction works on a new aircraft parking apron will commence, creating 80 full-time jobs over a 9 month construction program.

The recent increase in services by Tiger Airways to Melbourne and Adelaide, as well as new Virgin Blue services to Sydney, Townsville and Hobart, will see a busier apron in 2009.