

CANBERRA'S NEW TERMINAL IS TAKING OFF



Construction on the new Southern Concourse Terminal and the multi-storey car park starts to take shape behind the existing Airport Terminal.

Monday 7 October: The complete rebuild of the new terminal is well underway with over 300 workers on site.

Canberra Airport Aviation Manager, Matthew Brown said that "Plans and construction for the entire new terminal are on track for completion in March 2012 - well in time for Canberra's 2013 centenary year."

"The contractors, the majority of which are Canberra-based, enjoy the challenges of working on such a large scale project. The new Terminal is the largest-scale operation in Canberra since the building of new Parliament House," Mr Brown said.

Work is progressing on the four storey car park, the western and southern aircraft parking aprons, and of course the new Southern Concourse Terminal.

The new car park is now its final stages of construction with the last pieces of structural steel being erected over the roof in the next couple of weeks. The car park amenities are also advancing with less than half of the painting to go and about 30% of the external façade to complete. Final completion is due in late November.

The western aircraft apron, located at the Qantas end of the terminal, is almost complete with the final asphalt layers being put down now.

The southern apron extension, located next to Brindabella Business Park, has started and is expected to be complete by this Christmas.

The Southern Concourse Terminal basement and ground floor structures are complete with work underway on the check-in/departure level. A mid 2010 opening is still in sight at which point the Qantas Terminal will be demolished and the second stage of the new terminal will proceed.

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New Flying Intensive Care Unit Launched in Canberra

Monday 14 September: The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has launched the newest aircraft to join its fleet, equipped with world-first medical technologies, making it the nation's most advanced flying intensive unit.

The aircraft, a brand new Beechcraft King Air B200C - call sign VH-MWK - to be based at Dubbo, was launched by Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Service Delivery, Warren Snowdon.

The launch was held at Capital Jet Hangar, Canberra Airport in front of more than 100 supporters, politicians and media.

The Commonwealth Government provided \$4.8 million of the \$8 million price tag and generous RFDS supporters paid the balance. The National Chairman of the RFDS, Major General Michael Jeffery, said "The new aircraft was part of a major fleet upgrade by the service."

"The aircraft you see here is a symbol of hope," said RFDS South Eastern Section president Joan Treweeke as she thanked the Commonwealth Government for its support. "I know what peace of mind the Flying Doctors bring because I live 50 kilometres from Lightning Ridge, and 400

kilometres from the nearest base hospital. It is thanks to the RFDS that we and others in our community can continue to live in such remote areas, safe in the knowledge that our health is looked after," she said.

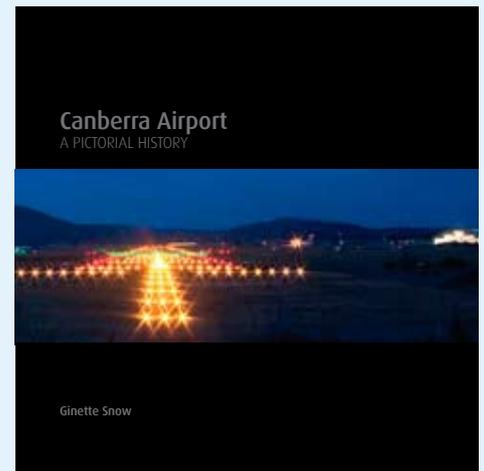
The advanced fit-out of this aircraft makes it suitable for every aspect of RFDS work, from emergency evacuations to inter-hospital transfers and primary healthcare clinics. This allows them to deliver an integrated healthcare service and make a very real difference to the health outcomes of people in remote areas.

Since the Flying Doctor Service was formed in 1928, it has been delivering comprehensive primary healthcare to residents of remote and regional Australia where medical care is not readily available free of charge.

Annually, they treat over 260,000 patients across the country; that's one person every two minutes. This new aircraft will service NSW as far afield as Bourke and Albury.



Pictured: Major General Michael Jeffery, National Chairman of RFDS with Joan Treweeke, President of RFDS SE Section, and Warren Snowdon, Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health & Regional Services Delivery inspecting the new aircraft.



Canberra Airport - A Pictorial History

Thursday 1 October: Over 150 guests gathered at the launch of *Canberra Airport - A Pictorial History* by Ginette Snow.

The book illustrates the history of the Airport dating back to its first landings in 1926, when it was called Canberra Aerodrome and was chosen as a site to coincide with the opening of Parliament.

This collection of old photographs, plans, documents and articles was compiled from the National Library, NSW State Library, National Archives and The Canberra Times and has been a labour of love for Ginette Snow. "I found large amounts of material that I am pretty sure had not been viewed since it had been archived years ago - it was very exciting," she said.

Canberra Airport - A Pictorial History highlights the major changes, challenges and developments at the Airport over its 82 years. Covering everything from the Canberra history of the RAAF, Fairbairn and civil aviation infrastructure, the runway and airline histories as well as the more recent developments of the past 10 years since private ownership by the Snow family.

Canberra Airport - A Pictorial History is available for purchase from the Capital Airport Group office at 2 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park or by phoning 02 6275 2222.

Books are \$50 each and all proceeds will be donated to HOME in Queanbeyan.

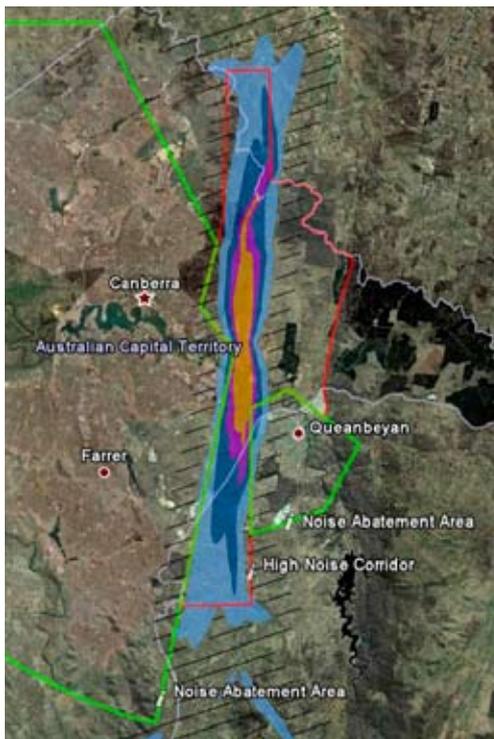
Minister Endorses Airport's Master Plan

28 August 2009: Canberra Airport's 2009 Master Plan, the twenty year vision for Canberra Airport, has been given formal approval by the Federal Government. The Plan outlines a number of major proposals, including a new terminal and the development of a freight hub.

Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said the decision by Federal Transport Minister, Anthony Albanese, to endorse the Master Plan was a vote of confidence in the ongoing growth and development of Canberra Airport and the critical role it plays in driving regional growth and jobs.

"We now have the certainty to maintain our continuing financial investment in the Airport and deliver jobs for the Canberra and Queanbeyan region. We look forward to completing the new terminal, and working with the ACT Government to finish the roads around the airport, so that we can deliver the best possible passenger experience for the people of Canberra," Byron said.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope also welcomed the approval: "The ACT Government has long been a strong supporter of Canberra Airport as one of the most important economic drivers for this region. Today's announcement is good news for the airport, good news for the ACT and good news for the region and gives the operators confidence moving forward with their \$350 million upgrade between now and our 2013 centenary year."



Above left: Google Earth image shows the impact of aircraft noise on the Canberra Region. Above Right: Freight operations at Canberra Airport.

There has been unprecedented interest in the Master Plan with over 230 submissions from community, business, government and industry sectors, demonstrating a high level of interest in the development of the airport and its role as a national gateway.

"We appreciate that we have a responsibility to develop the airport in a sustainable and responsible manner and we commit to undertake close consultation with all Government and community stakeholders. In particular, we welcome the Airservices Australia review proposed by the Commonwealth to further protect the community from aircraft noise," Byron said.

The future holds a number of challenges for

the airport and the approval of the Master Plan is really just the starting point for the next 20 years. "This includes maintaining our total opposition to plans by the Queanbeyan City Council and NSW Government to build homes under the airport's flight paths. It has never made sense, and still doesn't make sense, to build under flight paths," Byron said.

Canberra Airport has released plans on Google Earth showing the impact of aircraft noise created by a single aircraft arriving or departing the airport. To see if your home is affected log onto www.canberraairport.com.au and follow the links.

A full version of the Airport's Approved Final Master Plan is available on the Canberra Airport website at www.canberraairport.com.au.

Tiger to Stay in Canberra

Wednesday 19 August: Tiger Airways has confirmed it will stick with Canberra, publishing flight schedules until March next year.

Tiger Airways Managing Director, Shelley Roberts said. "We never intended to leave the national capital." As for the future of Tiger in Canberra beyond March, Ms Roberts said it "depends on demand."

Tiger is continually reviewing their network to meet the needs of customers, and insist that where there is demand they will fly.

Tiger is pleased with patronage between Canberra and its two destinations, Adelaide and Melbourne. "We're obviously happy with what we're seeing with regards to market trends in and out of Canberra and our continued commitment to Canberra is evidence of that," she said.

Canberra Airport Aviation Manager, Matthew Brown echoed the happy news stating, "we welcome Tiger's commitment to the Canberra Market".



Tiger Airways to stay in Canberra for now.

Increased Support from The Foundation

Tuesday 4 August: The Snow Foundation announced its 2009 annual community grants to 24 organisations and four individuals – funding 9 new programs, while also continuing its commitment to all existing programs.

These grants totalling \$534,000 represent the largest annual contribution The Snow Foundation has made to the community in its history.

“Given the economic climate it was critical that we continued to support all 15 of our existing programs. We wanted to make sure that these programs had the best chance of success and to do that we have provided long-term support,” Snow Foundation CEO Georgina Byron said.

The Snow Foundation aims to benefit the disadvantaged community, and the focus for new funding in 2009 is on programs that have the potential to change people’s lives long-term. These programs fit into the three target areas of: social welfare, health/disabilities and education.

The Foundation believes these areas target the most disadvantaged and vulnerable and with the new funding they will be able to make a difference and provide relief and opportunities



The Snow Foundation’s Chairman, Terry Snow with Deputy Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher and The Snow Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Georgina Byron at the community grants morning tea.

which may not have otherwise been available.

New recipients in the 2009 funding include the ACT Social Enterprise Hub, which aims to boost employment for people who are marginalised from society. Another is Newpin (New Parent and Infant Network), a program which works intensively over a two year period assisting vulnerable families with young children to break the cycle of destructive family behaviour and enhance child well-being.

“While both these programs are new to the Canberra region, they have proven successful elsewhere and that is why we wanted to help bring them to Canberra.” Georgina said.

In the 18 years since it was established by brothers Terry and George Snow, the Foundation has contributed almost \$3 million to 140 local organisations and individuals.

Brindabella’s Winning Artist

Tuesday 28 July: Brindabella Business Park has a new budding artist. Meet the winner of the Canberra Glassworks Design Competition, Caleb Garven.

Caleb is a 4 year old student from The Park School for Early Learning in Brindabella Business Park, and is one of 4 designers to watch their drawings being made into glass in the Canberra Glasswork’s ‘Design-a-Goblet Competition’.

The competition, open to children between 4 – 15 years, was to celebrate the Glasswork’s second birthday with children given the chance to submit a drawing of a goblet that they would like to see ‘The Hotshop Team’ make into glass.

The Canberra Glassworks Creative Director, Clare Belfrage, awarded Caleb with his goblet at The Park School in front of his teachers and classmates.

Students from The Park School entered drawings which ranged from animals to racing cars, with Caleb’s winning drawing being one of over 70 drawings submitted from across the ACT.

Pictured right: Mel George and Clare Belfrage from Canberra Glassworks present Caleb Garven (centre) with his winning goblet.

