

## NEW TERMINAL CAR PARK OPENS



The new multi-storey car park provides 1200 secure undercover spaces for holiday travellers.

**14 December 2009:** Canberra Airport has opened its new multi-storey car park in time for the festive season.

Three of the four levels of the eastern car park are now open with the final level to be completed in March next year. This means that travellers will now have a further 900 undercover car spaces available for the Christmas holiday season.

This undercover and secure car park is available for both short and long stay users and at no additional cost to the preceding rates.

Located just a short walk from the terminal, passengers will experience a hassle free journey without having to cross any traffic.

Once complete this facility will offer 1200 car spaces will be arguably one of the best car parks at an Australian airport.



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## Airport emergency response

**11 November 2009:** The Canberra Airport biennial field exercise has been hailed a great success.

The event aims to bring the various emergency services agencies and Canberra Airport personnel together to simulate the recovery process following an aircraft accident at the Airport.

The exercise tests the Canberra Airport Emergency Plan, which is a how-to manual in the event of an emergency on the airport.

These types of exercises are an important part in ensuring that all relevant parties are ready and able to deal with any emergency situation which may arise at Canberra Airport.

This exercise was months in the planning and involved a large number of emergency services personnel, vehicles and equipment.

Airport Operations Manager, Richard Doyle said, "These exercises are invaluable in bringing together key emergency response agencies to work together as a group on a simulated airport emergency."

The next field exercise is tabled for 2011.



Various emergency response agencies simulating the airport emergency.



Top: The customary tree was erected at the highest point of the structure. Below: workers lay the final cement slab on the Southern Concourse Terminal.

## New Terminal reaches key milestone

**11 December 2009** marked the completion of the structure for the new Southern Concourse Terminal. The final concrete slab for the plant room on the top of the building was poured by local contractors CPS Concrete.

To mark the occasion, a Christmas Tree was erected on the top slab as is customary in the building industry. The tree will be lit with decorative Christmas lights.

Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron said that "the whole construction team deserves a huge pat on the back. The structure has gone up enormously well and is a tribute to having the best local contractors on the job."

Other than CPS Concrete, the other local contractors who have built the terminal structure includes IC Formwork and Capital Reinforced Stressing Systems.

"Next week structural steel will commence erection in parallel with an impressive architectural glass wall façade," Byron said.

The Southern Terminal Concourse is on track for completion in August next year. It will then be occupied by Qantas and Virgin Blue, Tiger and Brindabella Airlines, while the Qantas terminal is demolished and a Western Terminal Concourse is then built, subject to final approvals.

## Every State and Territory covered

**12 November 2009:** Canberra Airport is delighted by the news that Qantas will commence non-stop direct return services from Canberra to Darwin from February 2010.

Mr Matthew Brown, Manager Aviation for Canberra Airport stated that, "With these new flights to Darwin every State and Territory Capital is now linked by direct jet services to the National Capital."

Using the state-of-the-art 164-seat B737-800 aircraft, these new direct services are expected to be well patronised by government and business passengers as well as holidaymakers.

"Significant numbers of people already travel between Canberra and Darwin for business and pleasure. This new flight means they will be able to travel between the two cities non-stop, without having to change planes in Sydney, Brisbane or Adelaide", Mr Brown said.

"We expect that this direct service will also



New Direct flights to Darwin ensures Canberra is linked to every State and Territory.

help stimulate business and tourism between Canberra and Darwin, providing a valuable support to the two Territories' tourism, hospitality and accommodation industries at a time when people need to be encouraged to travel within Australia", Mr Brown added.

The new flight is a further vote of confidence in Canberra Airport after the recent introduction of daily direct services to Hobart and Townsville.

The new service brings the number of destinations served direct from Canberra Airport to eleven. "Never before has the Nation's Capital been so well connected with the other cities in Australia." Mr Brown said.

Services depart Canberra for Darwin at 9.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, returning to Canberra at 6.50pm.

## Caribou calls Canberra home

**27 November 2009:** The RAAF's oldest aircraft, the iconic Caribou A4-140, has completed its final mission and now calls Canberra home.

The last flight by a RAAF Caribou touched down at Canberra Airport on its way to a new home at the Australian War Memorial.

RAAF air lift group commander Air Commodore John Oddie said it was an emotional experience. "It is the oldest Caribou remaining in RAAF service. It was the second aircraft to be handed over to the RAAF in 1964 and first to touch down in Australia in April 1964," he said.

In Vietnam, Caribous flew 81,500 operational missions and carried 42,000 tonnes of freight and nearly 680,000 passengers. Two were wrecked in landing accidents and one was destroyed by enemy gun fire, although no crew were killed.

As well as serving in Vietnam, A4-140 had one other difference. In September 1975 while delivering Red Cross aid into East Timor during



The RAAF crew who piloted A4-140 on her final voyage.

Photo: Courtesy of the Australian War Memorial

the civil war, armed Timorese soldiers demanded to be flown to Darwin. "Uniquely, A4-140 remains the only Australian air force aircraft to have been hijacked," Air Commodore Oddie said.

Piloting the A4-140 on her final flight was 38 Squadron commanding officer Wing Commander Tony Thorpe. "They are a lovely old aeroplane. It requires a bit more of old fashioned pilots skills - it is all hands and feet." He said.

Retired Air Commodore Kevin Henderson was

one of the RAAF's first Caribou pilots, flying extensively in Vietnam.

He said Friday was a sad day. "I saw this one arrive in April 1964. Now I have seen it arrive on its last scheduled flight," he said. "I am very proud to have been part of the Caribou operation right from the beginning.

A4-140 will spend time in the Qantas hangar at the airport, being drained of fluids and dismantled in preparation for the move to the war memorial facility in Mitchell.

# What do you want to be when you grow up?

**7 October 2009:** Canberra Airport was privileged to host a very special tour for the annual Camp Quality Junior Camp.

Over 40 children aged between 4 and 7 years, and their carers, turned up for the tour of the airport which was their last activity of the 4 day camp.

The camp was appropriately themed 'What would you like to be when you grow up?' with many pilots, firemen, policemen, Defence personnel and safety officers on hand to inspire the children.

The visitors were taken on an airside bus tour, with the first stop a visit to the airport fire station. The children were treated to a tour of the facilities, inspection of the equipment onboard the trucks and then a spectacular water and foam display by the fluorescent yellow truck.

The last stop was a visit to the Special Purpose Aircraft facility at Fairbairn, where the children were greeted by Defence personnel. The



**40 Children and 53 volunteer carers from Camp Quality visited Canberra Airport on their annual Junior Camp.**

children and their carers were given special permission to board the Prime Minister's BBJ aircraft parked in the large hangar, and tour the adjoining VIP departure lounge.

a trained companion who help the children with new activities that build self esteem, self confidence and a sense of achievement.

If you would like to sponsor or volunteer for Camp Quality please visit [www.campquality.org.au](http://www.campquality.org.au) for more information.

The Junior Camp is an opportunity for young children living with cancer to find independence away from the family. Each child is allocated

# A fiesta in Majura Park

**11 December 2009:** Majura Park was the backdrop for Ford Australia to launch Australia's most fuel efficient car -the Fiesta ECONetic.

Not only did Ford set a new fuel efficiency benchmark for the auto industry, but it chose Majura Park Conference Centre as the site to launch its newest release because of its outstanding environmental initiatives.

Accessibility, location, high quality, keeping with the over riding environmental theme and the fact that Majura Park is one of the most energy efficient business parks in Australia were all considered when choosing this location.



The Ford Fiesta ECONetic launch with Majura Park as the backdrop.

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