

## ON TRACK AND ARRIVING SOON



Stage one of the terminal redevelopment is well on track for a September opening.

### Canberra's new terminal is on final approach for a landing in mid-September.

A team of more than 300 people have been working hard and going to the ends of the earth to ensure the job is completed on time. A case in point is Ben Rayner, our New Terminal Delivery Manager, who travelled to Zhongshan, China in late April for a factory acceptance check. Ben is approving the first three of up to eight new aerobridges to be installed in the Southern Concourse Terminal Extension. These aerobridges are state-of-the-art and feature floor to ceiling glass walls maximising natural light which is a key design feature of the terminal development.

Inside the terminal extension, components for the baggage system are starting to arrive, all stairs and lifts have been installed and the enormous task of laying over 11,000m<sup>2</sup> of terrazzo floor has commenced. Qantas has also started the fit-out of almost 5000m<sup>2</sup> of club

lounge area which will accommodate the meticulously designed Chairman's Lounge and spacious new Qantas Club and Business Lounge.

Externally, the 'landside' frameless glass façade is progressing well and clearly visible from Pialligo Avenue. On the other side of the building, the finishing touches are being put on the 'airside' glazing, which is now clearly visible to passengers on aircraft taxiing past the construction site.

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Look out behind you! The Southern Concourse Terminal Extension and the first multi-storey car park sneak up behind the existing terminal, pictured above in the foreground.

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Aside from the terminal building, works are progressing at a rapid pace on supporting infrastructure as well. The extension of the new aircraft parking apron at the western end of the terminal precinct is complete and in use by Qantas and Brindabella Airlines, and construction of the aircraft parking apron at the southern end of terminal precinct will be complete in late May.

The new axial road system is also taking shape with 50% of the concrete columns supporting the elevated road structure now standing proud next to vehicles on Terminal Circuit. Next on the construction program is pouring the concrete for the new set-down area on the upper level road, followed by roadworks associated with a new main roundabout.

“It has been a busy 12-18 months but, by September, we will have delivered some key improvements to users of the terminal, with not only improvements to check-in, baggage and club lounge facilities, but also to roads, car parks and aircraft parking infrastructure” according to the Airport’s Head of Aviation Business, Matthew Brown. “After September, we can turn our focus to construction of the new international terminal facilities, along with associated expansion of car parking and aircraft parking infrastructure”.

## Meet the aviation team

Since its sale by the Commonwealth Government in 1998, Canberra Airport has undergone an enormous transformation. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been poured into developing all aspects of Canberra Airport and the team that run the Airport has now grown to more than 90.

Although the bulk of the investment has focussed on developing the Airport’s aviation infrastructure with extended runways, new hangars and upgraded terminal facilities, the more obvious developments have occurred at Brindabella Business Park. Importantly, it is these strategic developments at Brindabella Business Park that have underpinned the financing of the Airport’s \$350 million ‘AirVolution’ – the name given to the Airport’s new terminal, car park and road infrastructure upgrade program.

Given the scale of the Airport’s investment



The Canberra Airport aviation team - Ferdin Lumbaca, Richard Doyle and Matthew Brown.

in aviation infrastructure, Canberra Airport recently undertook an organisational restructure to formally recognise this dominant part of the business and to resource it for a push into new markets. Matthew Brown has been appointed as the Head of Aviation Business for Canberra Airport, with responsibility for all of the traditional airport functions, from runways to terminals, car parking, aircraft hangars and freight facilities. Joining him are Richard Doyle and Ferdin Lumbaca as managers of airside and terminals respectively, as well as Ben Rayner and Richard Phillips with oversight of the new terminal project. “It really is a very strong team, with a diverse skill set supported by many decades of aviation experience” commented

Matthew, “and we’re all eager to reveal the fruits of much hard work with the opening of the new Southern Concourse Terminal Extension in September”.

Matthew noted that, upon completion of its ‘AirVolution’ Canberra Airport will have one of the most efficient, technologically advanced and environmentally friendly terminals in the world. “The aviation team has been tasked with delivering the new terminal, but just as important, if not more so, is our role in ensuring its ongoing operational performance. Ultimately, our effectiveness as a team will be judged by the nine or ten thousand passengers using the terminal everyday”. A burden that this new team is clearly relishing.

# Onwards and upwards!

As a result of the global financial crisis in 2008, and just like any other organisation, Canberra Airport was forced to cut back on the projects that it undertook. But now, in a major vote of confidence in the Canberra business sector, Canberra Airport has reignited the development of the Majura Park Precinct.

Manager of Commercial Leasing at Canberra Airport, Alex Smith, said “there is no doubt that the global financial crisis really affected what projects we were able to undertake at the Airport. But the time is right now to get on and continue developing Majura Park into a first rate business and retail park”.

Over the next 12 months the plan is to grow Majura Park to include additional office buildings, a service station, a fast food outlet, ovals, barbecues as well as a sport and recreation facility, including a full size pool. Alex said “this is a huge undertaking for Canberra Airport but it is something that we really believe will be of great value to the occupants of Majura Park”.



Canberra Airport Project Manager Karen Emms and Boris Hahn, Project Manager for Construction Control inspect a concrete pour at 15 Lancaster Place.

The office buildings to be constructed will represent the most environmentally friendly buildings in the country and will take advantage of the blackwater recycling and tri-generation infrastructure already in place at Majura Park.

“People in this park will be able to work in some of the most environmentally friendly and technologically advanced buildings around – but just as importantly, they will also have access to great retail facilities, a service station, fast food

and a new state-of-the-art aquatic centre. We really want to make this our best development yet”.

While the construction of the 13,000m<sup>2</sup> new office building at 15 Lancaster Place is well underway, the new Woolworths petrol station will open later this year with construction on the sport and recreation facility and ovals all to commence in the coming months.

# Under the big top

It’s not often that people can actually look down on a big top – but that’s exactly what passengers taking off from Canberra Airport were able to do in April. With the holding of Michael Edgley’s Great Moscow Circus, Majura Park was transformed into a wonderland of illusion, colour and magic.

The Great Moscow Circus showcased acts of sensational skill and agility, taking visitors on a two hour journey of the imagination – with everything from magicians, acrobats, clowns, and dare devils, the Circus thrilled and excited audiences from beginning to end.

This world-class show wowed over 25,000 visitors from Canberra and the local region and featured performers from all over the world including Russia, Brazil and Mongolia.

Tori Murray, Business Development Manager for



Making a statement - the Moscow Circus at Majura Park.

Canberra Airport said “it was really fantastic to have the Circus here and we were just happy that we could help and arrange some space for them. It’s a great thing for Canberra to have these world class events visit - and really, there are few better ways for a family to spend a night than at the Circus”.

When asked what she most enjoyed Tori laughed “well - how could you not be intrigued

by an act called the Globe of Death – it’s not often you get to see motorcycles whizz around a steel mesh cage at speeds in excess of 80 kilometres an hour. It’s nail biting stuff”!

Tori continued to say “It was truly a fantastic opportunity to be able to deliver to the greater Canberra and Queanbeyan community an outstanding and remarkable event that brought families together”.

# Australia Post coming soon to Brindabella

In another first for Canberra Airport, an Australia Post Office will soon be delivered to Brindabella Business Park.

Due to open in approximately eight weeks the Brindabella Business Park Australia Post will be located on the ground floor at 23 Brindabella Circuit and will offer mail and parcel services, stationery and office supplies, stamps, bill paying, mail management and post office boxes.

Richard Snow, Commercial and Retail Leasing, said "getting the post office within Brindabella Business Park is a fantastic outcome for everyone. People won't need to drive into Civic or Fyshwick to send their Christmas or birthday presents, pay the phone bill, or empty out their PO Box. We think that having the post office here is a really important addition to what the Park offers".

Works have already begun on the fit-out for the Australia Post Office and with all going well it should be open and trading before the end of June. Richard said that "it's something that we have been trying for a very long time to get out here at the Park and we are just really pleased that after a lot of hard work we have finally been able to get there".



23 Brindabella Circuit will be the new home for the Park's Australia Post Office.

# Committed to finding a cure

Recently The Snow Foundation made one of its most significant commitments yet when it agreed to fund important research into Motor Neuron Disease.

Georgina Byron, Chief Executive Officer of The Snow Foundation, noted that "we saw an opportunity to get involved in sponsoring research in what we saw as a really important area - trying to find a way to prevent or alleviate the symptoms of Motor Neuron Disease. This disease is a crippling one that affects many people within our community and frankly research into this disease should be supported as much as possible".

The research will be undertaken at the Anzac Research Institute, Concord Hospital and will involve testing current approved drugs to determine whether any of them have the affect of preventing, alleviating or slowing the affects of the disease. The types of drugs to be tested will be selected by reference to the genetic features of the disease.

"Of course with all research of this type there are never any guarantees that it will result in major breakthrough, but if you don't give researchers and scientists the security they need to investigate new fields and new theories all that is happening is that the ultimate cure is getting pushed further and

further away. If nothing else, this research will increase our knowledge about the disease and will increase the knowledge base of those who are working to find a cure - it will bring a cure that one step closer".

**In other news...** Tuesday 6 April was the official launch of the NewPin - New Parent Infant Network - program being run through Uniting Care Kippax. NewPin is an effective family program that aims to break the systemic negative cycle of destructive family behaviours and enhances parent - child wellbeing. The NewPin program has been a proven success interstate with five centres operating

throughout NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. The Snow Foundation was instrumental in opening the program's sixth centre and bringing this evidence based, life changing program to the ACT together with the ACT Government.

Georgina, a strong believer in the program, states "this program is not just about providing relief and a band-aid but one that provides real generational change. We look forward to seeing Canberra benefit from such a life changing program to help prevent child abuse and increase parent-child wellbeing".



Chief Minister Jon Stanhope, CEO of The Snow Foundation Georgina Byron and Executive Officer of Uniting Care, Mary Martin-Ryan at the launch of the NewPin program.