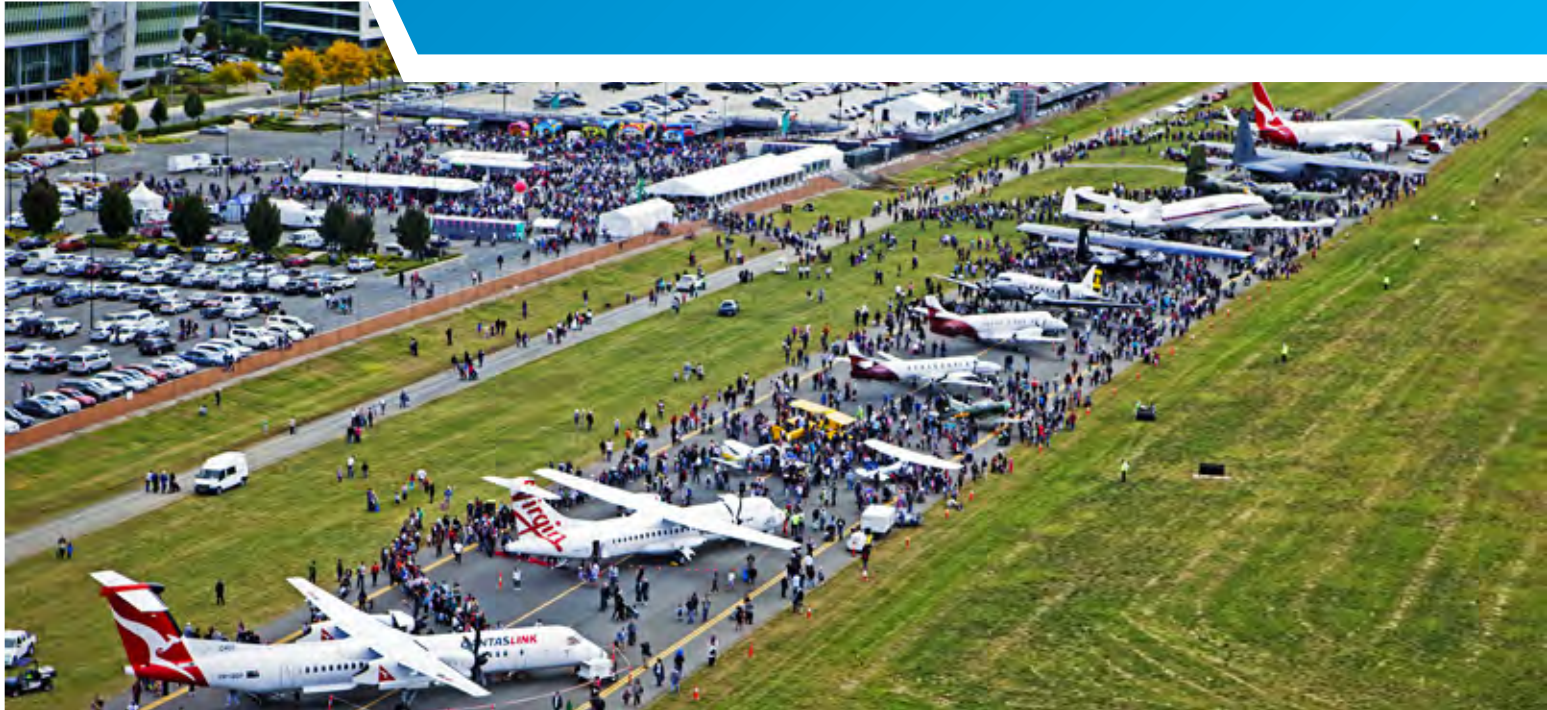




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TOP OVER 20,000 PEOPLE ENJOYED A GREAT DAY OUT AT THE OPEN DAY. ABOVE MATT HALL PERFORMING A THRILLING AEROBATIC DISPLAY.

## CANBERRA AIRPORT'S BIGGEST OPEN DAY

A PERFECT AUTUMN DAY WAS THE BACKDROP FOR CANBERRA AIRPORT'S BIGGEST OPEN DAY YET, WITH OVER 20,000 IN ATTENDANCE.

The crowd, made up mainly of families and young children, were treated to a collection of aviation history with planes from the Historical Aviation Restoration Society including the world famous "Connie" Super Constellation, a DC3, Caribou, and the Catalina flying boat.

Visitors were able to climb aboard aircraft including a RAAF Hercules C130-J, Qantas 737, Qantaslink Q400 and a Virgin Australia ATR 72. There also was the opportunity to get up close to Brindabella Airlines' J-41 and Metroliner and a selection of our celebrated warbirds.

But there was more than just planes on display - there were lots of free activities for the kids including jumping castles, face painting, animal petting paddock, roving entertainment, fire trucks to climb all over and an AFP sniffer dog demonstration. There were also airfield tours where people were shown the operational aspects of the airfield and the development of the Airport's new terminal.

"The highlight of the day were the thrilling aerobatic flying displays by Matt Hall. Matt had the crowds attention for every second of his display - it was truly amazing," Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron said.

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**"IT IS OUR WAY OF THANKING THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE ACTIVITY OF AN AIRPORT UP CLOSE."**



## THE ONLY 24/7 AIRPORT WITHIN REACH OF SYDNEY

**THE RELEASE OF THE JOINT STUDY EARLY IN MARCH CONFIRMED CANBERRA'S 24/7 CAPACITY AS CRITICAL TO THE DELIVERY OF NATIONAL AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE ON AUSTRALIA'S EASTERN SEABOARD.**

"Canberra Airport is the only curfew-free airport within reach of Sydney and provides the potential for night-time services which cannot be accommodated in Sydney, in particular international LCC (Low Cost Carrier) services and overnight freight services. It is important that Canberra's 24-hour unrestricted curfew-free status be protected." *Joint Study on Aviation Capacity in the Sydney Region*, 2 March 2012.

When wild weather closed Kingsford-Smith Airport in Sydney in early March, nine flights were diverted to Canberra including a Qantas international flight from Wellington, NZ and eight domestic flights bound for Sydney. The flights landed in Canberra, refueled and took off for Sydney without passengers disembarking.

"This event was a clear demonstration of Canberra Airport's important role as a backstop for Kingsford-Smith Airport," Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron said.

"Canberra Airport's curfew-free status is critical to that role. If those flights had been delayed until after 11pm, they would not have been able to return to Sydney but could have landed safely in Canberra with passengers inconvenienced but not having their safety compromised."



**ABOVE** STAGE TWO UNDER CONSTRUCTION OF CANBERRA'S NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL.

"A curfew at Canberra Airport would force planes diverted from Sydney to head for either Melbourne or Brisbane, much farther away."

Airlines currently nominate Canberra as their preferred destination as it is close to Sydney, but forcing them to nominate Brisbane or Melbourne would mean they would have to carry more fuel, which in turn would increase costs to the airlines, which would be borne ultimately by passengers.

"We are committed to maintaining Canberra Airport's 24/7 capability as the preferred alternate destination for flights to Sydney," Mr Byron said.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH TRALEE?

**THE DECISION ON THE REZONING OF SOUTH TRALEE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT LIES IN THE HANDS OF NSW PLANNING MINISTER BRAD HAZZARD.**

The Minister has been waiting on advice from the Commonwealth through various National Aviation Policy work including the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG) and the Joint Study on Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region. Both these reports have now been delivered.

The Minister has now asked the NSW Department of Planning to finalise its advice to him on the matter of South Tralee.

The awaited reports both strongly oppose residential development in greenfield areas adjoining airports such as Tralee:

"Where there is no major existing or approved development there is an opportunity to plan ahead to minimise noise disturbance for future uses, especially to minimise residential development" *National Airports Safeguarding Framework*, 22 February 2012

"Canberra Airport is the only airport capable of accommodating substantial overnight freight operations for the region. It is important to protect Canberra Airport's expansion plans and curfew-free status." *Joint Study into Aviation Capacity in the Sydney Region*, 2 March 2012

This opposition comes on top of advice already received by the Minister from the independent NSW Planning Assessment Commission:

"The Commission recommends...minimising land use conflicts with operations of Canberra Airport by avoiding new residential development in greenfield areas affected by aircraft noise particularly when alternative residential areas have not yet been fully investigated. The Commission notes that the future housing supply in Queanbeyan will be largely met by development in Googong, where it will take approximately 19 years to complete 5,500 dwellings" Planning Assessment Commission, *Draft Queanbeyan Local Environment Plan (South Tralee) 2011*, 18 March 2011

In addition the Commonwealth Minister has been steadfast in his opposition to such developments:

"Planning major new greenfield residential developments directly under flight paths doesn't make sense." Anthony Albanese, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 22 February 2012

At the time of publishing, the Minister had not made a decision.

**TOP** THE WEEKEND TODAY SHOW'S EMMA FREEDMAN DOING A LIVE WEATHER CROSS FROM THE OPEN DAY. **MIDDLE** THE HISTORICAL AVIATION RESTORATION SOCIETY'S CATALINA FLYING BOAT. **ABOVE** CROWDS LINE UP TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE AVIATION RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES TRUCK.





ABOVE CANBERRA AIRPORT'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS RICHARD SNOW AND TORI MURRAY.

ABOVE SNP SECURITY ACT BRANCH MANAGER, PETER GEORGIU WITH WINNER, LUKE BUTCHER AND CANBERRA AIRPORT TERMINAL MANAGER, FERDI LUMBACA.

## MEET THE NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

WITH A COMBINED 11 YEARS OF ON-AIRPORT LEASING EXPERIENCE, TORI MURRAY AND RICHARD SNOW HAVE NOW BEEN APPOINTED TO DRIVE THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE NON-AVIATION PROPERTY BUSINESSES.

"Canberra Airport is such an amazing and unique property environment" Tori says, "I don't believe that there is anywhere else in Australia that can offer such a diverse property portfolio where some of the world's biggest businesses including government, commercial, aviation and retail sit side-by-side - a testament to its excellent location."

With over 200,000m<sup>2</sup> of office accommodation available on Airport, it's the commercial property that safeguards a volatile aviation business and helps ensure that Canberra Airport can keep on delivering infrastructure worthy of the Nation's Capital.

"I'm delighted to not only be leasing and driving some of the best presented office accommodation in Australia", Richard says, "but also to be involved in award winning building practices that deliver proven environmental sustainability and workplace solutions. It's these practices and innovation that makes us different".

Richard and Tori have recently taken on these news roles after the departure of Canberra Airport's highly respected long-term Leasing Manager Alex Smith.

## AIRPORT WORKER WINS NATIONAL AWARD

LOCAL SNP SECURITY WORKER LUKE BUTCHER HAS LANDED HIMSELF A NATIONAL AWARD, TAKING OUT THE 2011 TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

Over 200 nominations from across Australia were submitted in 2011 for the various categories in the annual SNP Security Employee Awards. In the category of Team Player, three finalists were shortlisted with our very own Luke Butchers being selected as the winner.

Luke holds the position of Aviation Security Duty Shift Supervisor for SNP Security at Canberra Airport. Luke joined the company in early September 2010 and although only having been involved in aviation for 16 months, has developed from an Aviation Security Officer to Duty Shift Supervisor. Luke displays professionalism, engagement, commitment and passion in his daily duties. He engages with his team, passengers and Airport Management with tact and confidence.

The SNP Employee Awards provides an opportunity for employees to recognise the efforts of their fellow colleagues. Congratulations to Luke from the staff at Canberra Airport, we are very proud of you and extremely happy to have you on our team.

Luke was presented with a cheque for \$1,500 and a suitably inscribed trophy.

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