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IMAGE: AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST CAST FIGURATIVE BRONZE SCULPTURE UNVEILED AT CANBERRA AIRPORT.

HER NAME IS PERCEPTION & REALITY

A 7.5 METRE, 3.8 TON BRONZE WORK BY AUSTRALIAN SCULPTOR ANDREW ROGERS HAS BEEN UNVEILED AT CANBERRA AIRPORT BY FEDERAL MINISTER FOR THE ARTS, SIMON CREAM.

"Andrew Rogers' work is well-known throughout the world. To have a sculpture of this scale at Canberra Airport, the gateway to our national capital, reaffirms this city's commitment to the arts," Mr Cream said.

"Private sector contributions like the commissioning of this significant piece are critical to the cultural life of our nation. This is not just a work of art but a demonstration of the capacity of private individuals and corporations to enrich the lives of all Australians through their philanthropic support of the arts."

Attending the unveiling, sculptor Andrew Rogers described the commission as unique.

"The enterprise of Canberra Airport and its commercial surrounds is a major undertaking and different to most. I am pleased my sculpture is part of it," Mr Rogers said.

"I am pleased to be part of the vision at Canberra Airport and to be able to be responsible to help bring it into being."

Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron said the sculpture had been commissioned to act as a focus for the southern courtyard and was the eighth sculpture to be installed in the airport precinct.

"Canberra Airport has set out from the beginning to show that an airport can be so much more than simply a piece of national transport infrastructure. Our program of commissioned public art is an important part of that approach," Mr Byron said.

"People coming to Canberra ought to have their spirits lifted and be inspired on arrival in the national capital; this sculpture will take their breath away. It's a very, very powerful piece."

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TOP ACT CHIEF MINISTER KATY GALLAGHER AND CANBERRA AIRPORT MANAGING DIRECTOR STEPHEN BYRON AT THE OPENING OF THE MAJURA PARK SHOPPING CENTRE.
 ABOVE EAGER SHOPPERS LINE THE HALLS OF THE NEW MAJURA PARK SHOPPING CENTRE.

A BIG WIN FOR CONSUMERS

THE NEW MAJURA PARK SHOPPING CENTRE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY ACT CHIEF MINISTER KATY GALLAGHER AND CANBERRA AIRPORT MANAGING DIRECTOR, STEPHEN BYRON ON THURSDAY 29 MARCH.

“I remember the days when you could walk up to the plane and welcome people off. In a relatively short space of time, the function and role the airport plays in the economic development of our city has been completely transformed,” the Chief Minister said.

“In just over a decade, the Canberra Airport has grown into a multifaceted transport, business and retail gateway which contributes significantly to Canberra’s economy,” she said. “I welcome the addition of retail space out here and, importantly, jobs.”

Within its first hour of opening, more than one thousand Canberrans had flooded through the doors of the new centre eager to check out the Big W concept store, the largest Woolworths supermarket in Australia plus more than 30 specialty stores. The Woolworths includes a new concept fresh food market with an emphasis on fresh food, along with

ready-made meals, a wide choice of healthy options and a huge range of groceries at competitive prices.

The new Big W store, situated in the middle of the shopping centre, provides a dedicated discount department store offering with a huge selection of well known and trusted brands. Located next door is Big W’s first optical store in Canberra, offering quality eyewear and services, including an in store optometrist.

Big W Director Julie Coates also spoke at the opening. “We have 171 Big W stores in Australia; this is our newest and best. You will see things in this store you won’t see in any other store in the country.”

Mr Byron said “Today is special because the arrival at Majura Park of an iconic Australian brand like Woolworths, and its associates Big W, Dick Smith Electrical and Masters (from July), truly affirms this location as a serious shopping destination that will deliver the very best deals for consumers.”

With Costco right next door, make no mistake, customers will be the winners here, and that’s the way we like it.”



ABOVE CANBERRA AIRPORT’S TERMINAL WHEN COMPLETE IN 2013.

ABOVE EMIRATES FLIGHT LANDING AT CANBERRA AIRPORT. PHOTO JEFF GILBERT.

CLEAR SKIES FOR SYDNEY WITH CANBERRA SOLUTION

THE DEBATE OVER SOLVING SYDNEY’S AVIATION CAPACITY SQUEEZE HAS BEEN RUNNING HOT WITH NSW PREMIER, BARRY O’FARRELL PUTTING HIS WEIGHT BEHIND CANBERRA AIRPORT AS THE ONLY PRACTICAL SOLUTION.

Meanwhile, the Federal Government supports a second major airport for Sydney at Wilton after ruling out the recommendation that the best site was Badgerly’s Creek.

Looking beyond the politics where does Canberra Airport see itself in this picture? On the capability side Canberra is:

- the only curfew-free, 747/A380-able airport between Brisbane and Melbourne;
- already the nominated alternate port to Sydney for a number of airlines; and
- two-thirds of the way through a \$420 million terminal upgrade, including full international capability which will be completed in less than 12 months.

Take these features then add a High Speed Rail between Australia’s largest city and the nation’s capital and a real solution to Sydney’s aviation capacity challenge is at hand.

Theoretically, the notion of a “second Sydney airport” geographically places that facility in or very near Sydney. But as the Premier has rightly pointed out, the theory is monumentally difficult to put into practice because of its impact on nearby communities.

Moreover, geography becomes less important when you consider an hour by High Speed Rail between Canberra and Sydney, would simply replicate the travelling time from Tullamarine to Melbourne CBD, or Charles de Gaul to the heart of Paris, or Heathrow to London.

The Premier is thinking long term here. A second airport or High Speed Rail, are a decade away. But right now, Canberra Airport is ready to, and does, pick up Sydney’s ‘problem’ traffic: the outside-curfew flights, the weather-diverted flights; and it can take more. Canberra Airport has no need to be “Sydney’s second airport”, we are the gateway to the nation’s capital, and we are ready to be part of Sydney’s capacity solution.

AIRPORT RECEIVES SUPPORT TO GO INTERNATIONAL

IN SUPPORT OF CANBERRA AIRPORT’S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO BRING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL, THE ACT GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AVIATION TASKFORCE.

Canberra Airport is continuously working with airlines to introduce new routes and increasing the frequency of existing routes for the people of Canberra. With the nearing completion of the new terminal development including a \$50 million international terminal with quarantine, immigration and customs facilities, these efforts have focused increasingly on international destinations.

Canberra Airport is in discussions with both domestic and international carriers to sell the destination of Canberra and the soon-to-be-completed first-class facilities available to airlines and passengers.

In recent months Economic Development Minister, Andrew Barr announced the establishment of an Aviation Taskforce to provide a coordinated and cooperative approach to attracting direct international flights to and from New Zealand.

“This is exciting news for the people and city of Canberra. The introduction of the Aviation Taskforce will continue to support our ongoing efforts for international flights,” Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron said.

The inaugural meeting held on 18 April and chaired by Minister Barr included representatives from the capital region’s tourism industry peak bodies, as well as representatives from the business, education and community sectors. From this meeting a business case will be prepared to be put to the airlines for direct flights initially between Canberra and New Zealand.

“From our previous discussions, the airlines have agreed, in broad terms, that it is the right time for Canberra to have direct international services. We believe there is a keen interest in the trans-Tasman route,” Mr Byron said.

Canberra Airport anticipates by mid next year there will be services to Wellington and Auckland four to five times a week, plus an East Asian destination, most likely Singapore.



ABOVE SANDRO BOTTICELLI'S 'THE STORY OF VIRGINIA THE ROMAN.'



ABOVE 3 MOLONGLO DRIVE, BRINDABELLA BUSINESS PARK.

PARTNERSHIP OFF TO A WINNING START

CANBERRA AIRPORT IS THRILLED WITH THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA'S RENAISSANCE EXHIBITION AND THE POSITIVE START TO A FITTING PARTNERSHIP.

The Renaissance exhibition of 15th and 16th century Italian paintings from Accademia Carrara, Bergamo attracted almost 213,000 visitors from all over Australia to Canberra.

The exhibition closed after a four month season, giving Australian audiences their first opportunity ever to see works by Italian Renaissance masters such as Raphael, Botticelli, Bellini and Mantegna.

The 212,920 Australians that visited the Renaissance exhibition injected an estimated \$75 million into the ACT economy. 81% of these visitors came from outside the ACT with almost 20% of these coming from Melbourne and Victoria. This represents the highest visitation from this state at an exhibition held by the Gallery.

These numbers make Renaissance the Gallery's second most popular exhibition in the last ten years behind Masterpieces of Paris.

"We are thrilled with the success of the Renaissance exhibition and absolutely delighted to be a major partner. The exhibition's success further demonstrates the importance of bringing world-class exhibitions to Canberra and the role they play as key drivers of tourism," Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron said.

"We are also looking forward to continuing this partnership throughout the year and again for another blockbuster exhibition this summer, leading into what will be a massive year in 2013 with the centenary of Canberra and the opening of a brand new international airport terminal," Mr Byron continued.

ANOTHER 5 STAR ACHIEVEMENT

3 MOLONGLO DRIVE HAS BEEN AWARDED A 5 GREEN STAR - OFFICE DESIGN CERTIFIED RATING BY THE GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (GBCA).

This accreditation represents 'Australian Excellence' in environmentally sustainable building practices and is the second 5 Green Star achievement for Capital Airport Group, with the first being 8 Brindabella Circuit. This was the first building in Australia to achieve a 5 Green Star rating as well as the first development to use recycled concrete and steel on a commercial scale.

"We are extremely pleased to have achieved a very high 5 Green Star rating," Zarko Danilov, Project Manager, Canberra Airport said. "3 Molonglo Drive currently just falls short of achieving a 6 Green Star rating and we will be looking at additional modifications to achieve this higher rating during the next fitout phase."

3 Molonglo Drive is at the forefront of environmentally sustainable design incorporating a tri-generation plant that is modelled to achieve significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions. As part of the process the fresh air content has been increased to 50% in order to provide a healthier working environment. In comparison, most buildings do not allow any fresh air content; they recycle the air within the building.

"This 37,800m² building is a huge statement piece for Brindabella Business Park and is designed around a full height glass atrium that houses the elegantly glazed open feature stair and suspended walkways that access the office space via glass backed lifts. It's a magnificent building," Mr Danilov said.

The construction of the exterior of 3 Molonglo Driven is complete and the interior is currently on hold pending lease negotiations allowing possible completion within 11 months.

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