



TIGERAIR AUSTRALIA'S NEW CANBERRA SERVICE TOUCHING DOWN ON 8 DECEMBER 2016.



[ABOVE] FIRE VEHICLES WELCOMED THE TIGERAIR FLIGHT WITH A CEREMONIAL WATER ARCH SALUTE. (BELOW) STEPHEN BYRON WITH TIGERAIR AUSTRALIA'S ADAM ROWE.



LOW COST AIR TRAVEL OPTION BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND CANBERRA

TIGERAIR AUSTRALIA CELEBRATED THE AIRLINE'S FIRST FLIGHT BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND CANBERRA ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER.

Tigerair's new services will prove timely for Victorians keen for affordable flights to Canberra as the city becomes an increasingly attractive tourism destination due to its rich mix of art, culture, food, exhibitions and world class events.

Tigerair Australia said it is pleased to have launched low-cost services between Melbourne and Canberra, providing over 2,500 additional visitor seats every week through Melbourne and Canberra Airports.

"The arrival of Tigerair opens up new opportunities to promote the capital to Melbournians and provides people in the Canberra region with a more affordable option of getting to the Victorian capital," said ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr.

Canberra Airport's Managing Director, Stephen Byron, echoed Minister Barr's comments, saying he believed Tigerair's new services provide a highly attractive option for Victorians to take advantage of the numerous tourism and business opportunities that Canberra has to offer.



QATAR AIRWAYS' NEW DOHA TO CANBERRA ROUTE

CANBERRA AIRPORT IS DELIGHTED THAT QATAR AIRWAYS HAS COMMITTED TO A NEW DOHA TO CANBERRA SERVICE.

Canberra Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow, said Canberra would be Qatar Airways' fifth destination in Australia.

"We can't think of a more suitable addition than the national capital", Mr Snow said.

"Currently, Qatar flies into Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Adelaide, and we're expecting that the Canberra flight will arrive in the late evening to take advantage of our curfew free status."

"The fact that we don't have a curfew means that there is enormous flexibility in airline planning. We also do not have bilateral restrictions on operating out of Canberra Airport, which makes it easier for international airlines to fly here."

Canberra Airport has been talking to a range of different airlines, and always expected that other airlines would follow Singapore Airlines, which has been operating highly successfully since September.

"The exact flight times will be finalised with Qatar Airways in due course," Mr Snow said. "We're especially pleased that Canberra has been announced as a new destination in the same breath as Las Vegas, Dublin, Rio de Janeiro and Santiago."

Qatar Airways already serves more than 150 destinations around the world, with some of the youngest and most technologically advanced fleet of Boeing 777s and 787 Dreamliners plus the new Airbus A350 aircraft".

"This will mean that people in Canberra and the surrounding district will have direct access to Asia through Singapore Airlines and to the Middle East and Europe through Qatar," Mr Snow said.

"It also means that travellers from all over the world will have the opportunity to enjoy the numerous attractions that Canberra and the surrounding district has to offer."



STEPHEN BYRON AND GORDON RAMSEY HAVING A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE SEARCH FOR BETTONGS.

CANBERRA AIRPORT'S VIRTUAL TOURISM

CANBERRA AIRPORT'S NEWEST COOL ATTRACTION WAS LAUNCHED ON 28 NOVEMBER 2016 BY THE ACT'S MINISTER FOR THE ARTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, MR GORDON RAMSAY MLA, AND THE AIRPORT'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, STEPHEN BYRON.

Incoming passengers waiting for their luggage now have the opportunity to spot a bettong or a quoll at the ACT's Woodlands and Wetlands, pat a cheetah at the National Zoo and Aquarium and get up close and personal with a humpback whale on the Sapphire Coast.

Each experience is supplied – with appropriate sound – through the airport's Augmented Reality (AR) visitor experience in the Arrivals Hall.

More tourist attractions in Canberra and the surrounding region are expected to be added to the AR screen over coming months.

The new installation was co-funded by the Commonwealth Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure program, administered by VisitCanberra in partnership with Canberra Airport.

Designed by Amber Standley from Canberra firm A Positive, the AR visitor experience is integral to Canberra Airport's commitment to promoting tourism in the ACT and surrounding district to its domestic and international passengers.



VIRGIN AUSTRALIA CEO JOHN BORGHETTI, DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL DR BRENDAN NELSON AND CANBERRA AIRPORT MANAGING DIRECTOR STEPHEN BYRON, FLANKED BY TWO VIRGIN AUSTRALIA CABIN CREW, WITH THE HUDSON BOMBER.

LOCKHEED HUDSON BOMBER ON DISPLAY AT CANBERRA AIRPORT

A PIECE OF AUSTRALIAN AVIATION HISTORY, PAINSTAKINGLY RESTORED BY CONSERVATORS AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL, IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT CANBERRA AIRPORT.

The project to display Lockheed Hudson Mark IV Bomber A16-105 was made possible by collaboration between the Memorial, Canberra Airport and the Virgin Australia Group and will be on display for visitors to the national capital for the next two years.

Director of the Australian War Memorial Dr Brendan Nelson said he was proud to work with the Memorial's partners to display this important piece of Australia's military and aviation history.

"This Hudson bomber and the brave young men who flew it during the dark days of the Second World War defended our nation's freedoms and vital interests. The aircraft then played its part in expanding commercial aviation in the post-war era," Dr Nelson said.

"Canberra's world-class airport is the gateway to our nation's capital. The Hudson, faithfully restored and positioned alongside the Virgin Australia check-in counters, reminds us of those who came before us and that Canberra is home to Australia's number one landmark – the Australian War Memorial."

The Managing Director of Canberra Airport, Stephen Byron, said the airport has loved extending the Memorial's stories to its thousands of passengers and visitors.

"Our efforts to promote the Memorial's work dovetails with our commitment to consistently promote all the wonderful things that our city has to offer," Mr Byron said.

The Memorial set about restoring the aircraft to its wartime configuration of December 1942. The project involved the fabrication of more than 5,800 parts and tools. Extensive research on the colour scheme and internal fitout, sourcing of replacement parts and spares through the aviation heritage network, and reconditioning of the airframe, took four years for the Memorial's restoration team to complete.

Hudson A16-105 will be on display at the Canberra Airport until the end of 2018.



FLYPELICAN ADDS DUBBO ROUTE

CANBERRA AIRPORT HAS WELCOMED REGIONAL AIRLINE FLYPELICAN'S SECOND SERVICE TO CANBERRA WITH DAILY DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM DUBBO LAUNCHING ON 1 FEBRUARY.

Canberra Airport's Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said the new FlyPelican route now links Newcastle and Dubbo with Canberra.

"We congratulate FlyPelican on their foresight to introduce this new service to Canberra," Mr Byron said.

"This is not just a wonderful boost for Canberra, but for the whole south eastern region. The one hour service, at optimum flying times, opens the whole district west of Canberra to tourism and business".

Operated by a 19-seat twin-engine Jetstream 32 aircraft, the service now offers passengers from Dubbo, Orange and the greater central west region with an alternative to Sydney for international travel on Singapore Airlines' services to Singapore and Wellington, and soon from Doha when Qatar Airways begins flights to the airport in the next 12 – 18 months.

FlyPelican's initial Dubbo schedule includes two daily return flights on Mondays and Fridays with a single return service on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. One-way fares between Canberra and Dubbo start from just \$139 inclusive of all taxes.



GEORGINA BYRON, CEO, SNOW FOUNDATION WITH THREE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS, ALISON COVINGTON, FOUNDER AND CEO OF GOOD360; ZACK BRYERS, AN OUTREACH STREET WORKER FOR YOUTHCARE CANBERRA; AND STEVEN PERRSON, CEO OF THE BIG ISSUE AND HOMES FOR HOMES.



PAT HOOKE AND HER SON CAMERON AT CANBERRA AIRPORT DURING THEIR TOUR OF THE AIRFIELD.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

TO MARK A QUARTER CENTURY OF PROVIDING SUPPORT AND POSITIVE CHANGE TO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE SNOW FOUNDATION CELEBRATED THE MILESTONE WITH PARTNERS AND ORGANISATIONS WITH WHICH IT HAS WORKED CLOSELY.

Georgina Byron, CEO, said the Foundation is a combined family commitment, involving her parents, brothers and sister.

"We have supported a huge mix of individuals and organisations, ranging from people with a disability, homeless initiatives, and long term support to programs giving single mothers, indigenous people and others a greater opportunity in life," Ms Byron said.

Chairman of the Foundation, Terry Snow, said the 25th anniversary was a celebration for everyone we have worked with and illustrates how little seeds grow.

"The Foundation started with \$1 million when my brother George and I wanted to do something to help disadvantaged Canberra's in 1991," Mr Snow said. "Now with a corpus of \$38 million, we are providing donations of \$1.7 million annually to our community, and I look forward to continuing to grow this."

"We love working with you and hearing the positive stories that give value and purpose to those in hardship" Ms Byron said.

To date \$18.4 million has been donated to 234 community organisations and 200 individuals.

RETURN TO THE RUNWAY

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE SCIENTIST REVISITS CANBERRA AIRPORT AFTER 70 YEARS.

Mrs Pat Hooke returns to the main runway where she conducted soil testing 70 years ago.

Towards the end of WWII, Australian airfields were assessed for their suitability for new American technology designed to improve infrastructure and prevent damage to the runways from heavier aircraft.

Mrs Hooke was a young Women's Auxiliary Air Force officer at the time and as a scientist was engaged in the soil testing at Canberra Airport.

Now 92 years old and living in Canberra, Mrs Hooke recently returned to the airfield with her son Cameron to visit the sites she had once tested.

"It's a bit longer now, but I walked every inch up and down that runway," Mrs Hooke said.

While few of the original buildings from that period remain, Mrs Hooke was able to point out places she remembered and provide a wealth of information about what Fairbairn was like then, as well as many entertaining stories of her experiences.

Mrs Hooke also enjoyed an airside tour of the new Canberra Airport escorted by David Dickson from the Canberra Airport operations team and a tour of the new terminal with Richard Phillips, Manager Aviation Projects.

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