

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Canberra Airport celebrates safety and wellbeing during Airport Safety Week**

With a focus on community and wellbeing, Canberra Airport and aerodrome employees are launching their sixth annual Airport Safety Week to help all airport employees collaborate for the best safety and wellbeing outcomes.

This year's events will begin Monday, 14 October at 9:30 am at with a kick-off featuring Suzanne Orr, MLA, the ACT's Minister for Employment and Workplace Safety. This year's theme is "Our Airport, Our Community" and will also have a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Events are designed to help airport employees learn more about critical safety operations beyond their everyday work.

"We take great pride in Airport Safety Week each year," says Stephen Byron, CEO of Canberra Airport. "It's a great initiative that helps airport employees learn more about critical safety operations, forge new bonds with other teams and focus on wellbeing. We all have a responsibility to look out for our colleagues, their safety and their wellbeing, and we see those positive results in the excellent experience we create for our customers."

Activities include a foreign object debris (FOD) walk that includes inspecting the airfield for debris that could potentially damage planes and an airside inspection with our operations team to inspect the surface, lighting and navigation aids of runways and taxiways. Airport employees will also have opportunities to take part in tours with an Australian Border Force (ABF) officer and SNP Security to see how they keep Australia's borders and airports safe. Finally, employees will be able to take a Qantas hangar tour and a tour of Canberra Airport's Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services station to discover what it is like to be an aviation engineer and firefighter.

Each year Airport Safety Week is conducted at airports across Australia to educate both employees and the public about many of the activities that airports implement to maintain the strict safety culture required at Australian airports.

While the general public will not be able to attend these sessions due to the sensitive nature of information, there are a few events that may be open to a small number of media representatives. For media enquiries, please email Jemma Delamont at [j.delamont@canberraairport.com.au](mailto:j.delamont@canberraairport.com.au).