



CANBERRA AIRPORT'S MANAGING DIRECTOR STEPHEN BYRON INTRODUCES ACT CHIEF MINISTER ANDREW BARR AT THE LAUNCH OF THE AWARDS.

EXPORTING THE REGION TO THE WORLD

CANBERRA AIRPORT HOSTED THE LAUNCH OF THE 2017 ACT CHIEF MINISTER'S EXPORT AWARDS ON 24 MAY WITH ACT CHIEF MINISTER ANDREW BARR OFFICIALLY OPENING THE EVENT.

The export awards are a celebration of the achievements and successes by Canberra's exporters across the year and also stand to showcase the important role the Airport plays in helping to export the region to the world.

"We're proud to be sponsors of such an important program for the exporters of Canberra and the region," said Canberra Airport's Managing Director Stephen Byron.

"A driver for increasing exports from the region has certainly been the arrival of Singapore Airlines flights starting last September which can carry around 20 tonnes of cargo and freight to virtually anywhere."

Chief Minister Barr said there has been rapid growth in exports coming out of the ACT recently, well ahead of the Australian average.

"The arrival of Singapore Airlines flights has opened up opportunities for freight in a way that we haven't had before, so from here, the growth potential is huge," said Mr Barr at the awards launch.

"We are very keen through these awards to promote the good work that is already occurring and to encourage others to consider exporting their goods or services."



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Canberra Airport's 2014 Master Plan outlines its vision to develop the Airport as a facility to service the capital and surrounding region as a hub for passengers and freight.

"The ACT Government, together with the NSW and Federal governments, is going to be focused on investing in enabling infrastructure like improving road access to Canberra Airport," added the Chief Minister.

"This investment will not only support exporters here inside the ACT but also from around the NSW region to get their goods and services into these international markets."

Winners of this year's awards will be announced on 12 October 2017.



VIRGIN AUSTRALIA AND TIGERAIR AUSTRALIA HAVE BOTH ANNOUNCED PLANS TO FLY TO NEW DESTINATIONS FROM CANBERRA AIRPORT.

VIRGIN AND TIGERAIR LAUNCH NEW SERVICES

DOMESTIC AIRLINES VIRGIN AUSTRALIA AND TIGERAIR AUSTRALIA HAVE BOTH ANNOUNCED THEY WILL SOON BE TAKING OFF TO NEW DESTINATIONS TO CATER FOR AN INCREASED DEMAND IN AIR TRAVEL TO THE CAPITAL.

Virgin Australia plans to fly twice-weekly between Canberra and Perth initially during Parliamentary sitting weeks to cater for increased demand between the two capital cities while encouraging tourism.

Canberra Airport's Managing Director, Stephen Byron, is delighted by the announcement and said Virgin Australia will become the second airline to offer direct flights to Perth from Canberra Airport.

"This is great news for Canberrans and for the whole region as it will now offer a choice of carrier when flying to Perth," Mr Byron said. "It should also lead to more competitive pricing on the route which will encourage more tourists to visit our city and its surrounds."

To be operated by one of its Boeing 737-800 aircraft, Virgin will fly during Parliamentary sitting weeks in August, September, October and December on Thursdays and Sundays.

Flights for next year will be available for sale once the 2018 Parliamentary sitting calendar has been released.

In late May, the low-cost arm of Virgin Australia, Tigerair Australia, announced a new route between Canberra and Brisbane as well as additional services between Canberra and Melbourne, in response to overwhelming consumer demand.

Starting on 14 September, Tigerair will begin operating three weekly return services to Brisbane on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Then on 15 September, the airline will add an additional weekly return service between Canberra and Melbourne on Fridays.

"Canberrans have truly embraced Tigerair's great value fares and friendly service, with demand for our Melbourne Canberra services exceeding our expectations since we launched services from Melbourne in December last year," said Tigerair Australia Chief Executive Rob Sharp.

"With eight weekly return services from Melbourne and three from Brisbane, Tigerair Australia will be providing close to 4,000 visitor seats weekly through Canberra Airport or over 200,000 visitor seats annually to the doorstep of the nation's capital city."

Tigerair Australia will be progressively replacing its fleet of Airbus A320 aircraft with Boeing 737s over the next two years as part of fleet simplification efforts at the airline group.



BRINDABELLA BUSINESS PARK WILL BE THE NEW HOME OF THE AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE.

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE TO MOVE TO BRINDABELLA

CANBERRA AIRPORT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE WILL SOON BE CALLING THE BRINDABELLA BUSINESS PARK ITS NEW HOME.

The 11,000m² centre at the Business Park will become the new hub for private and public sector collaboration and information-sharing to combat cyber security threats, housing around 700 people.

"We are very pleased to have the Australian Cyber Security Centre moving into Brindabella Business Park shortly which will bring cyber security capabilities from across the Australian Government together into a single location," said Capital Airport Group's Head of Property, Richard Snow.

"They are going to be a fantastic addition to the precinct, reinforcing Brindabella Business Park as Canberra's Defence industry hub."

The 20 commercial office buildings that make up the Brindabella Business Park are currently home to around 50 businesses employing approximately 5,000 staff.



THE VIBE HOTEL CANBERRA AIRPORT, WHICH OPENED IN NOVEMBER 2015, HAS BEEN THE WINNER OF MULTIPLE AWARDS.

THE VIBE NAMED BEST TOURISM AND LEISURE DEVELOPMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VIBE HOTEL CANBERRA AIRPORT FOR BEING AWARDED THE BEST TOURISM AND LEISURE DEVELOPMENT AT THE RECENT PROPERTY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

Capital Airport Group's Head of Property, Richard Snow, who accepted the Brain & Poulter Award during the awards ceremony in Sydney on 5 May, said the award recognised the outstanding design, construction and appeal of the hotel.

"We set out to redefine the concept of the airport hotel as a drab, often boring and uninspiring place of convenience, and replace it with a unique social destination", Mr Snow said.

"The huge success of the Vibe shows that if you build a design driven quality product that creates a positive guest experience, people will respond."

The judges appreciated the Vibe's innovative design and exceptional architectural quality, adding the hotel's architects, Bates Smart, have provided a unique building which reflects the exceptionally high standards of design and construction applied to all the buildings in the Airport precinct.

The Vibe Hotel, best known for its circular atrium, was also named Project of the Year at the 2016 Master Builders and Cbus Excellence in Building Awards. The hotel's design also won the ACT Commercial Architecture Award and the Light in Architecture Award in June 2016.

"Visitors to Canberra, business people and Canberra residents who enjoy great design and the hotel's fantastic atmosphere and service have voted with their feet since the hotel opened in November 2015," said Mr Snow.

"A special thanks to Toga Far East Hotels on partnering with us to manage this exceptional development."



THE CHINA ORIENT ORCHESTRA PERFORMS DURING TAKE FLIGHT, A MUSICAL SHOWCASE AS PART OF THE CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL.

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL TAKES FLIGHT

THE ATRIUM AT CANBERRA AIRPORT WAS FILLED WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC ON 2 MAY AS PART OF THE CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL.

As sponsors of the Festival, Canberra Airport was delighted to welcome world-class international performers to its terminal including the Ding Yi Music Company from Singapore, the China Orient Orchestra, bassoonist Ben Hoadley and Venezuela's Simón Bolívar String Quartet for a special musical showcase appropriately called Taking Flight.

A free event as part of the Festival, more than 150 music lovers joined travellers passing through the terminal to 90 minutes of exquisite international music. From the concert halls of Europe to the cherry blossoms of Japan, no boarding pass was needed for this trip around the world.

Keep an ear out for more music in the terminal with our popular Air Waves returning later this year.



CARERS BRENDAN MORAN, PAT DART, ANN ANDERSON AND PETER DAWSON WHO APPEAR IN THE 'CONVERSATIONS' SHORT FILMS.

'CONVERSATIONS' ABOUT DYING

HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE WHO IS DYING IS DIFFICULT AND NOT A TOPIC MANY OF US LIKE TO THINK ABOUT, BUT WE KNOW WE NEED TO.

'Conversations' is a series of short films that explore the lived experience of caring for someone who is dying.

At the launch of 'Conversations' the audience heard that 70 per cent of Australians wanted to die at home, but only 15 per cent have had their wish fulfilled.

Supported by Calvary Hospital, Clare Holland House, Palliative Care ACT and The Snow Foundation, 'Conversations' was produced by LifeCircle. The films feature Canberra residents sharing their perspective and stories around caring for someone who is dying.

LifeCircle's mission is to profoundly change the experience of death and dying. The role of a carer during this time is confronting and LifeCircle hope the films will help carers build their personal capacity at a time when they are confronted with a field of emotion.

"Dying is an uncomfortable topic but it's important we have these difficult conversations, and understand how to care for our loved ones. The Snow Foundation is delighted to support the production of these films which are proving to be useful training tools for carers already," said Georgina Byron, CEO, The Snow Foundation.

'Conversations' can be found at www.lifecircle.org.au. Please share.



DEFENDING AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPION MOLLY TAYLOR DURING A MEET AND GREET SESSION AT THE MAJURA PARK SHOPPING CENTRE.

NATIONAL CAPITAL RALLY TOUCHES DOWN

CANBERRA AIRPORT TOOK CENTRE STAGE AT THE 2017 NATIONAL CAPITAL RALLY WHEN IT LANDED IN CANBERRA IN LATE MAY.

Part of the Airport's Majura Business Park precinct was converted into the designated servicing location for more than 50 Australian and international teams competing in the rally across 14 stages around Canberra between 26-28 May.

Setup at the southern end of the Majura Park precinct, the service park saw rally crews carry out any repairs on the cars at the completion of each stage and hosted the trophy presentation to the winners - Canberra's Harry Bates and Queensland's John McCarthy who took out the rally in their Toyota Corolla.

Canberra Airport's Managing Director Stephen Byron said the Airport was proud to be a sponsoring partner of the motorsport event.

"Congratulations to Harry and John on their overall win of the rally. It's great to see the rally as part of the Asia Pacific Championship as it puts Canberra and the region in front of around 58 million households who are expected to watch the action in India and across Asia," said Mr Byron.

Shoppers to the Majura Park Shopping Centre were given the chance to meet defending Australian Rally Champion Molly Taylor (pictured above) who signed autographs and posed for photos with fans alongside a 2002 Subaru WRX STI driven by the late Possum Bourne.