

LION DANCERS FROM THE CANBERRA PROSPEROUS MOUNTAIN LION DANCE GROUP CAME TO CANBERRA AIRPORT ON 22 SEPTEMBER, TO MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SINGAPORE AIRLINES TOUCHING DOWN IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SINGAPORE AIRLINES

LION DANCERS COME TO CANBERRA AIRPORT FOR THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF DIRECT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.

The one-year anniversary of Singapore Airlines first touching down in Canberra brought the sound of drums and symbols and a colourful performance by lion dancers to the city's airport on Friday 22 September.

Capital Airport Group Managing Director, Stephen Byron, and Singapore Airlines' ACT Manager Hugh Chevrant-Breton, looked on as two yellow squiggled lions reared their heads in the air, pranced and twirled and laid out banners wishing both men 'Best Wishes and Good Luck' in English and Mandarin.

Powered by a wide-bodied Boeing 777-200, the four-times-a-week, 'Capital Express' Singapore-Canberra-Wellington service has already transported 170,000 people, and numbers continue to build.

"We think there is an opportunity for more flights," Director of Planning at Canberra Airport, Noel McCann said.

One of the benefits of the service is that Canberra Airport's curfew-free status enables Singapore Airlines to depart at



11.30pm, allowing passengers to arrive in Singapore in time for the start of its working day. Those travelling from Canberra to New Zealand can touch down in Wellington for less than the cost of a ticket to many popular destinations in Australia.

Meanwhile confidence in the Singapore Airlines brand ensures a high number of international passengers from China, Singapore and India.

International visitation to Canberra is at a record high with the latest Tourism Research Australia data to the end of June 2017 showing 221, 479 visitors came to the capital, an increase of 9.1 per cent on the previous year.



MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR CYBER SECURITY, DAN TEHAN (CENTRE), ON A SITE TOUR OF 14 & 16 BRINDABELLA CIRCUIT.

### **MP INSPECTS NEW** CYBER SECURITY WORKPLACE

STAFF FROM FIVE AGENCIES SET TO MOVE TO BRINDABELLA BUSINESS PARK.

Staff from the federal government's Australian Cyber Security Centre are getting ready to move to Brindabella Business Park at Canberra Airport.

Stage One of a \$29.3 million project at 14 & 16 Brindabella Circuit is well underway, allowing for cyber security experts from five agencies - the Australian Signals Directorate, AFP, Attorney General's Department, CERT and the Australian Crime Commission, to move in from October 31.

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security, Dan Tehan, inspected work on the building on August 18.

The project will be delivered over two stages, providing A-Grade office accommodation and ancillary facilities for the cyber security experts.

The move to Brindabella caters for staff without a security clearance to work within the building. As such, the buildings at 14 & 16 Brindabella Circuit have been fitted out with different tiers of security restrictions to allow better consultation with academia, industry and other government departments.

Stage Two of the project is due to be completed in January 2018.

About 600 staff are expected to work at the Cyber Security Centre by 2019.

# **TIGERAIR LAUNCHES** BNE-CBR ROUTE

#### LOW-COST CARRIER RAMPS UP COMMITMENT TO NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Tigerair's inaugural Brisbane-Canberra route touched down at Canberra Airport on Thursday 14 September, marking the start of cheaper flights to both cities for tourists, budget and leisure travellers.

Passengers on board TT813 were warmly welcomed by ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr and Capital Airport Group Managing Director Stephen Byron as they disembarked the flight, which was sold out months in advance.

The service, which runs on Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays, comes nine months after Tigerair launched direct flights between Canberra and Melbourne. The flights are scheduled for a mid-morning departure from Brisbane (10:30am), allowing for passengers to arrive in Canberra at 12.20pm. Return flights from Canberra depart at 1.05pm, arriving back in Brisbane at 2.45pm.

From Friday September 15, Tigerair added an additional return



#### INAUGURAL FLIGHT TT813 ARRIVING AT CANBERRA AIRPORT FROM BRISBANE ON SEPTEMBER 15

service between Melbourne and Canberra, taking the total number of the airline's return services between the two cities to eight per week.

Mr Byron said the new low-cost service would be greatly welcomed by travellers from Canberra and the wider South-Eastern region.

"Tigerair's expansion of its service to provide a direct link to and from Brisbane, combined with the increased services to Melbourne, will mean faster and cheaper access to both cities for tourists and business travelers," he said.

"This is a win-win for the economies of the ACT, Victoria and Queensland."



ATTENDEES ENJOYING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF DENMAN PROSPECT'S NEW SALES SUITE ON 20 SEPTEMBER.

THE OPENING OF THE DENMAN PROSPECT DISPLAY VILLAGE ON 7 OCTOBER.

### **DENMAN PROSPECT** HOSTS GALA OPENINGS

LAND PURCHASERS, BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, SPORTS STARS AND STAFF CELEBRATE OFFICIAL OPENINGS OF DISPLAY VILLAGE AND SALES SUITE.

The official opening of the Denman Prospect Display Village got under way on Saturday 7 October with a sausage sizzle, kids' entertainment, and appearances from rugby league legend Ricky Stuart and former Australian cricketer Michael Bevan.

Situated at the top of Wyndham Avenue, the village includes 14 bespoke homes for people to wander through – all of which have been designed by 12 of Canberra's leading builders. Stage One has been split into two construction stages, and includes land suitable for up to 1000 single residential dwellings and up to 1500 multi-unit dwellings.

The opening of the display village followed the opening of Denman Prospect's new sales suite on 20 September. Guests were treated to terrariums, canapes by Pialligo Estate and music by local Canberra band Tucha Soul.

The suite has been designed to reflect the undulating topography of Denman Prospect, and includes timber features, a miniature display of the entire estate, and a glass wall to maximise views of Black Mountain, the National Arboretum and Stromlo Forest.

Capital Airport Group's Managing Director Stephen Byron gave it his stamp of approval at the launch when he joked: "This is a shed. It is a demountable, but it looks more like the Swedish embassy."

## **CANBERRA AIRPORT** SIGNS CAROLINE BUCHANAN

#### INFECTIOUS EIGHT TIMES WORLD CHAMPION DELIGHTS FANS AT MAJURA SHOPPING CENTRE.

Fans of BMX bandit Caroline Buchanan were in for a treat on Sunday 17 September, when she cycled into the Majura Shopping Centre to ask them about their favourite Canberra hotspots.

The five times Mountain Bike World Champion and three times BMX World Champion also did a wheelie near the milk isle at the centre's Woolworths supermarket, and road down a staircase at the airport.

Her mostly young fans handed over bike helmets and t-shirts for her to sign, and took part in a short video message with the infectious 27-year-old, revealing their favourite Canberra hotspot.

The occasion formed part of Caroline's commitment to the Capital Airport Group, after she initiated contact with Managing Director Stephen Byron nine years ago.



EIGHT TIMES BMX WORLD CHAMPION CAROLINE BUCHANAN WITH A YOUNG FAN AT MAJURA SHOPPING CENTRE.

She was looking for sponsorship, remained in touch over the years, and finally signed an agreement as an 'influencer' earlier this year.

Caroline won her first mountain bike championship at Canberra's Stromlo Forest Park, five minutes' drive from the group's first residential development, Denman Prospect.

"Canberra's my stomping ground – it's where it all began for my two-wheeled career," she said.

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# WHAT A NIGHT!

NO SHORTAGE OF GENEROSITY IN CANBERRA FOR THE FUNDING NETWORK'S SECOND EVENT AT THE VIBE HOTEL.

Lots of new faces joined the already initiated on Thursday 21 September, for The Funding Network's (TFN) second live crowd-funding event in Canberra. Held at Canberra Airport's Vibe Hotel, a spirited crowd of 140 collectively raised \$79,200 for GG's Flowers, Mental Illness Education ACT and Women's Centre for Health Matters.

"You could feel the warmth, kindness and love in the room for the Canberra community," Georgina Byron, CEO of one of the event's partners, The Snow Foundation said.

Other partners included Canberra Airport, Deloitte, Clayton Utz, and Aspen Foundation. In addition to the \$79,200 raised, hundreds of thousands of dollars of pro bono work was also pledged.

A teenage boy contributed 'a whole week's pay' and told his mum he was coming again next year. Another participant summed up the mood of the night with just a few words:

"I just wanted to keep on giving, it was contagious, it just felt so good to be part of it."

Sam Davidson Fuller, CEO of Mental Illness Education ACT, delivered a pitch for a bullying program for ACT schools, and was delighted by the support she received.

"I can hardly speak. This amount is how much it costs for a program for a whole year. The generosity and the belief in us is incredible."



MEL FOREMAN, CANBERRA AIRPORT; SANDRA MACDONALD, CANBERRA CITY CARE; TRISHA WONG, THE SNOW FOUNDATION

# NEW ADDITION FOR CANBERRA CITY CARE

#### NON PROFIT ORGANISATION SECURES \$100,000 FOR COMMERCIAL GRADE KITCHEN.

A western Belconnen organisation that offers practical support for people experiencing financial hardship will soon offer certificate courses in hospitality and a range of other activities, after securing funding for a fully installed commercial kitchen.

Canberra City Care (CCC) provides low cost food sourced from its own Harvest Garden and seven local supermarkets, for around 340 households each week.

It also relies on good quality donations for its Re-Runs Op Shop.

After several Canberra groups including The Snow Foundation contributed \$100,000 towards a commercial kitchen, CCC now plans on offering certificate courses in hospitality, opportunities for people to make bulk meals together to swap and freeze, and information sessions on budgeting and achieving a balanced diet.

"Food parcels meet an immediate need, but now that Canberra City Care is close to achieving its goal of operating its own commercial kitchen, the centre is now better placed to not only give people immediate food needs but also help them out of their financial difficulties," The Snow Foundation's CEO Georgina Byron said.

A second collection for the centre's ReRuns Op shop will be held at Brindabella Business Park on Thursday 23 November.

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