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GREAT SOUTHERN LAND FLIES INTO CANBERRA
AND PARKS IN A SPECIAL SPOT

Qantas' new 787-9 Dreamliner Great Southern Land flew into Canberra on Thursday 30 November and parked in Bay 9, where it remained on display at the front of the terminal for most of the day.

The aircraft will service Qantas' longest journeys, including a 17-hour flight between Perth And London that will directly link Australia and the UK for the first time.

Thanks to clever engineering, the Boeing 787-9 uses up to 20 per cent less fuel than other aircraft of its size. It is also less noisy.

For passengers, there are high ceilings and windows that are 65 per cent larger than comparable aircraft, with the amount of light that comes through controllable by a button.

The Qantas Dreamliner accommodates 236 passengers across three classes, with 42 seats in the business class cabin, 28 in premium economy and 166 in economy.



Qantas says this is a less cramped configuration used by other airlines for the aircraft, which typically carries more than 300 passengers in total.

For airline network planners, the improved fuel efficiency and overall lower maintenance costs allows for a whole new set of routes to fly between.

Qantas is set to have eight 787-9 Dreamliners before the end of 2017, with the option to purchase up to 45 in future.



LUCY IRVINE STANDING BENEATH HER STRIKING ART WORK, SURFACE STRATEGIES, WHICH APPEARED IN CANBERRA AIRPORT'S ATRIUM IN NOVEMBER 2017. PHOTO BY 5 FT TALL.

SURFACE STRATEGIES GREET PASSENGERS

LUCY IRVINE ARTWORK ADORNS CANBERRA AIRPORT GLASS WALL DURING NOVEMBER

Canberra Airport commissioned a striking piece of art work by Scottish born artist Lucy Irvine, to coincide with the 2017 Design Canberra Festival.

For most of November Lucy's Surface Strategies greeted passengers in the departures hall. Made from insulation material known as expansion joint foam, the display consisted of interweaving loops attached to large glass panels overlooking the airport's tarmac.

Lucy is well known for using utilitarian materials in her work. For this purpose it was ideal because it was light enough to be affixed to the glass, but also bold enough to stand out from a distance.

Comprising of 12 sections, each about two metres high by three metres wide, it took three days to install.



STAFF RELOCATE TO NEW OFFICE

PLAZA WEST OFFICE TO ACCOMMODATE CONTINUED GROWTH OF CANBERRA AIRPORT

Canberra Airport's relocation to new premises on Terminal Avenue went ahead like Swiss clockwork in late November. Level 4 of the Airport's Plaza offices (West) have been designed to allow for plenty of team work and collaboration, and include six spacious boardrooms named after the Snow family's beloved dogs, a 3D gallery wall spanning one end of the total floorspace to the other, multiple work stations and break out rooms.

"The workplace allows for agility while providing teams a space to retreat, when required," Canberra Airport projects director Zarko Danilov says.

The relocation follows Canberra Airport's continued growth, resulting in former offices at 2 Brindabella Park, where it had been since 2001, no longer having enough space.



REGIONAL LEADERS LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE

LOCAL PRODUCERS DISPLAY FINE WARES OUTSIDE CANBERRA AIRPORT TERMINAL

Merino wool worthy of a Sydney Royal Easter Show prize, sheep, lamas, fine wine, meats and other produce were all on display at Canberra Airport on 30 October. The nation's capital had just been named one of the top 10 cities in the world to visit in 2018, so a new website to promote the diversity of what's on offer in the wider Canberra region couldn't have come at a better time.

Among those displaying their wares at the launch of the website Canberraregion.org.au on 30 October were representatives from Poachers Pantry, Shaw Vineyard Estate, Braidwood Made, Hilltops, Summerhill Road Vineyard, Robyn Rowe Chocolates, Eucumbene Trout Farm, Bum Nuts Australia, Irresistibly Alpaca, The Pastor's Pleasures and Wild Brumby Retailers. Guests included ACT Chief Minister Mr Andrew Barr, NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro, and the Mayor of Bega Shire Council, Kristy McBain.



CANBERRA AIRPORT STAFF AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WORKERS AT A PRE- 'EMERGENCY' BRIEFING ON 9 NOVEMBER.

CANBERRA AIRPORT TESTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

ANNUAL EVENT REPLICATES EMERGENCY INCIDENT

Around 300 people including airport staff, emergency workers and volunteers took part in an emergency exercise at Canberra Airport on 9 November. Named Omega 2017 and commencing at 9pm, it involved a disgruntled employee ramming a vehicle into a B737, then threatening to set the vehicle alight.

Representatives from the Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Services (ARFFS), Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Canberra Airport

responded by establishing a 300m cordon on the apron. ACT Ambulance Services in turn set up a full triage treatment area, so that 'injured' passengers on board the aircraft could receive first aid.

Under instruction from the AFP, the airport terminal was evacuated around 10pm. It reopened about 50 minutes later, when the situation was brought under control.

Coordinated by Canberra Airport's Aeronautical Business Manager, Richard Doyle, and with great support from Jennifer Thornhill, Omega 17 was planned more than four months in advance.

"These exercises are held regularly as part of the airport's operational requirements, and to ensure in the event of an emergency, that Canberra Airport and all necessary emergency agencies are prepared to respond accordingly," he said.

THE CIRCUS AND AUTOBARN COME TO MAJURA PARK

MAJURA PARK WELCOMES TWO VERY DIFFERENT ATTRACTIONS - A CABARET CIRCUS AND AN AUTOMOBILE RETAILER

The 'adults only' Infamous circus, which ran from 10 November to 17 December, had a racier theme than the half-a-dozen other circuses Majura Park has hosted over the years.

The location is ideal for holding the events because of its considerable space, abundance of parking, proximity to the Canberra CBD, and footfall of three million people who enter the shopping centre each year.

Canberra Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron got a taste of circus life, when he accepted an invitation to test his balance on the disturbingly named Wheel of Death - a large rotating apparatus with two treadwheels. Mr Byron opted to stay on the inside of one of the wheels, when he took part in a media event on 9 November.



STEPHEN BYRON TRIES OUT CIRCULAR TREADMILLS KNOWN AS THE WHEEL OF DEATH.

Two days later, Automotive parts retailer Autobarn joined the tenancy mix at Majura.

"As one of only two Autobarn stores in Canberra, this is a great addition to our tenant mix," Canberra Airport's leasing manager, Andrew Singer said.

"There is a fitting bay behind the shopfront, to ensure customers benefit from the full range of services Autobarn provides."



BROOKE HORNE (L), AND HUSBAND TOM SNOW (2ND L), GEORGINA BYRON AND STEPHEN BYRON.

VICTORY FOR YES CAMPAIGN

MARRIAGE EQUALITY A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR CANBERRA AIRPORT AND THE SNOW FOUNDATION

Canberra Airport MD Stephen Byron and his sister Georgina Byron, CEO of the Snow Foundation, were among thousands of others at Sydney's Prince Alfred Park on 15 November, to celebrate the YES verdict of the postal vote on same sex marriage.

The organisations have long been supporters of the campaign for marriage equality, commencing publicly in August 2015, when the Canberra Airport Terminal was lit up in rainbow colours and a bold sign which stated: 'We Can Do This'.

The Snow Foundation went on to become one of the cornerstone supporters of the Equality Campaign, together with high profile philanthropists including Ian Darling's The Caledonia Foundation, The Reichstein Foundation, The Myer Foundation and Qantas CEO Alan Joyce.

"The Snow Foundation believes in humanity and equality, and that all loving couples have a right to marry," Ms Byron said.

"On 15 November we heard loud and clear that Australia felt the same, and that fairness and equality are at the heart of our Australian society."

The YES campaign received 61.6% of the national vote, with Canberra delivering the highest YES vote of 75%.



NOEL MCCANN (FAR R) IS A REGULAR CYCLIST WHO RODE INTO WORK FOR NATIONAL RIDE2WORK DAY.

CYCLING TO WORK

CYCLISTS ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER RIDEN TO WORK TO GIVE IT A GO

A dedicated group of cyclists from the Canberra Airport business community rode into work on Wednesday 18 October, for National Ride2Work Day.

They were treated to a nutritious breakfast when they arrived at Brindabella Business Park's town square, compliments of local cafes Three Mills Bakery, The Mess and Café Avion.

The cafes are all registered 'Bike Stops' - an ACT government initiative aimed at connecting Canberra businesses with facilities cyclists, walkers or runners want.

Types of facilities vary, but tend to include access to toilets, showers and change rooms, bag storage, water refill and tyre pumps.

The Director of Planning at Canberra Airport, Noel McCann, was among those who cycled to work on 18 October.

"Given it was Ride to Work Day, I thought it was important to take part, as a member of the Canberra Airport team," he said.

"And now that road work is finished in lower Majura Valley, it's safe and easy to ride to the airport."

National Ride2Work Day is Australia's largest celebration of commuter riding. The annual event began in 1994, with the objective of normalising the idea of riding to work.



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