

A FOND FAREWELL...

Late one Sunday afternoon, a Qantas 737-400 took flight from Canberra Airport for the final time. The 737-400 is the last of the classics when it comes to airliners. With rego VH-TJS this plane was bought new from the factory for Australian Airlines. The 737-400 became a mainstay of the Qantas domestic fleet following the Qantas-Australian Airlines merger in 1992. No 'putting to pasture' for this plane though as it will undoubtedly be used for freight services.



PHOTO BY PAUL SADLER

...AND WELCOME ABOARD THE 717

With more business class seats, the arrival of the reconfigured QantasLink B717 is perfect for Canberra. The newly reconfigured jet has 110 seats, 12 now being business class. The economy seats are a row of three on the left and a row of two on the right allowing for 80% of passengers to have a window or aisle seat.

These 717s now feature full leather seats for Business class, as well as iPad entertainment for all passengers. With a higher ratio of business to leisure travellers than most cities, the QantasLink 717 is made for Canberra.

ABOVE THE FINAL FLIGHT FOR VH TJS
LEFT THE RECONFIGURED 717



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TERMINAL FINISHES!

THE FINAL STAGE OF THE APRON STRENGTHENING PROGRAM IS NOW COMPLETE AND THE LAST THREE PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES WERE INSTALLED TO GATES 4, 9 AND 10 - MEANING WE ARE NOW OFFICIALLY READY FOR LOW COST CARRIERS AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.

After just over six years of construction, the completion of the final stage of the terminal project was an emotional moment for the Canberra Airport team and their contractors.

“It’s an odd feeling when something that has consumed your working life for the last seven years reaches its most significant milestone. I am enormously proud of what this large team has been able to achieve and the quality of the final product. I hope that all users of the airport enjoy this facility and that all Canberrans are proud of their new front door.”

RICHARD PHILLIPS
MANAGER
AVIATION PROJECTS

LEFT: AN AEROBRIDGE UNLOADED AFTER ITS TRIP ACROSS THE RUNWAY

BOTTOM LEFT: 2 CRANES, A SCISSOR, A MOBILE CRANE AND A FORK LIFT...FOUR HOURS LATER AND THE AEROBRIDGE IS UP!

BOTTOM RIGHT: 400MM THICK CONCRETE SLABS, STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE BIG INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT.



WHAT'S NEW?



CANBERRA TAKING OFF!

CANBERRA IS STARTING TO GET NOTICED. LEADING TRAVEL SITE, TRIPADVISOR RECENTLY ANNOUNCED CANBERRA AS "A TOURIST DESTINATION ON THE RISE".

Our local tourism body has won a national tourism award for the successful 'Human Brochure' campaign which put Canberra on the social media map. Last year, our Centenary celebrations, the Skywhale, and same-sex marriage laws all contributed to more attention on the Nation's Capital.

Brand Canberra is now making us think about who we are and how we want to be perceived. As new cafes, restaurants, hotels, parks and successful events emerge, we should all take another look around and be proud of our city.



PHOTO COURTESY OF US EMBASSY

DEFENCE TO BUY EIGHT NEW POSEIDON PLANES

Prime Minister Tony Abbott recently announced that the government would buy eight Boeing P-8A Poseidon aircraft, which specialise in finding and attacking submarines as well as for border protection. The first plane will be operational by 2017 and all eight by 2021.



MAJURA PARKWAY BRIDGING THE GAP

The Majura Parkway project is progressing well with increasing focus on constructing the 200 metre long twin bridge over Molonglo River and Morshead Drive. Launch of the first of 22 concrete reinforced bridge segments is expected to occur in mid-2014 from the southern embankment.

The Majura Parkway will link the Federal Highway and Monaro Highway, improving traffic flow and access to Majura Valley and the local road network as well as national and regional freight routes. New dedicated on-road cycle lanes and shared user paths will provide improved bicycle access to the Airport. www.majuraparkway.act.gov.au

FASHION ON THE RUNWAY

AS A MAJOR PARTNER AND HOST OF THIS YEAR'S FASHFEST WE ALL GOT INVOLVED WITH THE PHOTO SHOOT.

The groundies got into the spirit of things with Dave Dickson as main prop for the lead model!

Clint Hutchinson, co-founder, Fashfest comments "We loved the opportunity to work with the airport to do a shoot on the tarmac of a busy airport. The support of Canberra Airport has taken us to places we've never been. It's a partnership that is very valuable to the success of Fashfest".

The images from the day formed the backbone of the publicity that followed, with much media coverage and commentary on the photography.

Steve Wright, producer, Fashfest said "It's been a dream of mine to do a photo shoot on a runway at an airport. It symbolises everything about fashion—glamour, travel, style. And to do this with a high-profile model, such as Belinda Riding, at an award-winning airport was magic.

The shoot was all the more special because of the team involved—hair, makeup, designers, airport personnel, photographers, stylists, all specialising in their own areas but working towards a common goal. The results were brilliant".

Despite the hassle of getting through security, the photographer, Leighton Hutchinson, stated "It's amazing to have access to places unknown for such an important Fashfest shoot. The opportunities this brings visually are incredible and the meaning for the viewer—a model on a runway of a truly different kind—is both stimulating and intriguing."

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the photo shoot and we look forward to hosting Fashfest at 3 Molonglo Drive, 30th April – 3rd May. For more information, go to www.fashfest.com.au.

LEFT: DAVE DICKSON OUR MAN ON THE GROUND

BOTTOM LEFT: THE CREW ON THE TARMAC

BOTTOM RIGHT: HIGH-PROFILE MODEL, BELINDA RIDING



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