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## CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT OF THE YEAR!

CANBERRA'S NEW AIRPORT HAS BEEN NAMED AUSTRALIAN AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AT THE NATIONAL AIRPORT INDUSTRY AWARDS.

The Awards Ceremony held in Darwin on 18 September concluded the annual conference of the Australian Airports Association, the peak body representing more than 200 airports around the nation.

The CEO of the Australian Airports Association, Caroline Wilkie said: "More than almost any other country, Australia depends on its aviation sector and airport network to keep its people, services and markets connected, ranging from the smallest landing strips in remote Indigenous communities through to our international gateways."

The Awards acknowledge the organisations and individuals who are achieving excellence within Australia's airport industry.

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**TOP** THE AVIATION TEAM AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY. **ABOVE** CAPITAL CITY AIRPORT OF THE YEAR.

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Managing Director Stephen Byron, who has led the airport through its 'AirVolution' since Capital Airport Group purchased the airport from the Commonwealth in 1998, received the award for most outstanding contribution to the airport industry.

The judges described this project as incredible, classy and architecturally sound. They believe that Canberra Airport has indeed built a Capital City Airport.

Mr Byron congratulated the large team of people who had contributed to delivering the all-new airport to Australia's national capital.

"We always set out to create a quality building and excellence has underpinned everything we have done to achieve our vision to have the best small airport in the world.

"This award recognises the large Canberra team, the hundreds of people, who have been part of delivering the Australian Airport of the Year – our architect Hal Guida, our builder Construction Control and all their subcontractors, and of course our own Canberra Airport staff led by Matt Brown.

"We have delivered a stunning gateway for the national capital that is the platform for economic growth in the future, including direct international flights and low-cost carriers like Jetstar and Tiger.

"This is of critical importance in the current climate where Canberra is looking to diversify its economy and be less reliant on the public sector.

"We are delighted this year's award coincides with Canberra's Centenary – another reason for our city to celebrate, and a good news story for Canberra," Mr Byron said.



# THE BUILDING INDUSTRY'S **PROJECT OF THE YEAR!**

THE CONSTRUCTION OF CANBERRA AIRPORT HAS BEEN NAMED PROJECT OF THE YEAR AT AN ACT INDUSTRY AWARDS NIGHT.

The honour was awarded to Construction Control at the Master Builders ACT Excellence in Building Awards held at the National Convention Centre.

More than 70 Awards were presented from a strong list of 256 finalists.

Master Builders Association ACT Executive Director John Miller said the complexity of the client's requirements and the demands of working within a full-scale operating airport carried away the top prize.

The Canberra Airport development won a total of 4 awards throughout the night including;

- Project of the Year awarded to Construction Control,
- Commercial, Work Health & Safety awarded to Construction Control,
- Commercial building more than \$80 million awarded to Construction Control,
- Public Domain Landscaping awarded to DZ Designs Landscape and Construction.



ABOVE CANBERRA AIRPORT ALSO WON THE AWARD FOR PUBLIC DOMAIN LANDSCAPING

A big congratulations to the teams from Construction Control and DZ Designs Landscape and Construction who have been involved with this amazing project.



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## PLANE SPOTTING: **BAE HAWK 127**

ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2013, THIS BAE HAWK 127 PAID A VISIT TO CANBERRA AIRPORT.

The Hawk is a tandem, two-seat jet aircraft mainly used for initial training to prepare aircrew for operational conversion to the F/A-18 Hornet.

The BAE Hawk 127 Lead-in Fighter (LIF) is from 76 Squadron at RAAF Williamtown. However the tail marking is of 79 Squadron based at RAAF Pearce in Western Australia.



**ABOVE** MATHEW VRINS' FINAL PUSH BACK AT CANBERRA AIRPORT AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE.

**ABOVE** TORI MURRAY AND RICHARD SNOW HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS THE JOINT HEADS OF PROPERTY AT CANBERRA AIRPORT.

## FAREWELL AFTER 40 YEARS WITH CANBERRA AIRPORT

**MATHEW VRINS IS A MUCH LOVED CHARACTER AROUND THE TARMAC AT CANBERRA AIRPORT, HAVING STARTED HIS CAREER AS A YOUNG 25 YEAR OLD IN 1973.**

Mathew spent the subsequent 40 years with TAA, Australian Airlines and the last 20 years with Qantas.

Over the years Mathew has received many accolades and in 1992, Mathew was awarded Australia's best pushback driver. Mathew was nominated for this award by the B737 Captains.

When Mathew received this award he mentioned that his dream was to push back a B747, and some 20 years later his dream came true. Last year arrangements were made for this to happen. Mathew and his wife Helen flew to Sydney to push back the B747, and to tow an A380 Airbus across Australia's busiest airport.

A keen singer, karaoke and Elvis fan, Mathew is planning on visiting Gracelands later in the year with a friend from Qantas. A co-worker of Mathew's said "It's not every day you meet people like Matt Vrms. A joyful jokester with a heart of gold, he truly is one of a kind."

It's with sadness for us all here at Canberra Airport that we wish Matty, Vrinny, Pearshape or Pear every success and happiness for the next stage of his life.

## NEW HEADS OF PROPERTY ANNOUNCED

**TORI MURRAY AND RICHARD SNOW HAVE RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED AS THE JOINT HEADS OF PROPERTY.**

Effective last month, Tori and Richard now have overall responsibility for the non-aviation property business on Airport. This encompasses the three commercial precincts of Brindabella Business Park, Majura Park and Fairbairn.

Tori and Richard in their tenth and fifth year at Canberra Airport respectively, have fulfilled a number of different roles at Canberra Airport, most recently as Business Development Managers following the re-mixing and re-positioning of the Majura Park retail precinct.

Managing Director, Stephen Byron said: 'Given the growth of the property business over the past few years it became important to appoint dedicated resources to guide the performance and direction of the property business as distinct from the aviation side of the business. I congratulate Tori and Richard on their new role and look forward to them along with their experienced team driving growth in this segment of the company.'

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