



# THE HUB

## PLANE SPOTTING



### HORNETS LAND

Canberra Airport had a visit from three Royal Australian Air Force F/A-18 Hornets last month. Here on a routine training exercise, the jets were part of the RAAF's no.77 squadron, based in Williamtown.

## WATERY WELCOME

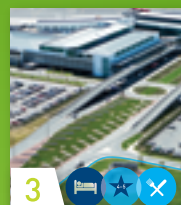
THE FIRST QANTAS 717 CARRYING PASSENGERS ARRIVED IN CANBERRA AND WAS GIVEN THIS WATER ARC WELCOME

There is a nationwide competition between all the Airport Fire Services personnel to create the perfect arc with their water spouts. We think this was a pretty good arc from our fires.

LEFT CANBERRA AIRPORT WELCOMES A QANTAS 717



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# AIRPORT HOTEL GETS OFF THE GROUND

CANBERRA AIRPORT WILL SOON ADD A PREMIUM HOTEL TO THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO TRAVELLERS

Canberra Airport are busy finalising architects, designers and the hotel operator to form the team to build and start operating an on-airport hotel within the next two years.

'This brings to reality a proposal that has been part of our Master Plan for the Airport since day one,' Managing Director, Stephen Byron said. 'The hotel will deliver 420 construction jobs, 160 ongoing jobs and inject more than \$8 million a year to the ACT economy.'

The hotel will be graded between 4-5 stars and will include food, beverage and conference facilities, as well as a small gym. It is expected to accommodate up to 180 rooms and is within short walking distance from the terminal.

The design of the hotel will be modern and in keeping with the exceptional architectural quality of the terminal and adjoining Brindabella Business Park. Watch this space for the proposed designs in the next issue.



## CANBERRA AERO CLUB CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

In October, Canberra's Aero Club celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a gala event held at the Australian War Memorial. Established in 1938 by a group of men with 'flying in their blood', the Club went through some bumpy times, going into recess during the war to then build up the number of members and planes again to be confronted with having their clubhouse demolished. The Aero Club was then offered a home at Fairbairn. The club now has nearly a hundred members and access to four planes, including a Bonanza, A Cessna 210, a Cessna 172 and a Piper Warrior. Congratulations on your 75th Birthday!



LES SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT, CANBERRA AEROCLUB

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## WELCOME TO THE VORTEX

### YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THESE AMAZING WATER FEATURES OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRY OF THE TERMINAL

With the need to provide physical protection to the front of the terminal building, the team at Canberra Airport decided to design a more aesthetic alternative to traditional bollards. Together with GMB Architects and Waterforms International, a solution was found that combined clever landscaping and unique water features.

Richard Phillips, Manager Aviation Projects, Canberra Airport explains, 'The water wall along the road edge had always been part of the solution, but we wanted two signature pieces to mark the terminal entries and to finish the stone 'triangle'. When Waterforms presented the Vortexes, I remember we collectively said 'Yep, that's what we have been looking for.'

These 'Vortexes' are the work of Dirk Slotboom, Chris Carter and Mark Salis from Waterforms International. They are the only ones of this size in Australia and feature coloured LED lighting which are controlled by a central computer and can rotate through eight colours or stay as one. The vortex can grow and disappear altogether, and even change shape and give the effect of plaiting hair.

On a more practical note, the water is re-circulated, filtered and treated to 1.5 microns to prevent any sort of bacteria and if anything falls into the vortex it can be retrieved from a collection trap underneath.



## FLIGHT OF THEIR LIFE

THANKS TO THE  
AIRPORT TEAM AND  
CANBERRA AERO  
CLUB FOR ANOTHER  
SUCCESSFUL  
FUNFLIGHT

The annual FunFlight for disadvantaged children was held on Sunday, 10 November. This is the fourth year Canberra Aero Club has participated in the nationwide event which intends to give 'Children Touched by Adversity the Flight of their Life.'

Canberra's FunFlight operated from Fairbairn Precinct, with eight aircraft and 10 pilots donating their time and aircraft to fly 35 sorties in what organisers described as 'horrendous conditions'. Despite the weather, around 130 passengers from eight charities were given the 'Flight of their Life'. Happy faces galore and never-ending smiles were proof of the day's success.

In thanking organisers, Bob O'Heir of the Salvation Army's Australia Eastern Territory Social Program said: 'All our families had a fantastic time, and I wish you could have experienced their gratitude. It was an amazing experience for each of them and one they would never have had without the generosity of you all.'

HeartKids Regional Representative for the ACT, Sarah Henderson-Smith also thanked the FunFlight volunteers, recognising what a 'mammoth task' the event was to organise.

'I just want to say a massive thank you to all involved - pilots, ground crew, Rotary barbecuers, musicians, the non-stop children's entertainment, check-in crew, firies, police, junior air corps, and anyone else I've forgotten. Our families had lots of fun. You really made the day special and created some wonderful memories for kids and families that have done it tough.'

For more information go to [www.funflight.org](http://www.funflight.org)





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## CANBERRA KIDS TAKE TO THE SKIES

### CANBERRA AIRPORT SUPPORTS AIR SCOUTS DAY

Canberra's Scouts took to the air on the weekend of 26 and 27 October, enjoying spectacular views of the city on crystal clear days.

Air activities form an important part of the Scouting program, aiming to introduce Scouts (of all ages) to aviation so that they have an understanding of how aircraft are flown and navigated, the effect of weather, and how airports and air traffic control work.

While a flight in a light aircraft isn't obligatory, it is probably the best way to really understand how it all works. The NSW Air Activities Team, based in Camden, flew two C172 aircraft down to Canberra for the weekend, enabling around 80 Scouts, Cubs and Leaders to go on 'City Flight Alpha 1' which heads out to the Canberra Racecourse, then to Black Mountain Tower, down to Mt Mugga and back to Canberra Airport.

Organiser Julian Yates said: 'The Scouts landed with big smiles after each flight and, we hope, a better understanding of the importance and value of aviation to Australia.'

Special mention must be made of the great support by Canberra Airport through their unstinting help putting the planning arrangements in place then with the many operational aspects on the day, particularly airside access.

We're looking forward to running more air activities for Canberra's Scouts in 2014.'

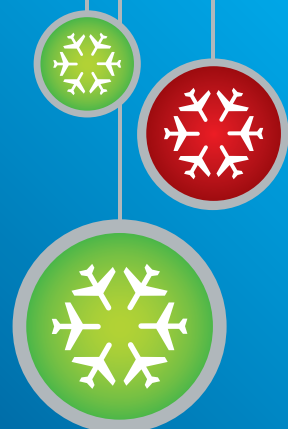
## DOING THE WRITE THING

### AIRPORT PENS TAKE A LONG TRIP

Aviation Screening Officer, Ann-Kristen Norback and her husband do a regular trip to Nepal as part of the Hope Alliance – A Trek with Purpose. The trekkers hike to a village and then help with any building and various community works. Ann-Kristen donated some Canberra Airport pens to the village school and provided us with this lovely photo.

For more information go to [www.hopealliance.org.au](http://www.hopealliance.org.au)

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VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
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NEW YEAR



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