







## **CANBERRA AIRPORT'S** ROYAL & PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

### BEING GREETED BY HUNDREDS OF DIGNITARIES AND ADMIRERS, QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH LANDED AT CANBERRA AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 19, BEGINNING THEIR 16TH OFFICIAL TOUR OF AUSTRALIA.

Upon arriving in Canberra, the Governor-General Quentin Bryce, Prime Minister Julia Gillard and ACT Chief Minister Katy Gallagher welcomed the Queen and Prince Phillip, who then inspected the Australian Federation Guard and received a 21-gun royal salute.

Discussing the visit, Canberra Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said "we were particularly happy to have the royal couple visit and fly directly into Canberra. Visits such as these reinforce Canberra Airport's role as the National Capital Airport not only on a domestic scale, but internationally as well".

The Airport continued to demonstrate its national role in November when the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, was welcomed to Canberra.

The President's 747, Air Force One, touched down at Canberra on November 16, with a range of other supporting aircraft – including 3 C-17 Globemasters, a 757 and an additional Presidential 767.







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TOP HER MAGESTY THE QUEEN'S PLANE TOUCHES DOWN IN CANBERRA. ABOVE BARACK OBAMA EXITS AIR FORCE ONE AND BEGINS HIS 23 HOUR TOUR OF CANBERRA.

### OUR **RISING REGIONAL ECONOMIC** CONTRIBUTIONS CONFIRMED

#### A RECENT ECONOMIC REPORT HAS CONFIRMED CANBERRA AIRPORT AS A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ACT AND SURROUNDING REGION.

The report, which was commissioned by Canberra Airport reveals that the Airport generates seven per cent of the ACT's overall economic activity.

In response to the report, Canberra Airport Director of Planning, Noel McCann, noted that "the thing to remember is that these figures represent the current contributions made by the Airport and its precincts. But whilst this is important, we also wanted to look at what the economic impacts would be for the life of our Commonwealth-approved Master Plan over the next two decades".

Splitting the analysis of future impacts into different growth scenarios, the report predicted that Canberra Airport's future contributions will be very significant. In a medium growth scenario, the Airport and its associated activities are estimated to generate over 21,000 jobs and add \$2.42 billion to the local economy each year by 2030. In a high growth scenario, however, the estimates rise to 23,600 jobs, with \$2.63 billion being added annually to the local economy by 2030.

Referring to the estimates, Mr McCann said "it is well known that aviation is a key driver of economic growth as well as a beneficiary of it, but we



wanted to put that into a Canberra region context. From the projections that we have been provided with, it's clear that we will be a major economic contributor to the ACT and surrounding region well into the future".



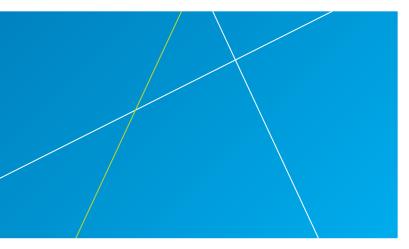
# A YEAR IN REVIEW

#### 2011 HAS BEEN A BUSY YEAR ACROSS ALL OF CANBERRA AIRPORT'S PRECINCTS. HERE ARE SOME OF 2011'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- The laying of the Foundation Stone for the Western Concourse Terminal officially signalled the commencement of construction in August.
- 2. Virgin Australia announced increased daily "Capital Connect" services between Canberra and Sydney using its new ATR aircraft.
- 3. McDonalds commenced trading at Majura Park, bringing yet another quality offering to the ever-evolving precinct.
- 4. Woolworths, Big W and Dick Smith announced they were coming to Majura Park.
- 5. Food and beverage offerings in the Southern Concourse Terminal were increased to three with the opening of Tuk Chop and Velluto



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LEFT PHIL KING, DUNCAN ARMSTRONG AND RICHARD SNOW OPEN KING SWIM. RIGHT 15 LANCASTER PLACE IS COMPLETED.

Coffee Bar.

- Canberra Airport committed to the National Gallery of Australia as a major event sponsor for the upcoming "Renaissance – 15th & 16th Century Italian Paintings from the Accademia Carrara, Bergamo" exhibition.
- 7. The new dedicated Canberra Airport shuttle the Airport Express commenced services between Civic and the Airport.
- 8. Majura office precinct's newest building, 15 Lancaster Place, was completed offering over 13,000m<sup>2</sup> of office space.
- 9. The world's 8th biggest retailer Costco opened its doors in Canberra in July. The store is only the 3rd store in Australia!
- The Majura Park Recreation Centre which incorporates a 25 metre swimming pool operated by King Swim, as well as a crossfit gym operated by Eccentric Health and Fitness – opened. Bringing the perfect addition to the Majura office precinct.

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### RECOGNISING A HUGE PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT, CANBERRA AIRPORT CONGRATULATES ITS HEAD OF AVIATION, MATTHEW BROWN.

atthew was named the inaugural Executive of the Year at a Capital City or ajor Airport at the Australian Airport Association's National Airport Industry vards, held in Brisbane on 15 November.

oting the significance of the achievement, Canberra Airport Managing rector, Stephen Byron, said that "Matt was integral to the highly successful evelopment of the terminal and continues to play a key leadership role in inging the second half of that project to fruition".

le congratulate Matt on his achievements and on this public recognition that so well-deserved".



ABOVE SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKE A TOUR OF CANBERRA AIRPORT.

**ABOVE** A VERY SPECIAL KID SMILES FOR THE CAMERA BEFORE TAKING A 'FUN FLIGHT'.

### SCHOOL KIDS GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

### AFTER AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR, CANBERRA AIRPORT'S AIR-KIDETS SCHOOLS PROGRAM HAS WELL AND TRULY TAKEN OFF, WITH OVER 400 CANBERRA SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVING VISITED THE AIRPORT BY DECEMBER 2011.

The Program, which was developed to educate students about the aviation industry and the important functions of airports in particular, focuses on a number of different areas including employment, transport, history and the role of airports in communities.

Students participating in the program have the opportunity to partake in two tours: the Terminal Take-off Tour, which reveals the entire passenger experience at an airport; and the Airport Airfield Adventure Tour, which gives students access to the whole airfield, including areas where very few people are allowed to go.

The broad nature of the subject areas covered in the tours means that students are provided with an entertaining learning opportunity with handson experience that can be tailored to complement school curriculums.

Manager of Terminal Business at Canberra Airport, Ferdi Lumbaca, said "It's really great to be able to educate younger students about the importance of airports and the aviation industry as a whole. We were really happy with the significant response we received in the Program's first year, and moving into 2012, we are hoping it will have its most successful year to date".

If you would like to arrange a tour to Canberra Airport for your class, please phone 6275 2222 and our staff will do our best to accommodate you.

# **A FUN DAY** FOR SOME VERY SPECIAL KIDS

### NATIONAL FUNFLIGHT DAY WAS HELD AT CANBERRA AIRPORT ON SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CANBERRA AERO CLUB.

Over 95 kids and their families enjoyed a day filled with joyflights and other aviation related activities.

FunFlight Australia is a volunteer organisation that offers children who are disadvantaged and touched by life changing illnesses the opportunity to go flying and experience the wonders of aviation. Trained pilots from all over Australia volunteer their time and aircraft to provide sightseeing flights that give children a memorable and life changing experience.

President of the Canberra Aero Club, Les Sullivan, was delighted with the willing participation of many club members and partners. Two club aircraft and six contributed aircraft were flown by club pilots (and one visitor) to lift the 95 children and carers. Les said, "We'd also like to thank the Kambah Lions, Rotary Club, Air League and Air Scouts, ACT Policing, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighters, the Canberra Tower and Canberra Airport staff for their assistance with the day. The children we fly are facing some adversity in their lives, so it is great to be able to bring smiles to their faces with some fun activities and by sharing our passion for flying".

FunFlight Australia Founder Michel Verheem also commented, "the only thing more heart-warming than seeing the excitement on the faces of these kids as they meet the pilots, and take off, is when they come back – they just can't stop smiling," Michel said. "Giving these children and their families a day away from their normal routines lifts their spirit."

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