

The first building blocks for HOME

Wednesday 24 June: HOME in Queanbeyan celebrated its Turning of the Sod(s) Ceremony.

The event marked the commencement of construction of 20 self-contained apartments, and a communal dining and lounge area, which will provide critically needed permanent accommodation for 20 people with chronic mental illness who cannot live independently, or are homeless.

Over 250 people turned out on the cold, wet day to watch this momentous occasion with not one, but eight sods turned, emphasizing the wide range of support for the initiative. The eight sod turners were Federal Minister for Housing, Tanya Plibersek, Local MP, Steve Whan, HOME Patron, Sir William Dean, Catriona Fitzpatrick representing people with mental illness, Federal MP, Mike Kelly, Queanbeyan Mayor, Tim Overall, Local MP, Steve Whan, Mr Ian Reid from the Tyne Reid Foundation and Mr Terry Snow from the Snow Foundation.

Father Peter Day, founder of the HOME and board member was delighted with the community support. He said "Most of what we do today in welfare and charity addresses 'houselessness', but not 'homelessness' - we meet people's



HOME representatives turning the Sod(s) and addressing 'homelessness' not houselessness.

physical needs but not their emotional needs. Unfortunately, we just end-up recycling the problem. HOME seeks to change this by creating a safe, supportive home where vulnerable people can live for as long as they want with the dignity and love they deserve."

In April 2008, The Snow Foundation announced its \$400,000 funding for HOME, which will be the single largest contribution to any charity organisation since it began in 1990.

The Snow Foundation's Chief Executive Officer, Georgina Byron said, "The passion, drive and

commitment of this local community and the board of HOME to support the most desperately vulnerable is overwhelming. We are delighted to be involved and help provide the bricks and mortar for this much needed initiative."

Construction will commence shortly and is expected to take 10 months. Operations will begin in the middle of next year taking in all 20 residents slowly over the subsequent six months.

For more information on how you can help HOME visit www.homeinqueanbeyan.org.

education and patient support programs within the ACT region.

"It's a very small ask to take a bit of time out of your busy work day and have a cup of coffee with your colleagues whilst making a donation to this worthy cause." Canberra Airport, Managing Director, Stephen Byron said.

Whilst enjoying a cuppa and morning tea, the staff heard an inspiring talk by Cancer Council Committee Member Ms Sue Hart, on her personal cancer journey, and the importance of The Cancer Council ACT to the wider community.

Someone in Australia is diagnosed with cancer every five minutes, with one in three people likely to be diagnosed within their lifetime. To find out more about upcoming events or how you can get involved visit www.actcancer.org.



A cuppa and cake for a good cause. Pictured: Sue Hart from The Cancer Council with Airport Managing Director Stephen Byron.

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The Hub

GOVERNOR-GENERAL UNVEILS "GENESIS"



The unveiling of "Genesis". Left: The Governor-General and Airport Chairman, Terry Snow. Right: Sculptor Ante Dabro with The Governor-General.

Tuesday 2 June: More than 100 guests braved the cold weather to witness Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC and Canberra Airport Chairman, Terry Snow unveil "Genesis", Sculptor Ante Dabro's latest figurative piece.

The Governor-General commended the Airport for promoting and commissioning public art "a reason to step back, take a break from the rush and scurry of daily work, and to muse on life, beauty and the human form," she said.

Also praising the internationally renowned and Canberra based sculptor, The Governor-General said that "Ante's work will provide solace and a source of reflection for the people who work here."

The Governor-General also applauded the Airport owner's for their commitment to advanced environmental design and the principle of engaging Canberra contractors. "The Business Park has risen so rapidly, and so continually,

that we can see changes almost daily and I am always amazed at the feverish activity which seems to be constant," she said.

"Genesis" now takes pride of place in front of 25 Brindabella Cct at Brindabella Business Park, and is Dabro's fourth sculpture to be commissioned by the airport. The sculpture is described by Dabro as a "Symphony of forms and echoes the beginning of time, sensing the site called for a composition of two, I wanted to create something where the harmony of shapes creates unity," Dabro said.

Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron also expressed his appreciation for the new

piece hoping it will "instantly stop you in your tracks, remove the mundane and inspire staff rushing from one meeting to another, from one impossible deadline to another." He also went onto say "Most people work long hours, in hard jobs, in often trying circumstances it seemed to us that we needed to develop a place where people could - where possible - breathe out, relax and remember that there is more to life than the next spreadsheet, or the power point presentation."

Dabro's works can also be seen beyond the Brindabella Business Park on Anzac Parade, the Australian Naval Memorial, and in Paris, the La Perouse Memorial.

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No excessive aircraft noise = no curfew

Monday 20 July: Canberra Airport has welcomed the publication of Airservices Australia’s Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System (NFPMS) report for the first quarter of 2009.

The new report also included new data from the temporary noise monitor installed at Hackett.

Countering the concerns of some in the North Canberra community of excessive levels of aircraft noise, the monitor found that an average of just 1.6 “correlated noise events” per day on average were above 70 decibels maximum noise exposure. However, of these noise events, Airservices Australia advise that “72% of these were events with multiple peaks in the noise recording which are typical of community noise events.” Such events might include road traffic, lawnmowers, or bird noise.

The clear message from the report is that there

is no excessive aircraft noise as a result of Canberra Airport operations.

Recordings of individual aircraft types showed that the average maximum noise level for any aircraft type was 66.6 dBA for a non-jet aircraft operating off the Airport’s cross runway. The loudest reading for a jet aircraft using the main runway was just 61.6 dBA at Hackett.

“The Airservices data confirms that the few aircraft events above 65 decibels at Hackett relate to small general aviation aircraft using the cross runway and not larger jet or turboprop aircraft,” Managing Director Stephen Byron said.

“This activity on the cross runway only occurs during the day, with night time aircraft using the main runway, directing aircraft well clear of North Canberra.”

Stephen Byron went on to note that the report was important because: “The results from the Hackett monitor confirm Canberra Airport’s view that high levels of aircraft noise are restricted to areas within the High Noise Corridor, and that current levels of protection to the community in North Canberra and elsewhere across Canberra mean that a curfew will not be required at Canberra Airport now or in the future.”

The Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System (NFPMS) reports for Canberra Airport are



A clear message - no excessive aircraft noise as a result of Canberra Airport operations.

available at the Airservices Australia website at: www.airservicesaustralia.com/projectsservices/reports/nfpms/nfpmscanberra.asp.

- Meeting rooms; and
- Office space for ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire Brigade, ACT Rural Fire Service, ACT State Emergency Service and ESA support areas and executive.

The Airport Managing Director expressed the need for such a centralised command facility. “This has only been reinforced as we have faced devastating bushfires across three states, while floods and storms have pounded NSW and Queensland,” he said.

“This new venture drips with commonsense,” Mr Byron said. “With the sensitivity and importance of the Airport from a security and incident point of view it is highly appropriate that the ESA is co-located here with us, with a significant specialist AFP presence and with the Airport Fire Service. Co-ordination, co-operation and communication will be that much better simply because of the ESA’s presence on Airport.”

“The new headquarters building is also part of the bringing together all of the ESA’s various support facilities currently located across the city into the one location,” Mr Corbell said.

The three buildings including; the new HQ facility, vehicle servicing workshops and the refurbishment of an existing building are expected to be complete by June 2010, with the first lot of staff moving into the refurbished building in December this year.

The Hub turns 50!



Canberra Airport’s publication, The Hub, celebrates its 50th edition since its inception back in April 1999.

Over one hundred thousand words, four hundred stories, fifty editions and ten years of production, The Hub is still Canberra Airport’s flagship publication.

In the very first edition Airport Chairman Terry Snow welcomed readers to “The Hub, a central point of interest.” The publication reports on the expansion of Kendall Airlines, welcomes Pilatus Aircraft as a new tenant of Canberra Airport and talks about the trial of an ACTION Bus service to Canberra Airport, oh how times have changed.

And so it has been over the past 10 years,

reporting on everything from the completion of the 747 capable main runway, a visit from Air Force One and the then US President George Bush, to the completion of the first commercial building in Australia to be awarded the prestigious 5 Green Star rating.

To view this edition or other past editions visit www.canberraairport.com.au/thehub



Police and Emergency Services Minister, Simon Corbell and Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron turning the sod for the new ESA Headquarters.

ESA makes Fairbairn home

Wednesday 10 June: Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Simon Corbell, and Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron turned the official sod for the new ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Headquarters at Fairbairn.

“The ACT Emergency Services Agency is at the frontline of preparing the community for and responding to emergencies across the Territory,” Mr Corbell said.

“This purpose designed and built state-of-the-art facility will improve the ESA’s ability to deliver first class emergency services to the people of the ACT,” he said.

The new two storey headquarters building will house:

- Emergency triple zero (000) communications centre;
- Range of operations and coordination rooms;
- Media centre;

Tiger celebrates two million passengers

Monday 18 May: Tiger Airways Australia celebrated its 2 millionth passenger on the TT872 - Adelaide to Canberra direct service.

The lucky 2 millionth passenger was greeted at Adelaide Airport and received a Tiger Airways travel voucher for flights to use on any of Tiger Airways 18 routes throughout Australia.

Tiger Airways Australia, Managing Director, Shelley Roberts, said “It’s fantastic to reach the 2 million passenger milestone in just under 18 months of operation in Australia. It goes to show that travellers are embracing our product and that we have a sustainable business model. With our continued growth in Australia, the next milestone is just around the corner.”

Ms Roberts went on to say “Tiger Airways is the fastest growing airline in Australia and since we started, Australians have saved more than \$60



Tiger Airways making huge headway in just under 18 months of operation.