

It's official - We're Australia's Capital City Airport of the Year – again!



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Runway to the future - new runway lights, - A Capital City 2007 achievement.



Merry Christmas...

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas
and a healthy and happy New Year.

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It's a Dog's Disease

Ask a breeder about Kelpies and they will tell you they are loyal, lovable and smart.

They will also tell you Kelpies like to work, and work hard. And it's this natural instinct for work that has made the Kelpie Australia's most famous working dog.

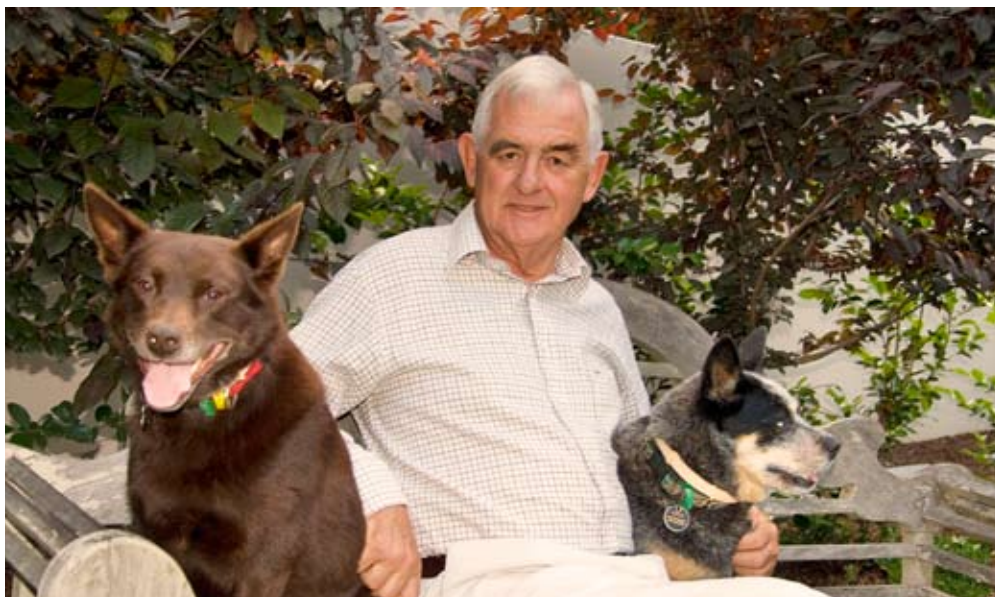
But, all's not well in the Kelpie community. A degenerative condition known as cerebellar abiotrophy is threatening the breed's future. Its symptoms are widespread and difficult to identify.

The conditions so worried Canberra Airport Chairman, Terry Snow, the owner of an Australian brown Kelpie, Woody and a Blue Heeler, Chilli, that he decided to fund groundbreaking research to assist in finding a cure.

"Its primary clinical sign is ataxia, which is like a wobbliness, lack of coordination or even a slightly exaggerated head tilt," Mr Snow said. "Sometimes it is plainly obvious, with foaming at the mouth so you can see there's a definite central nervous system problem with the dogs."

Some have less obvious signs like a fear of jumping or doing things that may cause stress or humiliation. Up till now those that can't work have been euthanased.

Thanks to Snow's donation, a simple DNA test



Woody, Chairman Terry Snow and Chilli.

that will help identify the devastating gene may only be months away. With the support of the Working Kelpie Council, Mr Snow has agreed to fund a University of NSW research program that promises to detect Kelpies that are carriers and ultimately eliminate the disease.

According to Senior Researcher, Dr Alan Wilton, DNA testing will gradually eliminate the cerebellar abiotrophy gene without harming the great working characteristics of the Kelpie. And new technology means that finding the location of the defective gene will be a lot quicker this time around. It took Dr Wilton and his team 10 years to successfully identify similar genes in Border Collies. "Terry Snow's contribution to the

research has been invaluable," he says. "Instead of one test being done at a time with our new technology 50,000 tests can be done at once, enabling us to quickly identify the location of the defective gene."

So, why is Terry Snow digging deep to fund the research? He says he's doing it because he can and, in doing so, make a small contribution to the future of a dog that forms an important part of the nation's heritage. But, the real answer lies (literally) closer to home – Chilli, his ever-present Blue Heeler companion and Woody, the family's brown Kelpie. It's a dog's disease, he says. But, not for much longer.

New Airport Chemist and Newsagent.

Newslink is set to open a newsagency and convenience store in Brindabella Business Park in April next year.

Located at 23 Brindabella Circuit, close to the Fat Goanna Café, Newslink will open a Relay/Hub outlet offering newspapers, magazines, books, stationery, gift cards, pre-packaged fresh and frozen foods, drinks, and subject to Australia Post, postal products and services. According to Newslink, their Relay/Hub outlets provide a "convenient access point" to customers who are assured of a wide variety of product and excellent service.

And a new chemist shop is also ready to soon open for business in the Airport Super Centre at Majura.

Chemist Direct is a full service pharmacy offering products at up to 50 percent off normal retail prices. Open 7 days, Direct Pharmacy is situated adjacent to Jim Murphy's Airport Cellars.



Left: Chemist Direct opening near Brand Depot. Above: Newslink will open in Brindabella Business Park.

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For the second time in five years, Canberra International Airport has won the prestigious 2007 industry award for leadership and excellence in Australian Aviation and Airport Management.

Accepting the award at the Australian Airports Association annual dinner in Melbourne, Airport Managing Director, Mr Stephen Byron, said the award capped a year of tremendous achievement for Canberra Airport. "This award demonstrates that we can punch above our weight in a strong field that includes big city airports like Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. I am tremendously proud of my team."

Presenting the 2007 Capital City Award, Mr Ken Keech, Chief Executive of the Airports Association, said: "During the year the Airport undertook many major works, some aeronautical, some non aeronautical. Throughout the process, there was no disruption to any airline schedules, no

mean feat when you lengthen the main runway by 600 metres to increase the Airport's capacity to handle large, wide-bodied aircraft."

At the same time, Mr Keech noted, the Airport strengthened the main runway surface with 225mm of asphalt and it carried out the works at night in temperatures that at times plunged to minus 5° Celsius.

The industry award also acknowledged the completion of the first stage of the Brindabella Business Park, a cluster of high tech commercial buildings and featuring Australia's highly acclaimed first 5 Green Star Rated commercial buildings.

According to Mr Byron, 2007 was Canberra's busiest year yet.

"Extending and strengthening our main runway was certainly a major achievement for all involved - the contractors, Hewatt Earthworks and our staff, especially Projects Director, Ben Rayner, Operations Manager, Richard Doyle and Project Manager, Steve Conway. "But also our guys in the field did a tremendous job in really tough conditions."

Mr Byron also paid tribute to Tori Murray, the Airport's National Leasing and Marketing Manager. "The completion of Brand Depot during 2007 was another significant achievement for the Airport in general and Tori in particular. She single-handedly introduced more than 75 retail tenants to the discount outlet."

Canberra International Airport also won the 2002 Australian Airport of the Year award

2007 Key Achievements

- A 600 metre extension to the south of the main runway, built on time and on budget, without disrupting airport or aviation operations.



- New airfield lighting and lighting control system for runway and taxiways.



- A 5.3% increase in annual passenger growth to 2.69 million.



- World's best practice sustainability initiatives including black water recycling, and sharp reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.



- Commencement of construction of Airport Super Centre precinct, including Brand Depot



- Refurbishment of three major hangars at Fairbairn.



- The construction and fit-out of eight new buildings all now fully tenanted.



The Canberra Airport representatives that were present for the Airport of the Year Awards: Richard Doyle, Matthew Brown, Stephen Byron, Alex Ananian-Cooper and Jeanette Hall.

We've Made it Our Business to Go Green.

We made a conscious decision a few years ago to save energy and reduce water consumption and waste. We did it because it was the right thing to do and it made good business sense.

Climate change cynics thought we were kidding. What could an airport of all places do to reduce the effects of our operations on the environment?

Well, quite a lot actually. By embracing sustainable design techniques, recycling and new clean technologies we have achieved a significant number of environmental firsts.

For example, Brindabella Business Park was the first development in Australia to use recycled concrete and recycled steel resulting in buildings that use less embodied energy. And one of those buildings achieved another first when it was awarded a 5 Green Star Rating.

In fact, some of our newer buildings are now producing 55% less carbon dioxide than even the highest 5 Star energy rating. This represents a 75% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions when compared to standard buildings. All of which means we're home to the highest concentration of energy efficient buildings in the country.

We're also home to trigeneration, a brand new technology which uses natural gas to simultaneously produce electricity and heat in one energy process. The benefits are two-fold: carbon dioxide emissions are dramatically reduced and surplus power is returned to the grid as green power.

So, going green was a no-brainer because the costs involved are recovered in energy savings and increased productivity. It also played its part in our Airport being named Australia's top capital city airport for the second time in 5 years.

At Canberra International Airport we're making it our business to go green and stay green. It's a fundamental objective that drives our approach to the future.



Think Pink; The Breast Cancer Foundation inspired Q400.

In the Pink With Qantas

October 4: QantasLink has launched a pink aircraft to mark the commencement of its Diamond Partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Qantas Executive General Manager, Mr John Borghetti, said the Bombardier Q400 aircraft would play an important role in spreading the message of prevention and treatment of breast cancer to people in regional Australia.

"Statistics show that awareness of breast cancer treatment and prevention options in regional Australia is significantly less than in city areas," he said.

"We hope that our partnership with the Foundation, and our activities in regional Australia involving this aircraft, can increase awareness and also raise vital funds for breast cancer research."

Mr Borghetti said the new 72 seat Q400 would operate services across QantasLink's regional network and would also transport Foundation Ambassadors to attend Pink Link days around NSW, Queensland, Victoria, ACT and Tasmania.

QantasLink also donated \$1 for every passenger which travelled on QantasLink services during October to the Foundation.



One of the trigeneration initiatives: Waste heat is captured by this Absorption Chiller (above) and uses it for heating in Winter and cooling in Summer.

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