



Mary and Pearl Stapleton and Terry Snow.

Snow Foundation Helps 14 Local Charities

Terry Snow will boost the funds of the Snow Foundation by a further \$500,000 this year.

Terry Snow announced details of the extra funding when he handed out a total of \$120,000 to 14 local charities on Monday 15 May. "Even though we are enjoying good times as a nation, there is still a need to help many in our community," he said.

In the last 16 years since it was established in 1990, the Snow Foundation has committed \$1.8 million in grants to more than 80 different organisations and individuals.

This year is no exception, with grants being given across a range of charities that includes the ACT Cancer Society, Open Family, Barnados, St. John's Care, ACT Muscular Dystrophy Association and Vision Australia.

Friends of the Brain Injured and Open Family Australia are the major beneficiaries in the latest round of grants. Friends of the Brain

Injured will receive \$28,000 to help 14 children with medical expenses.

"I have met some families of the brain injured," Mr. Snow said. "Through no fault of their own they have to give up work and put their lives on hold in order to look after their children. This is an enormous personal sacrifice. If I can help in some small way through the Snow Foundation I will," he said.

The Snow Foundation has contributed a total of \$160,000 to Friends of the Brain Injured over the last 5 years.

Open Family Australia will also receive \$22,500 to meet half the annual cost of employing a new street outreach worker to act as a mobile contact point for anyone needing help.

"Philanthropy is more likely to succeed when it focuses on individual achievement, personal initiative and self reliance. Many of this year's beneficiaries meet those criteria," Mr. Snow said.

Other charities receiving help include St John's Care for its Breakfast Club at Ainslie Primary School, the ACT Cancer Society's wig service and the Barnados Kids Sports Program for severely disadvantaged children.

The Snow Foundation was established in 1990 by Mr. Snow and his brother George with the aim of helping individuals and organisations who freely gave their time to help others less fortunate.

Airport Community Campaign

Canberra International Airport's '100 Jobs in 100 Days' campaign had produced 'encouraging and positive results,' says Employment and Workplace Relations Minister, Kevin Andrews.

Launched in September last year by the Minister and Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow, the campaign had found work for 639 job seekers, more than half of them full-time.

Qualitative feedback from Job Network had been very positive and the organisation had welcomed the opportunity to place job seekers into work generated by the Airport's campaign.

"These are very encouraging and positive results and I congratulate Canberra International Airport and its partners for a great effort all round," Mr Andrews said.



"I look forward to working with the Airport again to place long-term unemployed job seekers into work." Minister Kevin Andrews



Employment and Workplace Relations Minister, Kevin Andrews

Heavy Lifter Touches Down



A Boeing C-17 Globemaster on show for Defence chiefs during a brief stopover in Canberra. The Defence Department will purchase four of the heavy lifters to provide support for services to the ADF.

Photo: Jeff Gilbert

Qantas To Boost Canberra Operations

Qantas has announced major expansion plans for Canberra. The airline is set to increase frequency on its busy Sydney service and has detailed plans to build a new crew base in Canberra.

Qantas revealed on Wednesday May 3 that it will introduce its new 72 seat Bombardier Q400 aircraft to the Canberra service in mid-August this year, providing an additional 140,000 seats a year.

Qantas Executive General Manager, John Borghetti, said the introduction of the bigger and faster Dash 8 aircraft would create new job opportunities in the ACT.

"QantasLink will also open a new pilot and crew base that will see the creation of up to 30 jobs in Canberra," he said.

Congratulating Qantas, the Managing Director of Canberra International Airport, Stephen Byron, said the decision would increase capacity between the two cities by 12%.

"This is further evidence of the Airport's role as an economic engine for the region. It is also a strong vote of confidence by Qantas in the future of Canberra as a tourist and business destination," Mr Byron said. "It is tangible proof of the Airport's ongoing capacity to create new jobs and new business opportunities."

In September last year Qantas Defence Services reached agreement with the ACT Government to establish a new centre of operations at the Airport for the maintenance of military and civilian aircraft. This important maintenance facility has produced 23 new jobs in its first year of operation.

Qantas says it will provide the extra capacity

during the demanding peak periods and will be capable of maintaining up to 25 services a day on its important Cityflyer route.

The airline has invested \$200 million in its regional operations with the acquisition of seven Q400 aircraft.

The Q400 aircraft has been operating a daily direct service between Brisbane and Canberra since April 2006.



Qantas Bombardier

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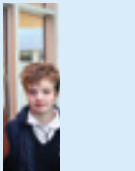
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Canberra to Singapore Services Viable Says Access Economics

There could be sufficient outbound demand to justify up to four flights a week between Canberra and Singapore.

This is a key finding of a report jointly commissioned by Australian Capital Tourism and the Canberra International Airport.

The Access Economics report said that potential demand between the two cities could be between 700 and 1,200 passengers a week.

The report says, if demand meets these projections, two to four services a week may be viable. The precise number of flights will depend

upon the aircraft type used, aircraft capacity and competitive loads.

Access Economics focused on the number of government, business and leisure travellers, with postcode addresses in the ACT, who travelled through the Singapore/Hong Kong corridor and could take advantage of direct flights to Singapore. The report recognised that the success of direct flights was dependent upon local interest.

Australian Capital Tourism Chief Executive, Ross MacDiarmid, said: “We are currently conducting a comprehensive survey into the interest of ACT residents in direct flights between Canberra and Singapore. We have been overwhelmed by the positive responses so far.”

As a result of these positive findings, Australian Capital Tourism and Canberra International Airport have invited a number of airlines to consider the opportunity of operating direct flights between Canberra and Singapore.

“Direct flights between Canberra and Singapore have the potential to enhance the appeal of the ACT and region as a leisure destination for the Asian market, as well as providing opportunities for business development.”
Stephen Byron

Government Must Support ‘Risk Takers’ Says Minister

The ACT Government had to support risk takers if Canberra was to rival major capital cities, the Minister for Urban Services, John Hargreaves, said.

“The Government sometimes failed to recognise risk takers,” he said. “They also sometimes thought they were the only ones with a repository of judgment and wisdom, which was wrong thinking.”

Mr. Hargreaves made these remarks when turning the first sod on Canberra International Airport’s \$22 million runway lengthening project on 16 March.

“Risk takers cannot afford failures and the Government has to support them by removing barriers,” he said. “Sometimes people in Government didn’t see the total picture in major

undertakings like the Airport. But if Canberra wanted amenities for the big players in business, including international operators, they needed to support the Airport,” Mr. Hargreaves said.

The Minister recognised Stephen Byron’s view that long-term investment in the infrastructure of the Airport required a broader stream of non-aviation income.

Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron, said that if anyone had suggested to him 8 years ago that the Airport would one day contemplate spending more than \$240 million on aviation infrastructure he would have thought them crazy.

“The \$22 million we are spending extending this runway 600 metres to the south represents a great leap forward for all of us because it delivers a number of important community benefits,” Mr Byron said.

“The airlines can turn their services on or off overnight and unless we continue to broaden our stream of non-aeronautical income, we simply will not be able to deliver what this Airport and community needs.”

Mr Byron thanked the ACT Government and the Canberra community for it’s support.

“We are very grateful for the support of the ACT Government which shares our vision for this Airport and its engine room in driving the local economy. Together we are building a bigger and

Mr MacDiarmid and Mr Byron are confident that the proposition is highly attractive, given Canberra’s strong demand for full economy priced, and business class seats and hence high expected yields on the route.

“I have always been optimistic that we would have direct international services from Canberra within the next 12-18 months. Initially we have aimed to promote direct services between Canberra and New Zealand with Asia a mid term goal. However, with the work we have undertaken over the last four months towards the runway extension and the Airport upgrade, we may be able to facilitate direct services sooner than originally anticipated,” Mr Byron said.



better future for our city and our region.”



Minister John Hargreaves, runway sod turning

The Earth Moves

As runway projects go, it’s one of the biggest undertaken in Australia for at least 20 years. And it’s also one of the most technically complex.

Started just two months ago, the works program to lengthen and strengthen Canberra International Airport’s main runway is progressing remarkably well.

“We are very pleased with the progress,” says Airport Director of Projects, Ben Rayner, who gives much of the credit to the local contractors, Hewatts. “They are doing a great job and we expect work will be finished by around September this year.”

At any one time around 70 vehicles and 100 workers are on site six days a week. And the earth is moving around them. With foundations some 2.5 metres deep, there’s thousands and thousands of tonnes of it. And for those interested in detail that’s 7,000 tonnes of asphalt or 760 truckloads; 170,000 tonnes of gravel



Aerial view of the runway extension

or 18,600 truckloads; and 128,000 tonnes of bitumen overlay or 15,000 truckloads. The technical challenge is in the coordination of the two projects – strengthening the runway with an extra 22.5 centimetres of bitumen and extending it a further 600 metres to the south.

The runway project is not only big, it’s also expensive. The Federal Government is contributing \$28.5 million toward the cost of strengthening the runway for VIP aircraft and the Airport is spending around \$22 million on the 600-metre extension. The Airport is also meeting the cost of project management. Total project cost is more than \$50 million.

Mr Rayner says that when completed the new runway will give the Airport true international capacity. “It will give us the capacity to provide services to Singapore, Tokyo and Dubai. We are already pursuing opportunities with Qantas, Emirates and Singapore Airlines.” The new runway will also increase the Airport’s domestic capability enabling aircraft departing Canberra to fly further with full loads.

“Giving the Airport international capability has been one of our major aims,” says Mr Rayner. “We are delighted that this aim is at last being realised and it’s being done with local people and local know-how.”



Works due for completion in September

Prompt Response Saves Life

A forty-seven year old man was saved by the quick reaction time of a crew from the Australian Royal Fire Fighting Force (ARFF) at Canberra International Airport on Friday 24 March.

The man suffered a massive heart attack while boarding a Qantas Dash 8 flight bound for Sydney and collapsed in the doorway of the aircraft.

The Airport’s fire fighting unit, equipped with a defibrillator, was on the scene within 4 minutes and took over CPR from the crew.

Passengers on board were elated when the man was successfully revived.

Paramedics and hospital staff commended ARFF crew Simon Grafton, Scott Sparkman, Wes Garrett and Stephen Drew who assisted with defibrillator operations.