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TOUCH DOWN!

Special Flight: JAF001 5.15pm



The jumbo 747 carrying the Japanese Prime Minister, Junichiro Koizumi, and his official party to Australia touches down at Canberra International Airport just before sunset on Tuesday 30th April.

JAF001 was the first jumbo jet to land on the Airport's recently upgraded main runway and heralds a new era of direct VIP travel to the nation's capital city. Previously, national leaders visiting Australia in 747s were required to change aircraft in Sydney before flying on to the national capital.

Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow, says the 747 touch down was a significant event in the history of the Airport and the national capital.

"From now on overseas leaders will be able to fly direct to the national capital instead of disembarking and reconnecting in Sydney.

This is an important milestone for us and the community we serve. Canberra can now truly call itself an international gateway," Snow says.

"Of course, this is our ambition for all international flights in and out of the national capital."

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Canberra's Newest and Best

"This building promotes w

Airport Executive Chairman, Terry Snow, describes it as his best building yet.

Offering a "completely fresh approach" to commercial office space, the Brindabella Defence Centre is also the biggest building in the Airport's rapidly expanding Business Park. Highly functional, the Defence Centre provides almost 7500 square metres of what Snow calls "fantastic working space."

Architecturally, it is the most exciting design he has experienced in a long and prestigious building career.

Architect, Alastair Swayn, says the Defence Centre is a landmark building that will be a trend-setter in 15 years time.

"There is not another building in Canberra that displays the same qualities in its interiors as the Defence Centre. It is a benchmark for style and quality in the

ACT's commercial office building market," Swayn says.

John Gasson, Managing Director of Construction Control, the company that's building the Brindabella Business Park agrees.

"This is a most impressive building," he says. He likes the yellow sails and the impressive 15 by 18 metre light filled atrium at the front entrance.



Giant Hangar Ready For Business

The Heavy Maintenance Hangar at Canberra's International Airport is ready for business. Completed on 20 April, the hangar will be used to maintain Qantas' expanded fleet of 717 aircraft.

Standing five storeys high, the hangar is the largest of its kind in Australia. It has a spectacular 85 metre curved roof covering some 5000 square metres of working space. The hangar can accommodate one Boeing 767 or two Boeing 717's side by side.

The state of the art hangar and its associated workshops and offices is designed to provide jobs for up to 65 engineers and a further 32 support staff making it an important regional headquarters for Qantas and the ACT.

John Gasson, Managing Director of Construction Control, the local company that built the Hangar, says the construction was one of the most technically demanding



projects ever undertaken in Canberra by any construction organisation.

The Managing Director Canberra International Airport, Stephen Byron, says he looks forward to working closely with Qantas and the Airport will assist in anyway it can to ramp up business.





Meet Matt Brown

A young man with his head in the skies

but feel planted firmly on the ground, Matt

is the Airport's Manager—Aeronautical

Business.

It's a key responsibility that requires him to,

among other things, ensure a high quality of

service to the travelling public. That might

involve working on funding for a major

capital works project, a Brumbies charter

flight or working to attract new airlines to

Canberra. An ANU graduate of Economics

and Commerce, Matt has been an important

member of the Airport Team for the last two

and a half years.

What are your impressions of the aviation

business?

Dealing with airlines you sometimes get the

impression that nothing ever gets done

quickly but there have been some rapid

changes in the aviation industry over the

past two years. For example, I joined the

Airport in 1999 at the start of a whirlwind that

saw the launch of Impulse Airlines and Virgin

Blue, the Qantas acquisition of Impulse, and

most recently the collapse of Ansett and the

events following September 11.

The Airport has been involved in ground

breaking work on regulatory reform which will

see Australia leading the rest of the world in

airport price regulation. While some work

remains to be done on competition in the

airline industry, the outlook is positive for

aviation.

It's an exciting time in aviation but even more

so here in Canberra with the development of

both aeronautical and non-aeronautical sides

of the Airport business progressing at a rapid

rate. Being part of a small team means I have

been able to get involved in various parts of

the business which has made my job even

more interesting.

What has been your biggest challenge?

Trying to position the Aeronautical business

to recover from the collapse of Ansett has

been my biggest project to date. That

involves getting the financial side of the

business back on track as well as trying to

make things work operationally for Virgin Blue

and Kendall.

How is Aeronautical business recovering

since the Ansett collapse?

The Aviation business is recovering well. The

business is still down 15-20% on what it was

pre September 14. However I am sure Virgin

Blue, Kendall and Qantas will fill the vacuum.

What do you enjoy most about working at

an Airport?

A lot of other jobs involve trading water often

for long periods. Out here at the Airport there

An upgrade to facilities at the National

Convention Centre would help boost the

ACT meetings and conventions sector and

provide increased demand for additional

flights to Canberra, Stephen Byron,

Managing Director of Canberra

International Airport says.

"Independent studies commissioned by the

ACT Government indicate that unless there is

an upgrade to Canberra's convention

facilities, there will be a detrimental impact

on Canberra tourism and the ACT economy."

he says.

Without an upgrade, business activity in

the region will be reduced and the ACT's

revenue base will suffer. We must be able

to compete with interstate destinations

for conferences and build an image for

Canberra as a great place to work and visit."

Byron says that as well as injecting valuable

income into the local economy, an upgrade

to the Convention Centre would mean

more flights to Canberra as more and more

convention business is attracted to the city.

"We want Canberra to become a magnet for

this type of activity and for local businesses

and the region to benefit."

Tourism has taken some major blows over

the past 12 months and we believe it's time

for governments to examine how they might

support the upgrade of our Convention

Centre and help Canberra maintain its share

of a highly lucrative market."

Convention Centre Upgrade to Boost Canberra flights

