Young Engineer of the Year Award

Thinking outside the square has paid off for young Canberra engineer, Adrian Moy.

A Project Manager at Young Consulting Engineers, Moy has won the ACT Young Engineering Associate's Award for 2001.

Moy's critical role in the redevelopment of the car parks and access roads at Brindabella Business Park and Canberra International Airport was a major factor in his award winning performance.

"Adrian is a very capable young engineer who thinks outside the square, which is a quality that progressive clients such as the Capital Airport Group look for," said Ben Rayner, Director of Projects Capital Airport Group.

"The Airport project presented a number of challenges requiring innovative traffic engineering solutions," he said.

"Adrian met the challenges and revealed himself to be a well trained professional."

The Airport's civil engineering works involved the documentation and construction of approximately 3 kilometres of access roads, 35,000 square metres of car parking and an aircraft apron.

Moy says he is fortunate to work with positive and inspirational clients.

"Terry Snow and Stephen Byron at the Capital Airport Group expect results and performance and their willingness to give you an opportunity to demonstrate your worth makes this line of work so challenging and rewarding", said Moy.

Moy has high praise for his progressive and open minded thinking boss, Ray Young, whom he also says gives staff the opportunity to prove themselves.

"Ray took me on as a junior in 1989. He takes an interest, assesses your capabilities and moves you into jobs where he believes you can achieve results", he said.

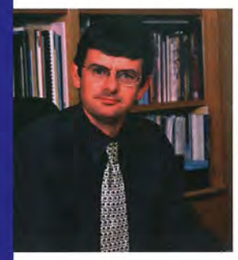
That confidence has seen Adrian work on large projects like the National Gallery, National Museum of Australia and the Bruce Stadium redevelopment.

Moy says he is "wrapped" with the engineering award and says his decision to study at Canberra's Institute of Technology rather than leave Canberra to study at university has paid off handsomely.

In praise of great cities

By Brian Kennedy, Director of the National Gallery of Australia

I was somewhat taken aback at first when I realised that Terry Snow was inviting me to open a departure lounge. Having developed a reasonably thick skin, however, I decided to ignore the implication, and accept the invitation. As someone who has been delighted to be living in Canberra, it is a great pleasure to mark the development of Canberra's Airport, and to pay tribute to a very remarkable entrepreneur Terry Snow.



Canberra is a wonderful city. I ask you to envisage what it might look like 50 years from now. I venture to suggest that around the world it will be regarded as the most remarkable example of the 20th century planned city. All those who find it strange or even bizarre today will be replaced by those who find it extraordinary and will visit in their many hundreds and thousands.

Canberra has changed a lot, even in the four years that I have been living here. It has become less a public service town, and more one marked by a thriving private sector. More than this, there is a lively and progressive attitude to development. We are all beginning to realise that the future of this city is in our hands. It is for each one of us to assist every visitor to the city, by pressing government to make it easier to travel around, to have better signage, splendid institutions, restaurants and night activity. The extraordinary and marvellous Canberra landscape is ours, and this airport is the gateway to the national capital.

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The fine departure lounge building, designed by Alistair Swayn, is a very welcome addition to Canberra's Airport. It is important that our buildings are more than satisfactory, that they inspire us while at the same time fulfilling their required function. The great architect Frank Loyd Wright said: " A doctor can bury his mistakes, but an architect can only advise his client to plant trees." We must live with buildings which neglect their function, but so much better a fine building which is in harmony with its purpose. All around us today, we see the beauty of Canberra's landscape from the large windows of this lounge, and the splendid vista of major runways being developed. Winston Churchill said: "We shape our buildings. Thereafter they shape us." Canberra's Airport will be an important part of the infrastructure of the National Capital as it continues to develop over the coming years.

Canberra is indeed a great city, and it has great people working for it. In the past four years, Terry Snow and his colleagues have created wonders here. The airport use to remind me of Luton airport, prior to its redevelopment. It was an opportunity waiting to happen. Terry Snow is realising it for the people of Canberra and our many visitors. We are in his debt.

(This is the full text of Brian Kennedy's speech when he formally opened the Airport's new departure lounge)

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Runway upgrade strengthens Airport's gateway role

The main runway at Canberra International Airport has been upgraded to accommodate wide-bodied aircraft carrying VIP visitors into the national capital.

The $8.8 million project, funded by the Federal Government, was completed three weeks ahead of schedule and within budget. It was fast-tracked to be ready in time for overseas VIPs visiting Canberra in advance of the planned Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

The arrival in July of US Secretary of State, Colin Powell, and Defence Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, for annual defence talks with their Australian counterparts underscored the Airport's role as a national gateway. Accompanied by top military brass and senior State Department officers, the two senior members of the Bush Administration flew into Canberra in special military flights.

Former Indonesian President, Abdurrahman Wahid, was also another VIP visitor during July touching down for a state visit in a special chartered Garuda Air Boeing 737 aircraft.

The Airport upgrade involved widening the main runway by constructing new 7.5 metre wide shoulders along both of its sides, upgrading the runway's edge lighting, constructing a turning node at the northern end, and widening some taxiways to accommodate the manoeuvring of wide bodied jets.

The construction of the new shoulders also required modifying the existing stormwater drains and relocating them away from the runway edge.

Runway drains were demolished, upgraded and rehabilitated, and new pipe work and pits installed.

A special "method of working plan" was developed to enable construction work to be carried out while regular commercial air services continued to use the runway.

The plan involved dividing up and marking out the main runway into three sections.

Construction took place during the day on the northern and southern end sections, each of which is about 600 metres long.

Only one-end section at a time was restricted and worked on, leaving a sufficient majority of the runway's length available for aircraft to take-off and land.

Work on the 1400 metre middle section was carried out at night.

Canberra International Airport normally operates 24 hours a day but, to facilitate construction work on the middle section, the main runway only was closed from 10pm to 6am, with the construction crew using the last half-hour before 6am to clean up before flight operations began for the day.

Virgin Blue spreads its wings

Virgin Blue says it will consider increasing flights to Canberra as support for its new Brisbane service grows.

Virgin Blue's daily service between Canberra and Brisbane is the airline's eighth new route since it launched its Australian operations a year ago.

The airline's inaugural flight between the two cities touched down in July to a colourful and enthusiastic welcome at Canberra International Airport.

"We are committed to offering a long term low fare option to the people of Canberra," said airline spokesperson, Amanda Bolger. "We will look at increasing both frequency and destination choices as support and demand grows."

Virgin Blue's Canberra to Brisbane one way fares start from $119 and its one way walk-up fare is $249 compared with Qantas' lowest one way fare of $122 and normal economy fare of $397.

At a function in the Airport's new $6 million central terminal area to celebrate the airline's inaugural flight, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Virgin Airlines, Rob Sherrard praised the efforts of Terry Snow, Airport Executive Chairman. "Canberra is a destination with potential that has long been ignored. The new service is a timely one designed to further serve Canberra's business and leisure travellers," he said.

ACT Chief Minister, Gary Humphries said Virgin's presence signalled a new frontier for travellers:

"We look with great interest at the potential opening up of the aviation market with the arrival of Virgin Airlines. The Capital Airport Group is facilitating innovative, adventurous outcomes for the travelling public," Humphries said.

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Hazelton touchdown!

Canberra Air Services back in business

Canberra has a brand new air service linking it to Australia's most important city.

Within two weeks of Ansett's sudden collapse on Friday 14 September, Hazelton Airlines was flying the profitable skies between Canberra and Sydney.

Using its fleet of Saab turbo-prop aircraft, Hazelton is providing five daily return flights to Sydney.

Hazelton's touch-down at Canberra International Airport at 12.30pm on Friday 28th September was the culmination of days of persuasive arm-twisting between the administrator of the regional airline, the owners of Canberra International Airport and Ministers from the ACT Government.

Under an attractive incentive agreement, Hazelton receives a one-off government grant of $250,000 for promotion and marketing plus a package of significant financial incentives from the Airport. In addition, Canberra Cabs provide free airport transfers for Hazleton flight crews and the Premier Hotel Group free overnight accommodation.

"Persuading Hazelton to come to Canberra is particularly pleasing because it helps reduce the enormous backlog of customers looking for a reliable Sydney to Canberra service," the Executive Chairman of Canberra International Airport, Terry Snow said.

The Airport is ready to revive discussions to persuade Hazelton to relocate its operations to Canberra. Airport management made an ambitious bid 18 months ago to attract the regional operator to the ACT. "Sydney to Canberra is a profitable and vital service.
If Canberrans want competition on this important route they must support airlines like Hazelton," Snow said.

Hazelton joins Kendell Airlines which resumed its Canberra to Sydney service on Monday 8 October. Under a similar incentive deal negotiated by the Airport and the Government, Kendell offers nine flights to Sydney and Melbourne, Monday to Friday — 5 flights Monday to Sunday, Sydney and 4 flights Monday to Sunday, Melbourne.

Between them, Hazelton and Kendell can carry up to six thousand passengers a week in and out of the national capital, a far cry from the 28,000 seats that were on offer prior to Ansett going out business.

"This is a modest first step but an important one securing around 20 jobs for Kendell and Ansett staff," Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron said.

"We still have a long way to go before we can restore lost jobs and rebuild adequate air services to the nation's capital.

If we want these services to continue, we must get behind these airlines and fly with them," Byron said. "We must use them, or we'll lose them."

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Impulse hangar gets go-ahead

Qantas Airways Limited will provide $7 million to Impulse Airlines to enable work to restart on the partly completed $12 million maintenance hangar at Canberra International Airport.

Strategically located in Brindabella Business Park, the hangar strengthens the ACT's aviation industry and Canberra International Airport, accommodating all maintenance work for Impulse's fleet of eight Boeing 717's wet leased to Qantas.

Stephen Byron, Managing Director, Canberra International Airport congratulated Qantas and Impulse describing their decision as a vote of confidence in the future of the region.

"This is wonderful news because it means a new industry for Canberra which, in turn, will lead to new jobs and further opportunities for growth," he said.

"This decision could not come at a better time because Australia's aviation industry is going through a period of fundamental change," Byron said.

Qantas Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Dixon, said the arrangement with the ACT Government would guarantee the completion of an important aviation facility in the ACT.

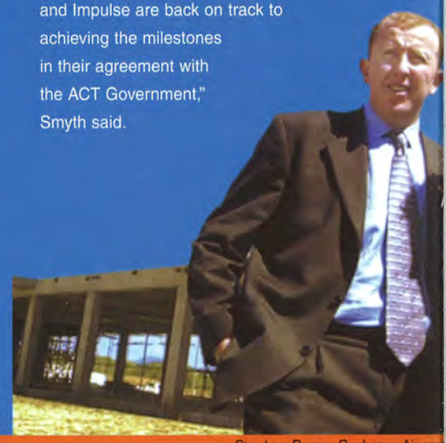
Scheduled for completion by April next year, the hangar would be used by Impulse to carry out maintenance on its own aircraft and to seek third party work.

"It is planned that the maintenance hangar, including regional headquarters for Impulse, will eventually employ up to 60 staff. A minimum of 20 staff will be employed when the hangar begins operating next year," Impulse Chief Executive Officer, Gerry McGowan said.

ACT Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Business, Brendan Smyth, congratulated all parties praising their commitment to valuable jobs and investment to Canberra.

"This is great news at a time when Canberra and, in particular the Canberra International Airport, are struggling with the impact of the Ansett collapse.

It is also great to see that Qantas and Impulse are back on track to achieving the milestones in their agreement with the ACT Government," Smyth said.



Stephen Byron, Canberra Airpo

Living with dragons

Canberra International Airport plans to develop and implement a Conservation Management Plan to enhance protection of endangered species living within its boundaries.

This follows the recent discovery and successful retrieval of eight Earless Dragons from a construction zone at the northern end of the Airport's main runway.

The five adults and three juvenile Earless Dragons were safely retrieved and relocated to the ACT Government's Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve during a controlled Recovery Protocol designed and conducted by Capital Airport Group's specialist Biological and Environmental Consultant, Alison Rowell. The Recovery Protocol was a first for this species and was approved by local and federal authorities.

At risk of extinction, the Earless Dragon depends upon natural temperate grasslands such as those found within the Airport precinct and the nearby properties including the Majura rifle range for survival.

Relocating the Dragons was a carefully planned exercise that involved first identifying their likely home territory, then mowing and clearing the area of all grass clippings and finally a thorough ground search of all insect burrows. When burrows were located, Rowell used a torch and an endoscope to detect the Dragons and safely retrieve them.

Endangered species like the Earless Dragons survive well in airport environments because they are largely protected from developments like ploughing or pasture improvement. The airport had done the right thing in working to a strict protocol, Ms Rowell said. "The important thing is what happens in the future. Now that the airport knows where the Dragons are located they can work with adjoining property owners to develop an appropriate management plan," she said.

The discovery and high retrieval rate is consistent with best environmental management practise and was undertaken after close consultation between the Airport and the Department of Transport and Regional Services, the Earless Dragon Recovery Team, Environment Australia and Environment ACT, said Noel McCann, the Airport's Director of Planning and Environment. "The combination of habitat with high conservation values and a busy city airport brought with it a special challenge for all of us," he said. "It also offered an opportunity to demonstrate that we were

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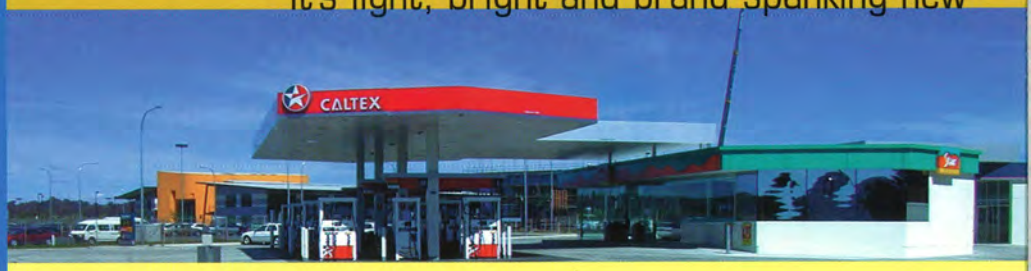
According to Dr David Shorthouse, Manager, Wildlife Research and Monitoring, Environment ACT, the safe retrieval of eight Earless Dragons is a plus for research and education. It will enable researchers to learn more about the habitat of the Earless Dragon. DNA testing will also help determine such questions as how long they had lived in their present location and their genetic relationship to other species.

A star is born

It's light, bright and brand spanking new



It's the Caltex Airport 'Star Mart' – a state of the art service station, supermarket, bakery and fresh food outlet all in one and, it's open for business.

Occupying pride of place on the Airport's Tyson Drive, the new 'Star Mart' is an impressive structure with its multi-product, ultrafast, 'silent running' bowsers, generous access roads and sweeping awning to protect motorists from Canberra's weather extremes. Employing up to 25 full-time and casual staff, the 'Star Mart' is the latest and newest business to set up in the rapidly expanding airport precinct.

And according to husband and wife operators, Peter and Dianne Taylor, it's long overdue at Canberra International Airport. Two years in the planning and six months in the making, the 'Star Mart' marks the return of an important community and airport asset. "Without Terry Snow's vision for the Airport we would not be here today," said Peter Taylor. Promising a 'hands on' approach to customers, the new service centre will operate twenty fours a day.

We plan to put the service back into the service station

The 'Star Mart' represents a stylish new focus in service station technology and customer service.

Customers can access multiple fuels from the bowsers outside and an amazing range of retail services inside including a fresh bakery providing croissants, pizza and bread, a supermarket, dry cleaning, a soft drink outlet, an ATM and a Subway franchise offering healthy gourmet sandwiches in a new look cafe.

The mini supermarket aims to cater for everyone who uses the airport – travellers, taxi and hire car drivers and airport businesses. Its well stocked shelves offers a wide range of goods and essential services such as food, household cleaning products, pet foods, car cleaning products, basic medical supplies and toiletries.

The Star Mart also boasts the latest in European car washing technology. There is a hand wash and a touch free laser car wash that is computerised enabling it to determine the make and size of vehicle and the type of wash required.

The 'Star Mart' also offers a well equipped workshop and an experienced mechanic enabling customers to have their vehicles serviced and washed on the same day.

"We plan to put the service back into the service station," said Taylor.

The Park School for early learning

THE PARK SCHOOL for EARLY LEARNING

The Park School for Early Learning, a new and exciting early childhood programme, is set to open its doors for business at the airport.

Located at 37 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park, the purpose built Park School is designed to accommodate up to 86 pre-school children. Built at a cost of around $1.3 million and with easy access to parking, the new centre boasts state of the art facilities including slab heating, air conditioning, brightly coloured, light filled nurseries, modern kitchens and toilets and shaded playgrounds.

The Park School for Early Learning offers individualised programmes designed to achieve each child's maximum potential.

"The School aims to develop in children a disposition to learn, research and to seek mastery in those things in which they have a particular interest," School Director, Evelyn Callaghan, said. For further information contact the School 6282 9331.

National Gallery Director opens new terminal

The Director of the National Gallery of Australia, Brian Kennedy, officially opened the new and upgraded Central Terminal Area at Canberra International Airport in July.

Refurbished at a total cost of $6 million, the new area includes a modern and expanded upstairs departure lounge, a cocktail and café bar, new ground floor security gates and newsagency and gift shop.

Designed by prize-winning Canberra architect, Alistair Swayn, the new first floor departure area accommodates up to 350 travellers and their guests in a comfortable and contemporary lounge. Featuring beam seating, tub chairs and tables, the new lounge also boasts a dedicated Business area with access to power for laptop plug in.

In a speech to mark the formal opening of the new Central Terminal Area, Mr. Kennedy said the future of Canberra is in the hands of its citizens. "It is for each one of us to assist every visitor to the city, by pressing government to make it easier to travel around, to have better signage, splendid institutions, restaurants and night activity. The extraordinary and marvellous Canberra landscape is ours, and this airport is the gateway to the national capital," he said.

Glass is a major feature in both the ground and first floor lounges providing travellers with a clear view of aircraft movements and apron activity – all combining to enhance the anticipation of flight.

The first floor refurbishment also includes new lighting and PA and music systems and revamped toilets and disabled facilities.

The ground floor departure area is linked to the first floor lounge by a new enclosed stainless steel escalator. Glazed roof top walkways link the first floor departure lounge to newly constructed aircraft aprons.

More than two million passengers pass through Canberra International Airport every year. According to an Economic Impact Study commissioned by the Airport, this will rise to around 4.3 million passengers by the year 2020.

The upgrade of the departure lounge is designed to cater for increased demand and represents the final phase in a major three year development program that has given Canberra International Airport bigger and better car parks, improved access roads and traffic flows, extensive landscaping and new aircraft aprons.

Chief Minister launches evoworld

The creative skills and talents of the ACT's leading architects, and office and IT designers are on display with the opening of **evoworld**, a new concept in work that has been made possible by emerging technologies.

A who's who of Canberra's business leaders joined Chief Minister, Gary Humphries, to launch the new work concept located in the innovative Brindabella Commercial Centre at Canberra International Airport.

evoworld draws on the collective expertise of seven leading edge companies, the majority of them Canberra based, to create the ACT's most modern and productive working environment. Boasting the world's latest technology, **evoworld** features wireless computers and printers, broadband cabling, high-speed internet connections set out in an adaptable office and home environment.

The companies that worked together to establish evoworld include:

- Capital Airport Group
- Lexmark
- Compaq
- Transact
- Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn, Architects
- CITE Office Design, Suppliers of Office Furniture
- Construction Control, Project Managers

According to Stephen Byron, Managing Director of Capital Airport Group, the decision to establish **evoworld** in the Brindabella Business Park was easy because the buildings have incorporated innovative architecture with flexibly designed and user-friendly workspace.

"evoworld offers a rare opportunity to promote and recognise the individual and collaborative efforts of a highly skilled group of local Canberrans," Byron said.

"By working together they have simulated an ideal work concept for today's highly mobile and technically wired workforce. **evoworld** clearly demonstrates how modern attitudes to work, linked to new technology can create a cohesive, productive and efficient workplace".

Airport bus service

The new shuttle bus between Canberra International Airport and the city has made a promising start. According to Deane's Buslines Manager, Steve Bushby, the 'Airliner' service is carrying more than 40 passengers a day.

It's a modest beginning but we're happy with the present level of support