

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **It's going to be wet, but we're on! Canberra Airport Open Day will proceed.**

Canberra Airport Open Day will proceed as planned this Saturday. Our team continues monitoring the forecast and has taken all steps to ensure a safe and fun event. Please dress appropriately for the weather—wear raincoats and gum boots and go all out! We will have a limited number of rain ponchos available for purchase on the day.

This event brings together an amazing collection of aviation-related displays, showcasing historic and modern aircraft, a variety of warbirds, and exciting aerial displays. There's also a carnival zone with loads of children's activities, live demonstrations, music, and a range of local food to enjoy.

For the first time, we are partnering with the ACT Emergency Services Agency for Airport Open Day 2024, bringing together two of Canberra's biggest open days. Learn about the amazing work that the Ambulance Service, Fire & Rescue, the Rural Fire Service, and the State Emergency Service do in our community. Plus, see their fire trucks, helicopters, and more up close!

"We're thrilled to host our largest Open Day yet, offering a thrilling blend of aerial displays, hands-on experiences, and family-friendly entertainment," said Michael Thomson, Head of Aviation. "This event is our way of celebrating aviation and sharing our passion with the community. We invite Canberrans and visitors to join us for a day of excitement and fun."

### **Quotes attributable to Qantas Canberra Airport Manager, Sandra Quinn.**

"The Open Day is a great opportunity for the broader community to visit the Airport and learn more about our different aircraft on display. We're particularly excited to showcase the newest addition to our fleet, QantasLink's Airbus A220. At Qantas we're also focused on the next-generation of pilots, engineers, cabin crew and airport teams and we're pleased to work with Canberra Airport to help inspire more people to take up a career in aviation."

### **Quotes attributable to the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Commissioner, Wayne Phillips**

"The ESA is excited to be part of Airport Open Day. We will have staff and volunteers from ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire & Rescue, ACT Rural Fire Service, ACT State Emergency Service and the ESA Enabling Services out at the airport, showcasing the work we do and educating the community on how to be emergency ready.

"The community will get to have a unique experience with our service. They can chat to a paramedic, see our firefighting support helicopters, take a tour through a fire truck, engage with some of our ESA mascots and more. There will be no shortage of fun and entertainment for the whole family."

## Event Details

- Date: Saturday 6 April 2024
- Time: 9am-3pm (last entry at 2pm)
- Where: Western end of Canberra Airport, entry via Catalina Drive at Majura Park or George Tyson Drive
- Admission: Free (This is a ticketed event)
- Transport: Take the free park-and-ride bus service, which operates from the City bus station and Russell. This service will operate every 5 minutes from 8:30 a.m.
- Parking: Parking is available at Majura Park near Catalina Drive. If possible, we encourage all attendees to use the Park-and-Ride shuttle bus from the City and Russell.  
Accessible parking is available off Nomad Drive.

## DON'T FORGET

- Your printed/digital tickets.
- A rain jacket and umbrella.
- Cash donations to enter historic aircraft.
- Your love of all things aviation!

For more information and to secure tickets, visit [www.canberraairport.com.au/airport-open-day-2024](http://www.canberraairport.com.au/airport-open-day-2024)

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