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Archerfield

Brisbane's Metropolitan Airport



Staff and contractors who were with AAC on 19 June 1998 (from left): Geoff Smith, Greg Enever, Richard Kent, Claudia Birnbreier, Don Foy, Gavin Bird, Margot Finn and Jan Nixon. All but Richard and Margot continue to work for AAC.

Celebrating 20 years of growth

2018 marks 20 years since the privatisation of Archerfield Airport.

Since June 19, 1998, the airport has been managed by Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC), a local family owned business with ties to the airport dating back to the 1950s.

"The changes over the past 20 years have been gradual whilst AAC has consolidated and turned around a business that had previously run at a loss and was heavily subsidised by the public," according to Managing Director of AAC, Gavin Bird, who addressed a celebration event in June. Among the guests were most of the former airport General Managers, along with a number of staff, contractors and consultants who have been with AAC since 1998.

"AAC has now built a solid foundation upon which it will continue to modernise the airport. We look forward to seeing some exciting projects foreshadowed in the 2017 Master Plan coming to fruition over the coming 20 years."

Archerfield Airport has a long, distinguished history. It was established in the early 1930s as Brisbane's primary and international airport before serving as a key military base during World War II. Following the later creation of a new airport at Eagle Farm, Archerfield Airport became a flight training centre.

Lack of investment adversely impacted the airport's infrastructure by the late 1980s, and despite efforts by the Federal Airports Corporation to restore the airport to viability, a Federal Government



Former airport GMs (from left) Richard Kent, Gerard Campbell and Corrie Metz with current GM Heather Mattes.

decision was made to privatise Archerfield Airport together with 21 other significant Australian airports.

Through a program of repair, restoration and renewal, Archerfield Airport has consolidated as Brisbane's metropolitan airport. It is now a key hub for aeromedical/retrieval/emergency services, corporate and business jets and flight training for fixed-wing and helicopter services for SE Queensland. Archerfield is the state's major GA airport and it contributes substantially to the local and state economy.

To thank tenants, airport operators and pilots for their support over the past 20 years, this month was **FREE FLY JULY** at Archerfield Airport. All AAC fees for landings conducted during the month of July will be waived to acknowledge the many years of co-operative partnership that AAC has enjoyed with its airport community.



A message from the **GENERAL MANAGER**

We are so humbled and excited to support two community groups' social projects. We are working with Acacia Ridge Football Club on a new junior program supported by Queensland Football to enhance community support and involvement. The junior team plans to start in Term Three in local schools and will take about two years to get traction, with ethnic communities working with "Welcome to Australia/Welcome to the Game" and facebook marketing through Football Queensland and Football Brisbane.

We are also supporting "belong" (belong.org.au) to build resources at their Food Co-op at Acacia Ridge Community Centre and provide affordable groceries to low income earners.

Archerfield Airport was the scene of a diligently planned emergency exercise, "Broken Bird", recently. It attracted much interest and demonstrated excellent efforts by emergency services. It is always a practice to promote continuous learnings and application for improvement.

Watch for these events coming up... RAPAC SEQ (July 24); CASA Av Safety Seminar (Redcliffe Aug 3); CASA Av Safety Seminar (Caloundra Aug 16); Outback Air Race (Aug 19); YBAF Local Runway Safety Team Meet (Aug 23); 2018 Battle of Britain Dawn Patrol (Sept 16); Archerfield Airport Brisbane Open House (Oct 13); Warbirds Down Under – Temora (Oct 12,13); and Airport Safety Week (Oct 15-21).

Safe landings.



Heather Mattes
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Supporting the community

AAC has become Acacia Ridge Football Club's first Gold Sponsor to support the growth of junior football in the Archerfield area.

The sponsorship of \$5,000 a year for the next three years will help develop and implement a junior football program. It will finance coaching resources, uniforms, training equipment, a coaching coordinator and field markings and maintenance. The re-establishment of junior football at the club is welcomed by the local community which has a high proportion of new Australians with limited income and opportunities.



SPOTLIGHT ON: **Graham Carroll – Angel Flight pilot**

Graham Carroll is one of several Archerfield Airport based pilots who volunteer for Angel Flight, a charity that coordinates non-emergency flights for country people who need to travel to the city for specialist medical treatment.

The flights are free to patients, with pilots donating their skills and aircraft, and Angel Flight meeting the cost of fuel and other expenses. In support of this vital service, AAC waives landing fees. So far this year, more than 80 Angel Flight missions have flown in or out of the airport.

Graham Carroll knows exactly what it's like to live in rural Australia and face the challenges of accessing medical treatment unavailable in the bush. For many years, Graham would regularly pack up his family and drive 12 hours from central NSW to Brisbane for treatment for his special needs son. After a few weeks of therapy, he would drive the 12 hours home; then do it all again a few months later.

Now semi-retired and living in Brisbane, Graham heard about Angel Flight while he was working as a refueller at Archerfield Airport.

"I thought what a great thing to do," he said. "As a volunteer pilot, I've been able to combine my love of flying with helping people who miss out on so much living in the bush, especially families where children suffer multiple problems."

With flying in his DNA, Graham gained his restricted pilot's licence in 1981; however it wasn't until he bought his own aircraft (a Cirrus SR 20) in 2007 that he started flying regularly. Since volunteering as an Angel Flight pilot in 2013, Graham has flown more than 100 missions across Queensland and parts of NSW, bringing people to and from Brisbane and key regional centres for non-urgent medical treatment.

Graham's association with Angel Flight followed many years of community involvement in his home town of Orange, including volunteering for the Rural Fire Service and Australian National Field Days.

"I know how hard it is living so far from a hospital or a specialist, so flying for Angel Flight is very satisfying. And I've met many interesting people – like the old shearer from Longreach who spent most of our flight to Rockhampton pointing out all the outback stations he had worked on over the years.

"Being an Angel Flight pilot represents a higher level of flying because people rely on you to be at a specific place at a set time. Flying regularly and to a schedule certainly helps to sharpen your flying," Graham explains.

While Angel Flight pilots do not carry aeromedical equipment, their credentials do exceed CASA requirements for the carriage of passengers, who often travel with wheelchairs, walkers, children's car seats and other aids, and are not always seasoned light aircraft travellers. An ability to 'go with the flow' is a real asset for an Angel Flight pilot.

Graham plans to continue his volunteer work with Angel Flight while indulging his love of flying. **For more information about Angel Flight, call 1300 726 567.**

Airport security

A recent incident in which unauthorised individuals were escorted off the airport by Police highlights the need for tenants to be security conscious at all times. Thank you to those who reported the suspicious behaviour. AAC reminds tenants and operators to ensure that all doors and gates to properties (especially those with airside access) are closed at all times.

FIRE ANT ALERT

Numerous fire ant nests have been identified at Archerfield Airport and are awaiting treatment by Biosecurity Queensland. Fire ants are a serious pest with the potential to cause major social, environmental and economic impacts – not to mention their dangerous sting. If you come across fire ants, please do not touch the nest or try to treat it. Instead, call AAC on 3275 8000. For more about fire ants, visit www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/invasive-ants/fire-ants



Outback Air Race countdown

The countdown is now on for the start of the Outback Air Race which departs from Archerfield Airport from 8.30am on Sunday August 19.

A record field of 40 aircraft will participate in this 12 day, GPS-based navigation time trial over 4,000km of remote Australia. The unique event is held every three years to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) – and 2018 is the 90th anniversary of RFDS's first flight in 1928.

To help boost fund-raising, organisers will host a pre-race launch event at Archerfield Jet Base's historic Hangar 5 from 6pm on Saturday August 18. Tickets are \$75 each (includes dinner and soft drinks), with a cash bar operating. For more information or tickets, contact treasurer@outbackairrace.com.au.

'Broken Bird' 2018 emergency exercise

Learnings from a mock emergency exercise in July have been incorporated into Archerfield Airport's emergency management plan.

"Broken Bird" was a real-time exercise involving personnel from AAC, Airservices Australia, Queensland Police, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Ambulance Service and Queensland Government Air Wing. Using smoke devices and paramedic students posing as injured passengers, the exercise simulated an aircraft crash and tested response times and multi-agency emergency management procedures. Thank you to all involved.



Come to Brisbane Open House!

For the fourth consecutive year, **Brisbane Open House** comes to Archerfield Airport.

Thousands of visitors are expected at the airport on **Saturday, October 13** (10am to 4pm) to see first-hand the interesting architecture within Brisbane's original airport.

Brisbane Open House showcases the city's many interesting buildings, including the distinctive restored airport terminal

building and the igloo-shaped Hangar 5 which was the Qantas departure point for the first passenger-carrying flights to England in 1931.

The theme for Brisbane Open House at the airport is *A rich past, an exciting future* – and tenants and visitors are encouraged to 'dress up' in aviation-related gear. Admission is free and highlights include guided airside bus tours, self-guided tours, hangar and static displays, food and entertainment, helicopter joy flights, warbird joy flights and discounted jet flights (pre-bookings recommended).



Dawn Patrol

Congratulations to all who participated in the Battle of the Coral Sea Dawn Patrol which departed from Archerfield Airport in May. The winner was Ian Tait (centre) pictured with second place winner Daniel Argent (left) and event host, Brian Westin (right) from Southern Skies. The timed navigation event commemorated the Battle of the Coral Sea, taking pilots and their navigators over several SE Queensland lakes. The next Dawn Patrol is scheduled in September to mark the Battle of Britain.

FOR LEASE

The following is a selection of airport premises now available for lease.

Building 20: Recently refurbished stand-alone offices (229sq.m.) just off Beatty Rd near the Terminal Building. Highly suitable corporate location for up to 15 staff. Access to major arterial roads and close to aviation and training related businesses.

Hangar 604: An excellent steel and Colorbond hangar off Lores Bonney Drive and close to runway 28L. Features bi-fold hangar doors sliding from the centre. 15.3m x 12.36m on a 357sq.m. site.

Aeroport 227: This 180sq.m. site is located in the Beatty Road Precinct. Features: steel clad walls with chain wire security gates; 14m width x 10m length x 3m height to ceiling with 4m height to apex; hardstand with central concrete and gravelled sides.

Hangar 003: Approx. area of 1773sq.m. with fantastic exposure to very busy Beatty Road. Internal demolition is completed and ready for fit-out. Features: new roof; four sliding hangar doors (door height currently 4.1m approx.).

For more information on these and other available sites, visit www.archerfieldairport.com.au or call AAC Property Manager, Claudia Birnbreier on 07 3275 8000.



Airport aura

Perfect weather conditions in April created this stunning rainbow over Archerfield Airport, captured by AAC Head Foreman, Don Foy.

Drone safety app

The growing popularity of drones for both recreational and commercial uses has led to the development of a smartphone app called 'Can I Fly There?'. It's available through the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (www.casa.gov.au) and shows where you are not allowed to fly (for instance, no closer than 5.5km from a controlled aerodrome like Archerfield Airport).

Improved fuel services

The Archerfield Airport aviation fuel strategy is now underway to improve customer service and fuel prices, as well as protect airport pavements through better truck use. The fixed assets of World Fuel Services have been acquired, and negotiations are being held with existing suppliers. The intention is that avgas will still be available via bowser, and avgas and jet fuel into-plane services will continue.

Airport film set

Archerfield Airport became a film set in June for scenes from a new movie about the Battle of Long Tan. 'Danger Close' will be released later this year, and is a drama highlighting wartime heroism and sacrifice. The Battle of Long Tan was a key battle of the Vietnam War which involved just over 100 mostly inexperienced Australian and New Zealand soldiers and some 2,500 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers. Eighteen Australians and more than 500 enemy soldiers died.



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