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Archerfield

Brisbane's Metropolitan Airport



Representatives from LifeFlight, AAC, Queensland Health and corporate partners in the soon-to-be completed LifeFlight rescue helicopter base. Photo courtesy RACQ LifeFlight Rescue.

LifeFlight rescue base for **Archerfield Airport**

Archerfield Airport will be the new 'home' later this year to two Brisbane-based RACQ LifeFlight Rescue AW139 helicopters and crews.

The purpose-built base will complement Archerfield Airport Corporation's vision to develop the airport into a key aeromedical/emergency services hub for South East Queensland. Queensland Government Air Wing and Rescue 500, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, the Queensland Police Service and LifeFlight's heavy maintenance operations already operate from Archerfield Airport.

The facility will include two helicopter parking areas for the state-of-the-art AW139s, space for both choppers in the hangar, on-site accommodation for two medical staff and two aircrew, offices, training facilities and a crew operations room. AAC is contributing to the \$500,000 cost to convert its existing building for LifeFlight.

While Queensland Health sponsors the crew accommodation module, corporate partner Aqualuma has sponsored energy-efficient commercial LED lighting throughout the base. A 40,000 litre refuelling facility will benefit LifeFlight crews from other regional bases, allowing them to quickly refuel before returning home after airlifting patients to Brisbane hospitals.

LifeFlight's Chief Operating Officer, Brian Guthrie, said the move from Brisbane Airport to Archerfield Airport would reduce operational costs and allow the rescue helicopters to become airborne more quickly on a consistent basis. LifeFlight is a world leader in aeromedical care, and Brisbane is its busiest aeromedical base. In 2016-17, a record 5,252 missions (647 from Brisbane) were flown throughout Queensland and around the world by LifeFlight's aeromedical crews, community helicopters and Air Ambulance jets.

LifeFlight is a community-based charity funded and supported by the LifeFlight Foundation.



A message from the **GENERAL MANAGER**

Archerfield Airport is moving into an exciting phase of growth and modernisation with plans to realise its vision following the approval of the 2017 – 2037 Master Plan. We have seen the arrival of new corporate jets, the expansion of Basair Aviation College, the relocation of LifeFlight Operations from Brisbane Airport, completion of Transition Logistics Park external works and the latest round of new airside works.

Being based at Archerfield Airport is more and more seen as operationally efficient and cost-effective by numerous aviation and aerospace operators. The airport's proximity to the CBD, hospitals and key facilities, the commercial terms and development opportunities, and metropolitan access are driving increasing demand for hangar, office and commercial space.

We are working closely with Airservices Australia and Aviation Projects to ensure improvements in airspace architecture, and with CASA and Jasko Airport Services to ensure safety compliance. We are planning our airside infrastructure modernisation program to maximise and enhance the airport capacity and capability. We are also working with our aviation fuel providers in order to drive competitive fuel costs and provide improved customer service.

Recently AAC sponsored Run-a-way North – six students on a mission to visit outback schools and raise money for RFDS, and generously supported LifeFlight at the annual Golf Day (with the Archerfield Eagles playing a mean 18 holes), Save the Children and Aussie Helpers. This support highlights AAC's commitment to these and other charities.

Safe landings,

Heather Mattes
General Manager

New life for former RQAC premises

Basair Aviation College will occupy the former Royal Queensland Aero Club (RQAC) premises at Archerfield Airport following an exhaustive Expression of Interest process conducted for AAC by Jones Lang LaSalle.

Basair has leased the airport's Aviation Student Accommodation and Training Complex since 2014 – and with the complex fully occupied for the first time and the College operating at maximum capacity, the College needs more space to expand. Basair will soon launch Brisbane Aviators to provide charter and part-time flying training, and operate as a Boeing approved testing facility from 2018.



Photo: Defence

The Roulettes are coming!

The internationally renowned RAAF Roulettes aerobatic display team will be a highlight of the free Brisbane Open House at Archerfield Airport on **Saturday, October 7, 2017.**

The aerial display starts at 10am and features world-class formation flying, with the Roulettes' Pilatus PC-9/A aircraft flying as close as 3m apart, up to speeds of 460km per hour, and as low as 80m.

Brisbane Open House (from 10am to 4pm) at the airport this year celebrates Archerfield's long history, its many achievements and future plans. Archerfield Airport was Brisbane's major airport in the 1930s and a key military airbase for Australia during the Pacific Campaign of World War 2. It is now Brisbane's metropolitan airport and a key centre for flight training and corporate and aeromedical/emergency services.

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 for the occasion. As well as the Roulettes' flying spectacular (*subject to RAAF operational requirements), helicopter joy flights and discounted jet flights are expected to be popular, with pre-bookings recommended. Food will be available and free activities on the day include guided airside bus tours, self-guided tours, hangar and static aircraft displays, and entertainment.

Master Plan approval

The Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Darren Chester, has approved Archerfield Airport's Draft Master Plan (2017 – 2037).

In approving the draft plan, the Minister acknowledged the airport's important contribution to Brisbane and many South East Queensland regional centres, as well as the airport's economic significance to Queensland.

He said his department looked forward to AAC's continued focus on community engagement, safety, security and environmental considerations in line with further growth of the airport. AAC thanks everyone who commented on the draft.

LifeFlight Open Day success

More than 650 people supported LifeFlight's Community Open Day at Archerfield Airport in June, with almost \$3000 raised on the day. The event was such a success that another is planned on Saturday October 7 as part of Brisbane Open House.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS:

AAC's Wildlife Hazard Management Plan identifies bird and other wildlife hazards on airport as well as the controls to mitigate associated risks to aircraft operations. The number of Magpie strikes has increased from an average of one a year in 2010 to seven in 2016. Four strikes involving Magpies have already occurred this year.

It's important to avoid any attractants; in particular food sources. Please keep waste bins closed and note that feeding birds on airport is not permitted. Feral Pigeons are also an issue; and while AAC is doing all it can to discourage Pigeons, the birds access hangars through open doors. Tenants should consider using ultrasonic or other bird repellents, or contacting a consultant (such as NatureCall or Avisure) for advice and/or treatment.



Improvement works

The airport's runways, taxiways and pavements will benefit from several projects currently underway.

The runway line marking project was carried out in a record two-and-a-half days and included threshold markings, numbers, centre lines, holding point lines and taxiway lines. The annual servicing of runway taxiway lighting was conducted at the same time.

Pavement works were carried out along a section of Taxiway Alpha (Alpha 4 to Alpha 5), Taxiway Bravo (near Hangar 105 – Ian's Aviation) and the apron area beside Gate 1. These works included the remediation of some failed sections, including the incorporation of new fill and geocomposite material, and the application of a new sprayed seal surface. Pavement work in the main carpark was also undertaken.

Airport groundsman, Dan Hindle (pictured) re-lines the 28R/10L runway centre line.



ASICs Agency at Archerfield Airport

Archerfield Airport is pleased to announce that it is now an agent for the issue of Aviation Security Identification Cards (ASICs) by Aviation ID Australia, one of Australia's leading ASIC suppliers. AAC will issue ASICs face to face after approval, providing a better service to tenants and saving them considerable time and worry.

Welcome Donna and Rhys

AAC welcomes Donna Rohweder and Rhys Moore to the team.

Donna joined AAC after working in a temporary position as Executive Support Officer at Queensland Government Air. As Receptionist and Office Administrator at AAC, she draws on extensive experience in office and accounts management, including roles as an Electorate Officer for a State Member and PA to a Brisbane City Councillor.

Rhys is AAC's Property & Facility Management Support Officer who recently settled in Australia from Wales. He holds a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and has worked in a variety of industries as well as one of Europe's largest engineering organisations. New to the aviation sector, Rhys says he enjoys the diversity of the role and the broad responsibilities that come with working at such a key site.



Flying high

Archerfield Airport was pleased to sponsor this group of enthusiastic student pilots from Basair Aviation College for a unique 13 day air trip that recently took them across Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Run-a-way North was all about building 'command flying' hours for the young pilots' commercial pilots' licences, raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and inspiring others. Trish Curry, Tyler Allan, Aidan Curtis, Daniel Blinks, Mitchell Armsden and Jake Dickson (pictured) spoke to school children in several remote communities about possible careers in aviation and shared their experiences addressing common problems such as moving, money, motivation, marks and mates.

Other sponsors of "Run-a-way North" were Basair, Johnson Real Estate, OzRunways, Spidertracks and Whitsunday Aviation Village Estate.



towertalk

During winter, Archerfield Airport experienced several days of strong south-westerly winds – and these conditions normally require the tower to change the duty runways to the Runway 22 grass runway complex (depending on the serviceability of the grass). Pilots should be aware of the following:

- When vacating runway 22 Right (or 04 Left) after landing, a clearance is required from the Surface Movement Controller on 119.9 to cross runway 22 Left (04 Right).
- Pilots landing on runway 22 Right should be aware of the permanent displaced threshold for landing marked by the bitumen touchdown pad. The full length of 22 Right is available for departure.
- When using grass taxiways, extra caution should be exercised as they can be less defined than bitumen taxiways. Taxi slowly and keep a lookout for runway holding points to avoid entering an active runway without a clearance to do so.

Until next time, enjoy your flying.

George Lane

Manager, Archerfield Control Tower

Safety focus

Manoeuvring area procedures

Tenants & operators who enter the airport's manoeuvring area either by foot or vehicle should follow correct safety procedures:

- Be "AAC approved" to be airside.
- Vehicles to display flashing light.
- Authorised access only.
- Wear hi-vis clothing.
- Carry a handheld radio when entering the manoeuvring area by foot.
- Vehicles entering the manoeuvring area must have a radio installed.
- Ensure you are familiar with the airport layout.
- Plan your trip (are you crossing runways?).
- "Be seen and be heard".
- Do not allow other people or vehicles to follow you through the gates.

Sheryl de Bruyn

Airport Planning and Compliance Manager

FOR LEASE

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

Hangar 235 (Bay B): Modern hangar with concrete end partition walls and double sliding doors each side with personnel access door. Dimensions – 15m x 12.4m x 3.6m (clearance). Airside access only.

Aeroport 227: Aeroport located on a 180m site in the Beatty Rd Precinct. Steel clad walls with chain wire security gates. 14m x 10m length x 3m height to ceiling with 4m height to apex. Hardstand with central concrete and gravelled sides.

Site 205: Located north of the airport (Qantas Ave - facing Beatty Rd), this fully fenced, secure 4,783 sq.m. hardstand and 180 sq.m. air-conditioned demountable office has huge exposure in an excellent location. Frontage of 128 sq.m. to busy Beatty Rd and gated vehicle access to Qantas Ave on Airport. Hardstand is mostly compacted gravel. General industry zoning.

Terminal Building – Room 028C: Two air-conditioned, ground floor offices (40 sq.m.) including kitchenette. Excellent location in Terminal Building, adjoining the Passenger Lounge.

Building 030: Air-conditioned demountable office on 60 sq.m. site. Basic standard building including bathroom, small kitchenette, power, water and sewer connected.

For more details, visit www.archerfieldairport.com.au or call AAC Property Manager, Claudia Birnbreier on 07 3275 8000.



Airport stages major media event

Archerfield Airport's wide open spaces and a massive Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle (CRV) formed the perfect backdrop for a major media announcement in July by Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk. The Premier outlined plans by Rheinmetall Defence Australia to relocate operations from South Australia to Queensland should it win a \$5 billion defence contract to deliver 225 CRVs for the Australian Army. The move would be a major boost to employment and would transfer a range of technologies and skills to local companies.

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