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Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown Runway Resheet Complete



Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown has completed an infrastructure investment program to resheet the Runway Centre, the main runway of the Airport. The \$1.5million works program will be conducted in two stages.

These works are a substantial investment in the aviation infrastructure at the Airport and maintains the existing capability of the runway; the Airport remains Code 3C. At the completion of works users will be provided with a premium surface that is smoother and safer.

The work occurred during daylight hours. The runway was reinstated for evening and overnight operations. We placed significant safety and operational requirements on the contractor including returning the runway to service every afternoon for overnight operations and ensuring the runway surface had no loose material on it for overnight operations.

We are grateful to all airport users for

their patience and cooperation during the program. This project was a major undertaking, requiring significant coordination between contractors, the regulators and users of the Airport.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is certainly doing its fair share of investment in the Western Sydney economy with \$43million of developments undertaken since 2003 and this current project is injecting another \$1.5million. Our economic studies show that the Airport supports 6,000 direct and indirect jobs and \$750million of economic activity into the local economy each year.

With 40 to 50 people to be employed on this project, nothing beats seeing

real work by real people delivering a real project.

This project is one of many recent capital works projects going on around the Airport which add economic impact and job creation to the local economy. From 2003 to 2009 there has been \$31million of developments and capital investment conducted at the Airport, all of which benefit the local economy.

Currently we have several significant projects underway including the \$7million expansion of Pickles Auctions facility, a planned \$4million new facility for storage company and CHEP pallet agent, Keep It Simple Systems Pty Ltd (KISS), and a \$1million refurbishment program for the University of New South Wales aviation campus. This all adds up to Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown being a place of growth and opportunity for the aviation and non-aviation businesses.



Aviation

- 26th Busiest Airport in the World
- Busiest Airport in Australia
- 347,266 movements in 2009
- Movements YTD 99,580
- Movements last month 31,212
- Code 3C Airport – corporate jets, turbo props, twin engine and helicopters

Aviation Infrastructure

- Total aviation infrastructure –3 runways, multiple taxiways, passenger terminal, hardstand, and grassed parking
- An Air Traffic Control tower – unlike other regional airports
- Total area of pavement is over 450,000 m2 across the two airports
- Lighting -2 runways and numerous taxiways have lighting
- Approx 550 lights and 10 km of cabling

Infrastructure

- The Airport has a Road Network Pavement of 90,000 m2 and 800 m2 of Footpaths Road Network Kerb - excludes Nancy Ellis Leebold Drive - 10,000 lineal metres
- Mains Services with 12 substations and associated switchgear
- 5,872 metres of High Voltage cabling & 8,900 metres of low voltage cabling
- More than 40 distribution pillar-boxes
- 6,000 metres of sewer piping, 8,000 metres of water piping including over 100 hydrants, 65 stop valves
- 4 Sewer pumping stations

New Home for Chep Pallet Agent



Leading Chep Pallets agent Keep It Simple Systems Pty Ltd (KISS) will establish new facilities on the western perimeter of Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown.

The deal valued at \$4 million, will see KISS enter a ten year lease for a new 7,000 square metre pallet recycling and storage facility before the end of 2010.

During the preliminary process extensive impact studies were undertaken to ensure that local communities and the environment would experience minimal impact.

The KISS site can be accessed only by Tower Road, off Henry Lawson Drive. There will be no related traffic flow from the KISS site that will impact residential areas to the north of the airport. The revenue generated from the proposal will in part be used to subsidise the maintenance for aeronautical as well as non-aeronautical infrastructure including repair and maintenance works on Tower Road.

Careful consideration was also given to storm water management and protection of environmental space that

adjoins the site including local fauna which is indigenous to the area.

The proposed KISS development does not reduce the land available for aviation related development and is in an area zoned non-aviation in the current Airport Master Plan. It will not compromise the current and future aviation capacity of Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown.

As part of our Development Application assessment process, the proposal has been assessed by a respected aeronautical engineering company. The results of this assessment have been provided to the aviation regulators and the Airport Building Controller. This assessment has confirmed that the proposal will not impact on the overshoot/undershoot zone at the end of the runway and that it will not create wind effects or turbulence for aviation operations.

For more information about the development visit our website. Construction of the new KISS facility is timed to commence in July, with completion due prior to the end of 2010.

Royal Flying Doctor Service Open Day



Local fire-fighters and paramedics joined the RFDS at the Open Day

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) threw open its hangar doors for the 2010 Base Open Day at Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown in May. The Open Days show the RFDS members and supporters the world of the Flying Doctor. Members and supporters were able to step aboard a state-of-the-art aircraft, to see the vital medical equipment that the generous donations purchase, meet the flying doctors, nurses and pilots

and hear about their amazing emergency rescues, and to purchase RFDS merchandise.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is a proud supporter of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. For more information about this vital community health service, visit - www.flyingdoctor.org.au

Sydney Metro Airports Has 'Talent' & Room to Film

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown welcomed a film crew for Channel 7's 'Australia's Got Talent' as they filmed highlight footage to launch the 2010 series.

As well as providing the location for the filming, we provided logistics support for the crew of 3 celebrity judges and a cast of 80 extras.

For more information about the Airports' filming capabilities, visit our Airport Studios website - www.sydneymetroairportsstudios.com

Bankstown Airport provided an aviation backdrop for filming of the new series of 'Australia's Got Talent'. Judges Danni Minogue, Brian McFadden and Kyle Sandilands were welcomed in grand style on the tarmac in front of our Passenger Terminal.

The organisation of the 'Australia's Got Talent' shoot is another example of the creative, flexible filming solutions we offer at Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown.



Environment News

Airport Environment Strategy Approved

The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has approved the Airport Environment Strategy 2010 for Bankstown Airport.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is committed to implementing and maintaining environmental management initiatives that promote sound environmental management policies and practices in all airport activities. The Environment Strategy has a 5 year timeframe and outlines management plans for specific ground-based environmental issues.

The documents are available for inspection and purchase by members of the public for \$35.00 each (plus postage & handling), during normal office hours at Sydney Metro Airports Management Centre 3 Avro Street Bankstown Airport, while the Strategies remain in force (2010 to 2015).

The documents can also be downloaded from our website www.sydneymetroairport.com.au

Pickles Auctions – Eastern Precinct

The development of the Pickles Auction site is in its final stages. One of the last jobs is to landscape the site and to join the swale that collects overland flow from the adjacent land to the drain within the Airport's Environment Protection Zone.

Landscape contractors are currently planting more than 20,000 trees, shrubs and groundcovers, all native and endemic to the Bankstown area. An area that was once overgrown with weeds will be transformed as these

native plants grow. Particular attention has been paid to the swale connecting to the drain within the Environment Protection Zone to ensure the impacts of these works do not affect the bushland area in a detrimental fashion. To prevent erosion of the swale where it enters the drain a geo-web material has been laid down to provide strength and stability. This geo-web has been filled with soil and seeded with native grasses: The grasses will impede the water flow in the swale and thereby stop erosion within the drain.

Protecting the Georges River

Runoff from the newly expanded Pickles Auction site will be filtered to remove sediment and hydrocarbons before discharging via Milperra Drain to the Georges River.

During design of the new facility we took into consideration the potential for runoff from the site and how to manage the downstream flow. Massive on-site detention pits are installed beneath the built platform and an Ecosol RSF 4000 Solid Pollutant filter / Oil & Grease Arrestor is installed at the point of discharge to Milperra Drain.

The on-site detention (OSD) pits are designed to catch and hold all the runoff generated from the site during a storm event. This water is released slowly to the Milperra Drain and Georges River after the peak discharge of the storm event has passed

Pickles Project – At a Glance

- Cut (Initial excavation) 30,000 cubic metres of earth
- Fill 18,000 cubic metres to be compacted to designed levels
- Hardstand area 46,000 square metres of cement stabilised recycled roadbase
- 6,200 square metres of turf laid in banks and dish drains
- 1 kilometre of hardwood edging
- 25,000 plants as part of the landscaping works
- Onsite water detention and drainage designed for a 100 year flood
- 300 metres of drainage pipes up to 2.200 metre diameter
- Unsuitable filling removed 4,000 cubic metres – arising from prior use of area as a 'tip site'
- Surface water collected is treated through a filtering pit



On-site detention pits at the Pickles Site

Sydney Metro Airport Team Cleans Up Camden

The team from Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden rolled up their sleeves on 1 April 2010 to remove rubbish from the entrance to Camden Airport as a part of the 2010 Clean Up Australia Day campaign.

We are a regular participant in the annual Business Clean Up Campaign and this year we chose Macquarie Grove Reserve as the cleanup site and the road side verge along the entrance to the Airport.

Our team of 20 staff from Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden collected approximately 1.5m³ waste material from an area less than 300m². The site consisted of rough, dense regrowth beside the Nepean River.

The main items the team collected were discarded bottles and general rubbish. Some unusual items found included a motor cycle engine casing and a plastic inflatable dingy.

We are grateful to Camden Council for their support in assisting with the disposal of the waste we collected.



The Sydney Metro Airport Team with the rubbish collected

Waste that is not disposed of properly impacts negatively on our environment. We have detailed simple and cost effective actions to reduce waste as well as action that can help combat climate

change in our Climate Change Handbook which is available on our website in the Environment section.

Regeneration of Endangered Ecological Community continues at Camden

In our Master Plan and Airport Environment Strategy for Camden Airport, we have undertaken to conserve roughly 60 hectare of native bush and grassland adjacent to the Nepean River. The bushland within this Environment Protection Zone is River Flat Eucalypt Forest, which is listed as an Endangered Ecological Community under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act. It is estimated that less than 30 percent of this once extensive vegetative community remains.

Over recent years we've undertaken considerable bush regeneration works within the area. The photos show the bushland and in 2007 and in 2010 – The difference is striking and has been achieved through persistent work.

In 2007/08, with the assistance of a grant from the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, we removed an infestation of African Olive trees from the photographed area and Privet from another area. At the time



we organised Corporate and Community planting days and planted over 6,000 mid-storey and ground cover species in the cleared areas.

The work is ongoing; in recent weeks you may have noticed Greening Australia undertaking weed suppression work.

New Website for Sydney Metro Airports

The new Sydney Metro Airports website was launched earlier this year. Our new website is bigger and brighter with new navigational tools to help you find what you need easily and quickly.

Our new website covers both Bankstown and Camden Airports, Australia's premier general aviation airports. The new website includes links to Sydney Metro Airports Studios and Sydney Metro

Airport Business Park and we are building a new customer directory to help you find your way to the 180 businesses based on our two Airports.

It contains all the old favourites including our monthly newsletters, on the spot news items and our Master Plans.

In the interest of the environment we are replacing the publication of

our quarterly newsletter which we delivered to 30,000 homes across the community in hard copy, to a yearly Community Report. Our monthly electronic newsletters contain a great deal of information.

To sign-up for news and view information relating to the Airport visit - www.sydneymetroairports.com.au

Tower Road Closed



Tower Road and the adjoining Link Road are internal, private Airport roads and were built to provide access to airport tenancies. They were never meant to be public connector roads for Western Sydney and were not designed to handle that capacity.

Heavy traffic and bad weather have deteriorated Tower and Link Roads to the point where they need to be rebuilt at a cost estimated to be in excess of \$6million. It is unreasonable to ask a small group of airport users to pay for the rebuilding of a road which predominately was an alternate route to Henry Lawson Drive. We cannot support this level of expenditure for an internal road designed to service our customers and airport users. It is not just the ongoing maintenance costs but also the cost of rebuilding the road.

Bankstown Airport Limited is seeking funding assistance from local, state and federal agencies and we will keep the community informed of the responses we receive.

Congratulations to Basair Aviation College

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown congratulates Basair Aviation College on winning the 2010 Excellence in Aviation Awards at the Bankstown Local Business Awards.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is proud to continue our sponsorship with these important local awards and to recognise the hard work by local businesses across the local region.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Basair Aviation College on winning the 2010 Excellence in Aviation Award. Basair Aviation College has shown they are able to respond to changing market conditions

with innovation to see them in the robust position the company is enjoying today.

Basair was founded in 1991 and cater to a wide range of customers, from those that want a simple joy flight over Sydney Harbour -- to students studying for Commercial Pilot Licences, multi-engine endorsements, instrument flying and instructor ratings. Basair operate a fleet of over 50 aircraft and 44 high quality instructors, dedicated to training students to an excellent standard.

The company provides flight training to a very high quality and boast excellent, structured competency based curriculum

enabling students to typically achieve a commercial pilot licence in 8 months. The company teaches both the theory and the practical aspects of flying. Basair Aviation College offers flight training to domestic and International students up to Airline Pilot level.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown salutes Basair Aviation College for their achievement and ongoing passion in training the future leaders and operators in the aviation industry.

For more information about Basair Aviation College please visit their website www.basair.com.au

New CEO at Sydney Metro Airport

After 9 years as CEO at Sydney Metro Airports, Kim Ellis finished in June 2010. Kim has overseen the Airports through the transition from Government to private ownership, conducted the Airports' first Master Plan and seen the Airport grow to a thriving airport and business park.

Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden looks to the next step in its growth and development with a new Chief Executive Officer in Mr Colin Grove. Colin is at home at airports, having worked with the former Federal Airports Corporation as the National Manager Leasing overseeing 20 Airports across Australia and notably as the General Manager Property Development and Commercial Trading at Sydney Airport Corporation until 2008.

After leaving Sydney Airport, Colin has been engaged as an adviser to some of Australia's largest property owners, transport operators and a number of Government organizations, with a most recent appointment as the Director of Property Acquisitions and Commercial Redevelopment for the Sydney Metro Rail project.

"Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is a landmark location in Western Sydney with excellent prospects for growth and development in the aviation and non-aviation sectors. I am eager to continue building the Airport's reputation as a great place to locate and conduct business," said Colin Grove, CEO Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden.

"Both Bankstown and Camden Airports have an enviable record in the general aviation industry and sport aviation sector. Together with the Aviation team, I am keen to be part of continuing our reputation as Australia's premier General and Sport Aviation airports.

"I am conscious of the current pressures facing the general aviation industry across Australia and the fact that Bankstown and Camden Airports are not immune to these pressures. In partnership with the general aviation



industry we can maintain and create a sustainable general aviation sector at Sydney Metro Airports.

"Our capital investment program underpins our commitment to aviation, with the most recent example being the completion of the first stage of the \$1.5million resheeting program for Bankstown Airport's main runway. Stage two of the investment is planned to continue with works scheduled for mid 2011.

"Currently we have several significant projects underway including the \$7million expansion of Pickles Auctions facility, a planned \$4million new facility for storage company and CHEP pallet agent, Keep It Simple Systems Pty Ltd (KISS), and a \$1million refurbishment program for the University of New South Wales aviation campus. This all adds up to Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown being a place for growth and opportunity for aviation and non-aviation businesses.

"I look forward to leading the next chapter of growth at Sydney Metro Airports Bankstown and Camden."

History & Corporate Information

- Established 1940 as Airbase, Owners since 2003 include – JF Infrastructure, Westscheme & Colonial First State Management team of 28 staff
- Easy access to main Sydney arterial roads M5, M7, Hume Highway
- Airport creates employment directly or indirectly for 6,000 people
- Community partner sponsoring 12 local organisations each year

Regulation & Compliance

- Regulated by Federal Govt – Dept of Infrastructure Transport through the Airports Act 1996 regime
- Air traffic services supplied by Airservices Australia
- Pay taxes of \$1.4million each year to Bankstown City Council & Federal Government
- Airport conducted environmental audits on 103 tenants – 80% improvement over past year

Property

- Total Airport site is 313 hectares
- 180 tenants – aviation tenants & non-aviation tenants
- \$31million in development in past 3 years
- Total Area of Airport Owned Buildings 108,404 m²
- Area of Airport site subleases 1,234,247 m²

Judge Fines Airport Dumper \$104,000

On 23 June 2010 the Land and Environment Court found a man guilty of dumping waste on Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown land and was ordered by the Court to pay more than \$135,000.

We spend considerable resources keeping our airports clean for environmental and safety reasons. We have an environment team and a dedicated grounds maintenance team to oversee this important task. We also work closely with airport users, local state and Australian authorities.

We commend the majority of airport users who are responsible people and who respect and actively support the high environmental and safety standards that exist on our airports.

Doing the wrong thing on our airports is a very difficult thing to get away with unobserved - as the illegal dumper has found out. For a start, the many people who come to the airport for work and business each day are watching and we have several surveillance cameras in place across the Airport constantly recording. Airport users want a safe, secure airport and are the first line of support to ensure we keep a clean airport.

In 2009 an Airport tenant employee witnessed the selfish act of the illegal dumping of contaminated waste on Airport land near the roundabout at Nancy Ellis Leebold Drive. The witness



collected the registration details of the vehicle and reported the incident.

We worked closely with the Western Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Squad and using vehicle registration details and evidence collected in the waste, the RID Squad were able to identify the dumper. As well as being required to clean up the site, the dumper is facing additional prosecution for breach of environmental legislation.

Dumping illegal waste creates serious problems for the aviation community and airport users. Waste may attract birds from off airport and create aircraft safety issues and foreign object debris

on runways and taxiways are potential hazards. Occupational Health and Safety risks also arise from dumped building waste.

We encourage anyone who witnesses any dumping on the Airport to take note of the vehicle registration details and report it to the Airport Environment Team on 8709 9409. For all issues relating to dumping off the Airport, the Western Sydney RID Squad can be contacted directly on 4732 7446.

Dumping has become a major problem for the community and clean-up costs are enormous. We ask the community to please help keep our airports clean.

A new home for UNSW

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) has expanded its aviation campus at Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown. The work is complete on the refurbishment of the high street frontage office building on Airport Avenue. The refurbishment of this landmark building and subsequent refurbishment of their nearby hangar

will mark UNSW's growth into one of our Airport's most significant education and training facilities.

This will be a first for Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown, creating a campus style environment for study and training in flight and aviation related subjects. The work includes the refurbishment of

the area around the buildings and the addition of new dedicated parking for students and instructors.

The UNSW parking will be part of an ongoing program to improve the quality of road traffic and parking on Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown.



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