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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Archerfield Airport's Airspace Optimisation Project wins national award**

Archerfield Airport's Airspace Optimisation Project has been named Corporate Project of the Year at the Australian Airports' Association (AAA) national awards.

Announced in Adelaide last week, the award recognises project innovation and excellence that provides major benefits to an airport's operation. The Airspace Optimisation Project is a credit to the management team at Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) and Keith Tonkin of Aviation Projects who was engaged by AAC to implement the various project phases.

The project involves significant upgrading of the airport's airspace and flight procedures, enabling the safe, efficient operation of all aircraft up to performance category C.

Archerfield Airport was originally designed to accommodate small, low performance aircraft, and the improvements are ensuring that AAC meets increasing demand from operators of larger, higher performance aircraft. The airport will be able to support all aircraft operations under instrument meteorological conditions, 24 hours a day, before and after the commissioning of Brisbane Airport's new parallel runway.

Airport General Manager, Heather Mattes, said the project marked the start of a new era of modernisation at Archerfield Airport and would ensure the airport's sustainability and improved performance into the future.

"This award reflects the direction of Archerfield Airport as Brisbane's metropolitan airport, and we acknowledge the professional role played by Aviation Projects in assisting AAC to create a new chapter of aviation growth."

The project will continue to be rolled out in 2018. Initiatives include optimising the existing approach to runway 28R; upgrading the approach to runway 10L for use by performance category C aircraft; implementing and protecting category C circling areas; introducing Baro-VNAV approaches to runway 10L /28R (due for flight validation next February) and a host of other measures such as delivering a broadcast capability to the automatic weather station and reducing airport obstacles.

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