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AAC ANNOUNCES AVIATION STUDENT ACCOMMODATION COMPLEX FOR ARCHERFIELD

Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) is investing more than \$4 million to stimulate the development of pilot training at the airport. The Corporation today unveiled plans for its onsite aviation student accommodation complex (pictured), a first for the airport.

Originally let by the Federal Airports Corporation in the early 1990's for commercial office purposes, Building 9 in Grenier Drive will be transformed into a hub for aviation activities.



When the refurbishment work is completed next year, the two-storey building will accommodate up to 40 aviation students and feature modern décor, personal breakout study areas, and commercial kitchen, dining and lounge rooms. Up to four offices on the ground floor will also be available for lease by commercial tenants, with a preference given to those providing aviation-related services.

Airport General Manager, Corrie Metz, said the investment aimed to support a major growth sector at the airport. Currently, nine airport tenants conduct pilot training and aviation-related courses, making Archerfield the state's key flight training centre.

"Over the past few years AAC has received a number of enquiries from flying training organisations both on and off field seeking quality, affordable onsite accommodation," Mr Metz said.



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“The facility will meet this demand and add a new level of service associated with pilot training at the airport, especially for interstate and overseas students. The Corporation will consider further expansion of the accommodation facility in the future if it proves successful.”

The building, which is close to the airport terminal, will be modernised externally and totally refurbished internally. It will give students the opportunity to accelerate their learning with the aid of a purpose-built viewing platform. The platform will offer 360 degree views of the surrounding airspace, allowing students to observe circuit traffic whilst listening to radio communications, significantly improving their situational awareness.

Whilst movements at the airport hovered around 300,000 per annum in the late 1980's, they currently sit at around half this level. AAC will seek to improve the airport's market share for pilot training over the coming years by upgrading existing infrastructure.

Along with developing the airport's first onsite aviation student accommodation, the Corporation proposes to enhance the existing grass runways by moving them away from low lying, flood-prone areas whilst bringing them up to current standards. Movement Area Guidance Signs were also recently installed beside the major runways and taxiways to assist trainee pilots conducting ground operations.

“Such initiatives are reflective of AAC's vision for the ongoing development of the airport into a world-class aviation facility,” Mr Metz said.

The airport, located just 11kms from the Brisbane CBD, is ideally positioned to cater for pilot training activities. It consists of two asphalt and two grass runways providing trainee pilots with superior facilities in comparison to other airports within the region. Its Mediterranean style climate and close proximity to Stradbroke, Moreton and Fraser Islands also gives it an added advantage over many of the airports located in the southern states.

Pilot and aviation training at the airport is available through:

- Airline Academy of Australia (07) 3276 7044
- Attitude Helicopter Training (07) 3277 8665
- Daedalus Aviation (07) 3275 1113
- Flight One (07) 3213 7300
- Gil Layt's Flying School (07) 3277 5277
- Pathfinder Aviation (07) 3255 5734
- Royal Qld Aero Club (07) 3275 3244



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- Southern Skies Aviation (07) 3277 0747
- V Squared Helicopters (07) 3274 6666

The student accommodation complex is the latest initiative to be implemented under the Airport Master Plan 2011-31. Nearby residents or others interested in future developments at the airport (including proposals to realign the grass runways) can sign up to the airport's e-newsletter by contacting AAC on 3275 8000 or by sending an email to aac@archerfieldairport.com.au

Aviation-related companies wishing to lease accommodation and/or office space in the new complex can contact AAC Property Manager, Claudia Birnbreier on 3275 8000.

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