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MEDIA RELEASE

AAC announces appointment of Airport Planning and Policy Manager

Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) today announced the appointment of former RAAF Wing Commander, Alan Cook CSC FAIM, as Airport Planning and Policy Manager.

Bringing extensive industry knowledge and management experience to the AAC, Mr Cook is responsible for managing the airport's compliance and regulatory functions, and policy development.

For three years Mr Cook commanded the RAAF Base at Darwin, assisting the safe evacuation of 1,500 refugees from East Timor at the height of the 1999 crisis. He left the RAAF at the rank of Wing Commander and was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross, the highest peacetime award honour, for his achievements commanding RAAF Darwin.

Mr Cook's post-military career included management roles both within and outside general aviation. In 2004 he was appointed Regional Manager North Queensland, of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). In 2006, he took on the national role of General Manager, General Aviation Operations. Responsibilities included entry control, the national general aviation surveillance program, enforcement and industry education and training, plus legislation and compliance activities.

More recently Mr Cook was Chief Operating Officer of Aviation Management Pty Ltd, a division of global jewellery giant, Paspaley Pearls Group. In this diverse role, he managed four aviation sectors: AeroRescue Pty Ltd, Pearl Aviation Australia Pty Ltd, AeroPearl Pty Ltd and Pearl Aero Engineering Pty Ltd. For the past 12 months Mr Cook worked as an aviation and management consultant.

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