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MEDIA RELEASE

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 by Jones Lang LaSalle for Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC).

Basair is Australia's largest flying school and provides flight training for Griffith University's Graduate Diploma, Boeing's Pilot Development Program and Diploma courses where students may be eligible for VET Student Loans.

Basair has leased the Aviation Student Accommodation and Training Complex at Archerfield Airport since 2014. 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 also launch Brisbane Aviators, based on their very successful Sydney Aviators operation, to service South East Queensland pilots who want to learn to fly for fun. The RQAC premises have been vacant since RQAC went into voluntary administration in March 2016. AAC plans for RQAC club members to maintain a presence at Archerfield Airport.

Airport General Manager, Mrs Heather Mattes, said there was significant interest in leasing the premises, which are in a prime airside location fronting Beatty Road and close to the Archerfield Airport terminal building.

"AAC is actively working with industry partners and improving airport infrastructure to help secure the future of General Aviation in Queensland, so it is very encouraging to see a strong level of interest in this building and facilities," she said. "AAC has been guided by independent recommendations by Jones Lange LaSalle regarding the future tenancy of the former RQAC premises, and welcomes the expansion of Basair at the airport."

David Trevelyan, the CEO of Basair Aviation College, said: "Since commencing operations at Archerfield Airport in 2014, we have seen significant demand from student pilots who are attracted to the convenience of Archerfield and the excellent facilities."

Archerfield Airport is the State's premier centre for flight training, with nine flight training schools, aeromedical/emergency services and corporate and business aviation growth.

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