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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **New generation FOD sweeper for Archerfield Airport**

The very first of the new generation Foreign Object Damage (FOD) sweepers to be invented, patented and manufactured in Australia has been presented to Archerfield Airport.

The FOD\* BOSS sweeper, which uses the force of friction and specially designed brushes to quickly sweep debris from airport runways, taxiways and aprons, will improve safety and runway maintenance at the airport. The Phase 4 FOD\*BOSS was offered as a prize during the Australian Airports Association *Airport Safety Week* in October, and was won by Archerfield Airport Groundsman Jaimie Harrison.

The sweeper is valued about \$8,500 and is the latest model by Aerosweep Speed Sweeping Solutions who have been manufacturing since 1994. It will be used at Archerfield Airport in conjunction with a road sweeper and an earlier model FOD\* BOSS.

Aerosweep's Marketing and Sales Manager, Mr Brook Tozer, used the presentation to launch the Phase 4 FOD\*BOSS to the world market. The new model includes improved blade modification to prevent 'debris forward spill', a new hitch system that allows the operator to sweep into strong headwinds, and a new trolley bag to improve operator health and safety.

Archerfield Airport was among 80 airports across Australia and New Zealand to participate in *Airport Safety Week 2015* to promote safety awareness to staff, contractors, pilots, tenants and other airport users.

Airport General Manager, Heather Mattes, said safety was number one priority at the airport. "One of the activities we hosted during *Airport Safety Week* was a runway safety walk," she said. "Many people were surprised at the number of foreign objects such as nuts and bolts that must be regularly collected to ensure a safe, clean surface for aircraft landing and taking off."

The FOD\* BOSS is used internationally by large and small airports, military installations and even motor race tracks. Clients include the US Airforce, NASA and Boeing, Daytona International Speedway and Red Bull Racing.

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