

Agreement Wisks Archerfield into AAM Future

A landmark Strategic Alliance Agreement between Archerfield Airport and Wisk Aero will support eVTOL air taxis at Archerfield, putting Brisbane's premier GA airport at the forefront of advanced air mobility (AAM) in Queensland.

Revolutionary eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) aircraft provide fast, clean and quiet transport options and could be flying over South-East Queensland during Brisbane's 2032 Olympic Games. Under the agreement, AAC and Wisk Aero will embark on projects aimed at developing AAM operations, starting with determining the electrical and infrastructure

requirements and facilities needed to support eVTOL operations.

AAC Executive General Manager-Operations Rod Parry said Archerfield was uniquely well-placed to service the emerging AAM sector.

"Archerfield's central location between three 2032 Olympic zones, along with its recent \$20 million infrastructure upgrade and critical mass of aeronautical expertise, positions it perfectly to become a primary node in the AAM network, providing facilities for eVTOL recharging, maintenance and other services," he said.

"By the time the Olympics arrive, eVTOLs will likely be providing essential emissions-free transport services from vertiports around the region, keeping traffic off our busy roads and ensuring the efficient

transfer of personnel to key sites."

The agreement marks a 'back to the future' moment for Archerfield which was on the cusp of aviation development in the 1930s. AAM promises fast, safe, quiet, eco-friendly, on-demand aviation alternatives for a range of applications.

Wisk Aero's Manager of Market Development Dan Parsons said the company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Boeing headquartered in San Francisco, was committed to bringing the technology to South-East Queensland.

"Archerfield is at the forefront of facilitating the AAM ecosystem in Brisbane and we're excited to partner with AAC to evaluate potential future Wisk operations and airspace integration at their site, one of the major private airports in the region," he said.

Aviation's future is coming following a landmark agreement between AAC and Wisk Aero.



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Rod Parry
Executive General
Manager-Operations

What a thrilling end of the year we've had here at Archerfield! On the same day we announced our strategic agreement with Wisk Aero, we were honoured to be named 2024 Metropolitan Airport of the Year at the National Airport Industry Awards.

Aviation has always been a forward-looking industry. Right from the beginning it rewarded vision and courage. We in the industry are proud of our traditions but not hampered by old ways of doing things. We're always looking ahead.

Four years ago, Archerfield Airport launched a major rejuvenation program that delivered some of the best general aviation facilities in Australia. Now, with AAM knocking on the industry's door,

we're ready to facilitate the next aviation revolution.

Exciting times lie ahead. Everyone at AAC looks forward to working with the Archerfield community to bring ideas to life and help create sustainable businesses and livelihoods. Thank you all for your part in that and all the best for a restful recharge over Christmas.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

It's been a big year ... now it's time to take a break and refuel for 2025.

Archerfield Airport's office will close at 4.00pm Friday 20 December and we'll be back on board at 8.00am Monday 6 January 2025.

Have fun and stay safe!

We've Done It Again!

Archerfield Airport was crowned Metropolitan Airport of the Year at the Australian Airports Association's National Airport Industry Awards 2024 gala dinner on 20 November, reprising its win in the prestigious category in 2021.

The honour recognises a dynamic year of growth at Archerfield that delivered vital new infrastructure and economic diversification. Archerfield Airport

completed the design and construction of the of the airport's largest ever hangar and logistics buildings, including the \$26 million LifeFlight Clive Berghofer Maintenance Centre.

Accepting the award on behalf of AAC, Joint Managing Director Duncan Bird said Archerfield played a critical complementary role to Brisbane Airport and provided essential connectivity for regional communities.

"Along with other metropolitan airports, Archerfield contributed to more than 40 per cent of Australia's aircraft movements

last year," he said. "We've invested heavily in airport infrastructure over the last four years in particular and our small team of dedicated staff go above and beyond every day to achieve amazing results, along with our consultants and contractors. This award recognises their efforts, energy and enthusiasm and we thank them all."

Below: Celebrating Archerfield's win at the 2024 National Airport Industry Awards were (from left) Rhys Moore, Mitchell Fenech Camer and Karen, Gavin and Duncan Bird.



FOD Walk Record

A record 130 eagle-eyed, Freddo-Frog-fuelled participants converged on Archerfield's runway for the annual FOD Walk on 16 October as part of Airport Safety Week. Carly Andrew from Flight One spotted the marked five cent piece on the 1,700-metre runway, winning a \$100 Gold Class movie voucher. Meanwhile, ground staff were busy barbecuing 190 sausages for the Archerfield community to enjoy for breakfast. This year Archerfield was delighted to welcome visitors from Acacia Ridge State School, led by Principal Michael Lobb, Deputy Principal Natalie Trew and four student leaders.



Operations Manager Don Foy congratulates Flight One's Carly Andrew on spotting the marked coin.

New Wings for Little VIPs

Sick children and their families will have better access to medical care after Little Wings received an \$800,000 Queensland Government grant to purchase a new aircraft to operate from Archerfield. Little Wings provides free air and ground transport for seriously ill or injured children in regional and remote areas who need treatment in Brisbane. The new aircraft, a Beechcraft Baron, will increase Little Wings' fleet to five. Based at Archerfield, the aircraft will help an additional 800 families get the care they need and will fly doctors to regional and Outback clinics. Conducting around 2,200 missions annually, the volunteer-led organisation supports more than 5,000 families in Queensland, New South Wales and the ACT.

Below: Little Wings' new aircraft will be based at Archerfield Airport.



New Year, New Build

Construction will begin on Hangar 101 early in the New Year. Multispan Builders Australia will deliver the project, fresh from their success building the 17,000m² Allied Express facility at Transition Estate. The dual hangar complex boasts Archerfield's first hangars capable of accommodating Q400-sized aircraft. With direct access to the recently upgraded Eastern Apron and Runway 10L/28R, and offering a convenient, high-exposure location on Ditchmen Avenue, Hangar 101 will be ideal for charter and/or MRO operations.

Below: Hangar 101 will cater for aircraft up to Code C rating.



Get the Tick Before You Build

Tenants are reminded that, under the Airports Act, all developments require approval before construction starts. On-airport developments must meet regulatory safety, structural and engineering standards; and off-airport developments within 15km should have their impact on airport operations and future airport development reviewed. All building activities/development and construction (including hangar and building alterations) require building and construction approvals, including notifying the Government Airport Building Controller and AAC to ensure they are consistent with the Airport Master Plan, future planning objectives, current infrastructure and airport operations, and Australia's Building Code. Check the requirements at www.archerfieldairport.com.au for more information.

► For Lease

Hangar 607

This 273m² Colorbond hangar measuring 15.3 m x 12.36m at the southern end of the airport has power and a concrete floor.

Hangar 411B

This 758m² hangar measures 23.7m x 18.2m and offers 143m² of office space for corporate services.

Aeroport 227

Situated at the Archerfield's northern end, this 180m², steel-cladded aeroport measures 14m wide x 10m long x 3m high (4m to apex).

Building 621A

This 277m² metal-clad/part tilt panel warehouse/office on Lores Bonney Drive features 136m² of warehouse space up to 6.8m in height with access via 2 x 3.6m wide roller doors; and 141m² of air-conditioned office space offering four separate offices and a large reception area. There are dual amenities on both levels and a full kitchen. Located next to a large common carpark, it offers exposure and signage to Mortimer Road and proximity to Beaudesert Road.

Site 640

This 300m² shed on Grumman Close has 2 x 4m high roller doors and an air-conditioned office area.

► The way we were

Mail Takes Flight

The world became a little smaller for Australians 90 years ago when the first Australia-England air mail service took off from Archerfield Airport on 10 December 1934, farewelled by HRH Prince Henry the Duke of Gloucester, Australian Prime Minister Joseph Lyons and a crowd of Brisbane well-wishers.

Prince Henry's arrival at Archerfield was marked by an RQAC flyover. The mail - collected from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, including letters from Prince Henry to his parents King George V and Queen Mary - was loaded onto two Qantas-Empire Airways "giant liners," Diana and Hippomenes, with the Prince handing the last bag to Qantas Chief Pilot Lester Brain. The final item safely stowed on board was a photo of the Prince at Archerfield.

Australia's first air mail despatch, which included more than 52,000 letters, was the largest load ever carried by an aircraft and took 14 days to reach England.

► Environment

Fire Ant Warning

Authorities are warning that fire ants could spread if predictions of a wet summer prove accurate, with southern Brisbane areas particularly at risk. Reece Pianta from the Invasive Species Council said fire ants could fly through humid air and join together to form rafts in stormwater run-off, establishing new colonies when the water recedes.

Tenants are responsible for managing fire ants within their leased area. Please be on the lookout for fire ant nests and report them to 123 ANT or complete the online form at www.daf.qld.gov.au. Find out more about tenants' environmental responsibilities at: www.archerfieldairport.com.au.

See you in March!



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