

Welcome Aboard, Sara!

Archerfield Airport Corporation has welcomed experienced airport manager and advisor Sara Hales to its dynamic management team as General Manager Aviation Operations.

AAC Managing Director Lachlan Bird said Ms Hales brought extensive aviation knowledge and experience to Archerfield at a pivotal time in the airport's development.

"Sara is well known in the general aviation sector," Mr Bird said. "She has helped regional airports maximise opportunities, minimise risks and manage issues, with particular expertise in air freight and infrastructure."

Ms Hales spent more than five years in senior roles at Wellcamp Airport in Toowoomba, initially in community liaison during construction, then establishing the airport's international freight business, and ultimately managing daily operations and guiding strategic development as General Manager. She is also a Non-Executive Director of Aviation Australia.

Since her appointment in January, Ms Hales has been busy getting to know the Archerfield team and businesses.

"Archerfield Airport is home to a diverse and vibrant community and I'm lucky to have such an expert and passionate team to work with," she said.

"I've enjoyed meeting the people and learning about the diverse operations that emanate from Archerfield. Important work happens from here and we have the very real task of supporting it by providing safe, compliant, efficient and future-fit infrastructure."

With interests spanning general aviation, emergency services and civil defence, freight and logistics, and emerging aviation technologies, Ms Hales settles into her role at the dawn of a new era of progress for Australia's general aviation sector.

"There's a lot of change happening in the industry with new technologies and fuels working towards commercialisation," she said.

"Technologies have the potential to drive down operational costs, bringing aviation solutions within the reach of more organisations, authorities and service providers. The GA community will be among the first movers to operationalise some of these technologies and Archerfield is proactively positioning our infrastructure to facilitate this new era.

"As populations grow, technologies evolve and flying increases into the future, metropolitan airports like Archerfield will play a crucial role in supporting aviation and emergency services, and launching aviation careers.

"I'm excited about the future of this wonderful, historic airport."



Archerfield Airport's new General Manager Aviation Operations, Sara Hales.