

Growing Up at Archerfield

Archerfield Airport boasts many long-time employees, operators and supporters, but few have actually grown up on the airport.

Tim and Chris Foy, sons of Operations Manager Don Foy (and de facto grandsons of Gavin and Karen Bird), cannot remember a time when the airport hasn't been part of their lives.

"We used to beg Dad to take us to 'the Commonwealth's finest,' as he called Archerfield, on the weekend," Chris remembers.

From a very young age, the Foy Boys 'helped' Don on his daily airport inspections, noting aircraft registrations, collecting tickets left by night-time security staff and even chasing hares. Later they toured the new Transition Estate with Lachlan Bird and watched in awe as it took shape. As they grew, they worked across a variety of airport operations.

"My first pay was a \$5 note and a thank-you letter from Gavin Bird!" Tim recalls.

"My roles included cutting grass landside, line-marking runways and taxiways, serving as a safety officer across construction sites, and now fuelling some of the biggest aircraft on the airfield. I've seen firsthand how a successful corporation is built from the ground up."

Tim and Chris love being part of the Archerfield team and watching the airport grow with large-scale construction and the arrival of jets. They particularly cherish their lifelong relationship with the Bird family.

"The importance of team culture sits at the top of everything," Tim says. "Being so close to the Birds has been truly special."

Chris agrees: "Even with all the demands on their attention, the Birds always had time to chat to us about our personal and university lives. That's precious."

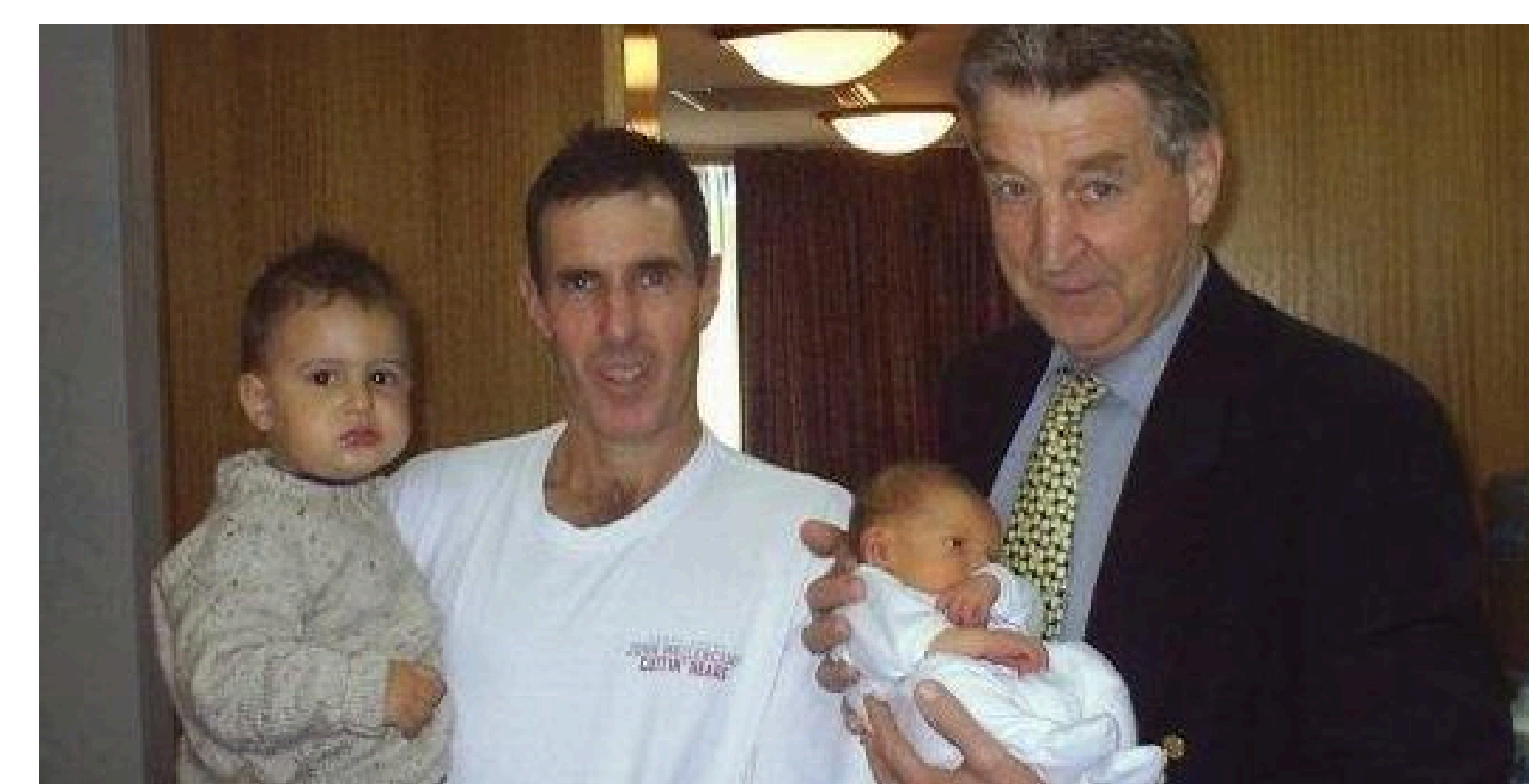
"There's never been a dull moment - even on those 40+ degree days! - and I appreciate the skills and experience."

"Everyone has been understanding about our uni workloads. I'll never forget the last-minute drop-ins at the office where the life-saving ladies on the top floor helped me print exam notes."

"Smashing my final exams comes with big thanks to them."

As they complete their degrees - chiropractic for Tim, 23, and structural engineering for Chris, 21 - it will be the end of an era for them and Archerfield, but Chris hopes to play an ongoing role at the airport.

"This airport and everyone in it have made a positive difference to my life. As I finish my degree, I'm thinking of ways I can remain part of the airport's continued growth and future projects."



Boys to men. Top: Archerfield won't be quite the same without the 'Foy Boys' - Tim (left) and Chris. Bottom: Toddler Tim, with his Dad, Operations Manager Don Foy, and Baby Chris get to know Archerfield Airport Founding Director Gavin Bird in 2004.



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Ambitions Await at Hangar 101

Archerfield Airport's newest aviation development, the 4,000m² Hangar 101, provides the space, technology and facilities to achieve almost any aviation ambition.

The premier FBO, MRO and charter facility in the airport's prime Ditchmen Avenue precinct is impossible to miss from busy Beatty Road and provides seamless access and anytime operability for a wide range of aviation enterprises.

Featuring two purpose-built hangars and door openings up to 40 metres, Hangar 101 can accommodate fixed-wing aircraft up to Code C and tail heights of 8.5 metres. Aircraft can taxi directly onto Archerfield's newly upgraded Eastern Apron and main runway.

Fire sprinklers in both hangars mean aircraft can be parked inside, fully fuelled and ready to go at short notice. Landside passenger drop-off and a comfortable passenger lounge make boarding and operations easy and convenient.

Suitable for diverse applications, Hangar 101 provides outstanding general aviation facilities at an unbeatable location, only 11 kilometres from Brisbane's CBD, with excellent road and rail connections, all backed by Archerfield Airport's professional management.

Hangar 101 entrenches Archerfield Airport's position as Queensland's premier high-capacity general aviation hub. It presents a unique opportunity so watch this space!

