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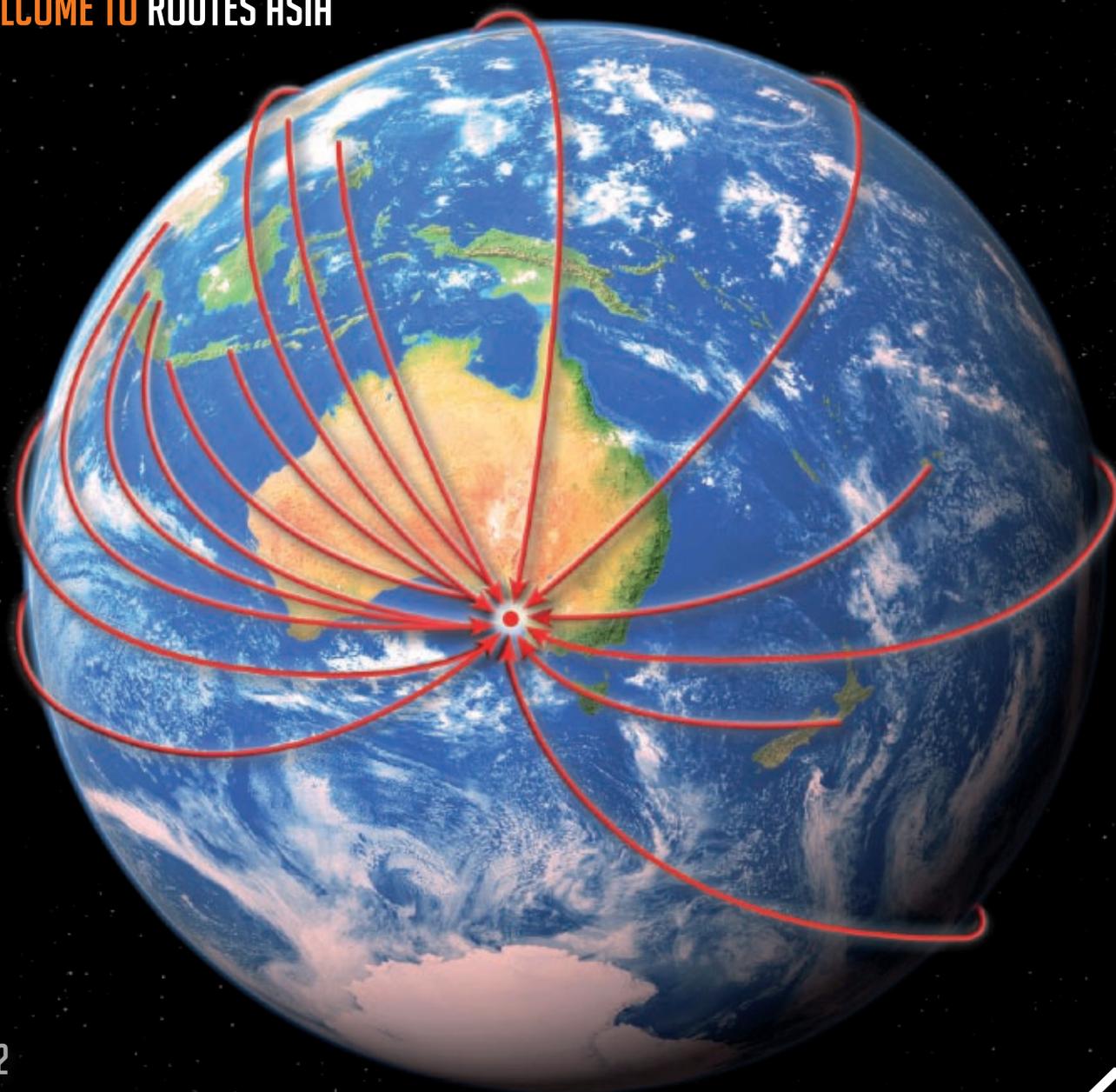
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Phil Baker

MD'S COMMENTS

Welcome to a special edition of Plane Talking. This is an exciting time for Adelaide Airport Limited as we prepare to host Routes Asia 2010, to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from April 18-20.

A copy of this edition of Plane Talking is being included in all Routes Asia 2010 welcome bags, so to all forum delegates I say: "Welcome to Adelaide!"

The key aim of Routes Asia is to give airlines, airports and tourism authorities the opportunity to meet privately to discuss new markets and route recovery programs at pre-scheduled face-to-face meetings. Routes Asia is a particularly useful networking forum because of the high calibre of delegates who attend. In addition, Routes Asia will conduct a strategy forum to allow a panel of experts to share and discuss their views with a wide audience.

Looking back on Adelaide Airport's performance for the calendar year, we have continued to be successful in the face of a challenging economic environment. While our passenger numbers increased just 1.4 per cent for the year, this still compared favourably with other major Australian airports, some of whom recorded negative growth. Importantly, our strongest market was 'international' which increased 5 per cent.

Adelaide Airport was also recently for service quality in Australian

Competition and Consumer Commission annual monitoring report.

Another major milestone was the completion of our master plans for Adelaide and Parafield airports. The Federal Minister for

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government has now approved the Adelaide Airport Master Plan, plus both airports environment strategies, and we are awaiting a decision on the Parafield Airport Master Plan.

Already in 2010 we've welcomed Tiger Airway's third aircraft to be based in Adelaide, and its introduction of daily flights to Brisbane.

Finally, from a business perspective, it is pleasing to note that AAL has successfully launched a bonds buy-back as part of our refinancing strategy, advised by RBC Capital Markets and jointly managed and arranged by Westpac and ANZ, which will also provide access to funding to continue with our development plans such as the multi-level car park, T1 plaza forecourt and internal road realignments. The MDP for these projects will soon be on public display.

Standard & Poor's and Moody's, having reviewed the company's long term projections and capital expansion plans, have both reaffirmed our long term credit ratings at BBB / stable and Baa2/stable respectively. This is based on the outlook for solid economic conditions and steady traffic growth over the next two to three years.

WELCOME TO



Asia's premier route development forum, to be held in Adelaide this month (April), has attracted strong interest from airports and airlines around the world.

Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL), which will host the 8th Routes Asia event from April 18 to 20, in partnership with the South Australian Government, said it expected a sizeable representation from aviation representatives in Europe and North America, as well as the Asia Pacific region.

AAL Managing Director, Phil Baker, said Adelaide was the first city in Australia to attract the major aviation networking forum.

"Routes Asia is one of the most important events on the aviation industry calendar, and we will be very keen to discuss potential business with the major Asian airlines that are attending," Mr Baker said.

"Australia has grown significantly as a business and tourism destination for the Asian market, and so I'm not surprised at the level of interest from international airlines and airports.

"We see Asian destinations as providing the greatest potential for expansion of direct services to and from Adelaide, and we'll be keen to demonstrate our ability to cater for increased capacity.

"We've had excellent success in attracting new airlines to Adelaide since the opening of our new terminal in 2005, but there is plenty of room for further expansion.

"From our point of view, Routes Asia provides us with an excellent opportunity to show airlines first hand Adelaide Airport's state-of-the-art terminal facilities as well as South Australia's tourism potential.

"Adelaide Airport has already been in discussions with airlines to open up new routes with international destinations, and just a few weeks ago we welcomed the first ever commercial charter flight from China."

Mr Baker said that in addition to networking opportunities, attendees will be able to take part in a strategy forum

to discuss the future of aviation across the Asian region. They will also be able to take advantage of a comprehensive touring program organised by the South Australian Tourism Commission.

"Hosting an event at the Adelaide Convention Centre, the city's premier conference facility, will allow Adelaide Airport and the South Australian Government to highlight our capability in hosting major conventions and events," he said.

"We see this announcement as both recognition of how far we've come in the past few years, and our forward planning to sustain growth well into the future."

Mr Baker said AAL had worked closely with the South Australian Government to secure the forum, despite well supported opposition from other Australian regions.

"While Routes Asia 2010 will be great for Adelaide, I understand all of the major Australian airports and airlines will be attending to help build on their connections with Asian destinations."



CLASSIC AIRCRAFT FILL THE PARAFIELD SKIES



More than 8000 spectators converged on Parafield Airport for the 2010 Antique and Classic Aircraft Air Display on Sunday March 21.

For the first time a flying program was included in the event as well as the many static displays put together by the Classic Jets Fighter Museum. The chance to see old warbirds put through their paces proved to be a big drawcard as people jockeyed for the best vantage points within the airport.

Displays included handling demonstrations by warbird aircraft such as the Australian built Boomerang and Wirraway, aerobatics by the world famous Chris Sperou in his "Super Stinker" and others, helicopter displays including the Westpac Helicopter and a display by a RAAF PC-9. Many exotic, antique and classic aircraft flew in to Parafield for static displays on the day.

The event also heralded the first public viewing of the newly restored P-39 Airacobra, salvaged from Papua New Guinea and painted in 24 Squadron Australian markings - the only one of its kind in the world.

Static aircraft included a Mirage, Sabre, Sea Venom, P-38 and P-51, while the museum's fully functional Allison V-12 Aero engine also was started.

There were displays by various flying organisations at Parafield and Adelaide airports, Defence Force recruiting, Air League, Air Youth, Legion Cadets, the Country Fire Service and displays of scale aircraft, military vehicles and weapons.

All proceeds from the day will be used to continue the museum's restoration work on their newly acquired F4U Corsair aircraft and many others.

...OLD WARBIRDS PUT THROUGH THEIR PACES PROVED A BIG DRAWCARD...

FLY FRIENDLY - PARAFIELD

Our experience in the preparation of the draft Master Plan for Parafield Airport has helped us to identify that, while the information on Noise Monitoring and Flight Path Management and Aviation Safety is available, it is not easily accessible in one single medium.

In that regard Adelaide Airport Limited, which also operates Parafield Airport, is preparing a "Fly Friendly" Brochure for general distribution and display on our web sites and offices of local government and agencies.

The brochure should be available by mid May 2010, but in the meantime the following information is provided for your assistance:-

WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING AIRCRAFT NOISE?

Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) manages and operates the airport under the mandate of the *Airports Act 1996* and Regulations.

PAL is responsible for those activities that take place on the ground and within the airport boundary.

Go to www.aal.com.au or www.parafieldairport.com.au .

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Services and Local Government (D of I) administers the relevant aviation portfolio and monitors compliance to the *Airports Act 1996*. Go to www.infrastructure.gov.au .

Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) under the mandates of the Civil Aviation Act 2000, is responsible for the safety regulation of Australian civil air activities. CASA is responsible for:

- setting and monitoring the standard for holders of Air Operators Certificates and Licenses; and
 - the airspace regulatory functions (setting of flight path heights and separation distance) through its Office of Airspace Regulation
- Go to www.casa.gov.au .

Airservices Australia (AsA) provides Air Traffic Control and Aviation Fire and Rescue Services at applicable airports. It also provides and maintains a network of navigational aids and facilities to ensure the safe conduct of flight.

Under direction from the Federal Minister, AsA provides noise monitoring at major airports and a noise enquiry unit for all Australian airports to collect data, monitor and report on environmental issues as they relate to the aviation sector.

Go to www.airservicesaustralia.com .

Airservices Australia also has a web site called WebTrack that allows the community to see aircraft tracks and noise data around Adelaide Airport over the preceding two weeks - at present this service is not available for Parafield Airport.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE AN AVIATION SAFETY OR NOISE CONCERN?

Low Flying or Safety Concern - If you have a concern about an aircraft that may be low flying or operating in a perceived unsafe manner, the responsible agency is the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

You are encouraged to advise CASA of the issue or incident by phoning **13 17 57** and it is important that you have the exact time and location details of the incident.

Aircraft Noise Concerns - Airspace management including environmental impacts is managed by Airservices Australia (AsA). AsA also is responsible for the Noise Monitoring Unit through a Noise Information phone line which records all enquiries and complaints, and on request AsA staff will respond to your concern.

The contact number is **1800 802 584** - alternatively you can use AsA's web-based complaint form: www.airservicesaustralia.com/ncm/Default .

FUTURE FLIGHT CREW AND AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS



Export Park in the Terminals Precinct at Adelaide Airport accommodates a child care centre that prides itself on providing high quality care and education for airport staff and nearby community little ones.

The centre caters for all children - aged six weeks to five years - with professional and energetic staff committed to providing a happy, safe and nurturing environment.

Export Park Child Care Centre (EPCCC) is located just a short walk from the main terminal T1. Its location offers both convenience and accessibility for employees of the airport, while still being

just minutes away from the neighbouring community, the city and the beach.

Purpose built to offer the safest possible surroundings, the centre features large, shaded outdoor play areas with plenty of interactive experiences on offer. It is significant that there is minimal noise from aviation activity and consequently there are no adverse impacts on the centre's operations and activities.

The centre's team is highly skilled at creating programs to meet the needs of every child. They have a dedicated pre-school program which prepares the three to five year olds with the social,

emotional and cognitive skills needed for the school environment. They also offer a range of extra curricular activities including 'kinda' dance and music lessons.

Fully catered, the centre offers healthy and nutritious meals and snacks based on Australia's guidelines and standards.

The centre is open 7am to 6pm weekdays other than public holidays, and operates 51 weeks of the year.

For further information, or if you would like a tour of the centre, please call Shona on 8234 4731. EPCCC is located at 2 Graham Street, Export Park - www.exportpark.com.au .

BIODIVERSITY GALLERY

...ON DISPLAY AT THE INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS PUBLIC AREA...



When two icons work together, great things can happen. That certainly has been the case with Adelaide Airport Limited and the South Australian Museum.

Adelaide Airport's T1 is proud of its showcase building and with that, the great space it provides for promoting South Australian attractions to visitors and locals alike.

Similarly, the SA Museum is committed to engaging the wider South Australian community.

Not surprisingly, the new Biodiversity Gallery struck a great balance between a new story to tell and the shared commitment of both the airport and the museum towards sustainability.

The result of the partnership has been on display in the international arrivals public area and depicts a wall mural of a range of unique sea life that exists in South Australian waters.

AAL intends to build on the success of this initiative in T1 in the form of further displays of both an artistic and interactive nature aimed at enhancing the travelling experience whilst further demonstrating Adelaide's unique gateway status through its educative, entertaining and engaging experiences.



SPECIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION



Adelaide Airport Ltd has produced information on Terminal 1 (T1) services for people requiring special assistance.

The new Special Assistance Information brochure has been adapted from the airport's T1 Guide to include relevant information on check-in and boarding assistance, baggage claim, ground transport and arrangements for guide dogs.

To make the brochure as accessible as possible, it has been produced in Large Print format, E-Text format and MP3 audio file format, and is available on the AAL website. A Braille version and audio CD of the brochure are available on request.

AAL received excellent support and advice in particular from the Royal Society for the Blind, which assisted in the production of the Braille brochure.

WE LOVE OUR CRICKET...

Test match cricket at Adelaide Oval is as iconic to South Australia as the annual Christmas Pageant or a Balfours Frog Cake.

Adelaide Oval has been the scene of individual brilliance, such as Sir Donald Bradman's record 299 not-out against South Africa in 1932 and Clarrie Grimmett's record 14 wicket haul, amazingly in the same test match.

More recently were the last-day heroics

of Shane Warne and Mike Hussey to beat England in the 2nd Ashes test in 2006/07.

Adelaide Airport Ltd, in support of various charities, has secured its own slice of cricket memorabilia, which it has placed on display along the concourse of the main terminal, T1.

In this collection you will find replicas of the bats used by Sir Donald Bradman in his record breaking feats that to this day



have not been matched, a bat signed by the Australian 2005/06 Test team, a prized 'Anniversary Test' shirt signed by Michael Clarke, and a photo of the winning run in the 2006 Ashes Test at Adelaide Oval.

If you get some free time during a lunch break or your flight transfer, it's well worth a walk through T1 to have a look. The display is at the Virgin Blue end of the T1 concourse opposite Gate 14/15 (just past the travelator).

AIRPORT WATCH AT ADELAIDE AIRPORT

Adelaide Airport Limited, in partnership with the Office of Transport Security (OTS), the Australian Federal Police (AFP), and the South Australian Police will be initiating a trial of Airport Watch, an extension of the Neighbourhood Watch program, over the coming months.

In addition to the current Neighbourhood and Crime Watch programs, Adelaide Airport has agreed to trial with the Australian Government an aviation specific program "The Airport Watch". This trial is set to commence in mid April 2010. From the information gathered, further support materials will be developed to suit the Adelaide Airport operating environment. All airline and airport staff, concession staff, taxi and limousine drivers and retail staff - to name a few - will be encouraged

to report anything of a suspicious nature.

- **Have you seen anyone recording or taking photos in or around sensitive areas of the airport?**
- **Have you seen an unattended vehicle, bag, package or item?**
- **Have you seen anyone acting strangely or unusually?**
- **Have you heard anyone asking questions to gain information about the airport?**
- **Have you seen anyone attempting to gain unauthorised access?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions: **REPORT IT!**

Security is a top priority at Adelaide Airport. Preventative security measures are regularly monitored and the airport continues to meet stringent security standards set by the Australian Government.

**You know your airport best.
You are the eyes and ears.
See it, hear it, report it.**

**Australian Federal Police
(AFP) 131 237**



SWEET DREAMS AND COFFEE BEANS

It's only taken 163 years, but Adelaide Airport now has its first donut store. Admittedly the logic behind this statement is ever-so-slightly twisted - starting with the fact Adelaide didn't even have an airport or indeed recognised airstrip until 1919.

The origin of the donut is widely disputed amongst historians. The earliest written reference to 'doughnuts' was reported to be in 1809 in a book titled 'The History of New York', but the common view is that the ring-shaped donuts we know today were invented by a young American sailor named Hansen Gregory in 1847, who reportedly didn't like the soggy interior of his mother's fried cakes (also known as 'oil cakes', which are of Dutch origin) and would punch the middle out before eating while at sea.

The history of coffee has been a bit longer in the making - dating back to the 15th Century from the Sufi monasteries of Yemen in Arabia, where the first credible reports of coffee beans being roasted and brewed were recorded. One legendary account from the time suggests the Yemenite Sufi mystic Shaikh ash-Shadhili, during his travels, observed 'goats of unusual vitality' and, upon

trying the berries that the goats had been eating, experienced the same vitality.

Which leads us conveniently to our two retail profiles for this edition.

DREAMY DONUTS

Shop 5a, T1 Level 2 ph 8234 3504

The good news is that donut recipes have been refined over the past century and a half, culminating in the gastronomic sensation that is 'Dreamy Donuts' in T1. This Australian owned concept offers such a range of decadent and delicious donuts, it's hard to pick a favourite.

The store opened in December last year, and has immediately drawn sweet-toothed travellers to its tempting array of irresistible treats. Whether it be a box of traditional - glazed donuts or a double chocolate mousse delicacy (a personal favourite of Plane Talking), you'll find it extremely difficult to walk past Dreamy Donuts without glancing at the menu. All donuts are made with the finest quality ingredients to ensure that you love every bite.

The store also serves high grade 100 per cent Arabica bean coffee, traditional milkshakes and its own range of 'Creamy and Fruity Ice Dreamz' cold beverages. You can treat yourself and dine in today, or take a piece of Dreamy home with you by

purchasing a take home box pack, or celebrate your next event with a Dreamy Donuts Special Occasion cake. Go to www.dreamydonuts.com for information.

CIBO ESPRESSO

Shop 19, T1 Level 2 ph 8234 4059

While brewing coffee may have been born of Arabia, it's no secret the Italians have perfected the art. That's why Adelaide Airport T1's own 'little slice of Italy', Cibo Espresso, has proven to be a very popular place for passengers to relax and enjoy a coffee while waiting for their flight.

Cibo Espresso opened its first store in Adelaide in 2000, and has now expanded to 17 locations. It uses 100 per cent Arabica coffee beans, which are roasted and blended to their own special recipe and then brewed by expertly trained baristas to exacting high quality standards.

The Cibo Espresso experience is complemented by its range of freshly baked pastries, cakes and biscuits, while for something savoury, try a focacce, panini, tramezzini, brioche or a crisp insalata. And of course there is Cibo's artisan-made gelato with flavours like ace, limone and frutti di bosco.

Go to www.ciboespresso.com.au for a more detailed menu.



DISABLED & AGEING EXPOS



next event, which will be held in Port Lincoln later this year.

Claudia Brookshaw, Executive Director of DIRC said: "We are very pleased and excited about the partnership and we appreciate AAL's significant commitment and support. We look forward in enabling the Disability and Ageing Expos to make a positive impact on the lives of people with a disability and older members of the community."

AAL recognises that the aviation industry has undergone a major change over recent years and that significant numbers of disabled and ageing wish to take advantage of low fares and new and exciting destinations.

"Our participation in these expos increases our awareness of the issues and remedies that face our disabled and ageing population and will enable us to improve the service levels at our airports," AAL Managing Director, Phil Baker, said.

"We also are a major hub for our Regional Airport colleagues and the opportunity to network with them while assisting this worthwhile cause is another positive outcome."

Adelaide Airport Ltd has entered into a long term partnership with the Disability Information Resource Centre to assist in the Regional Disability and Ageing Expos.

The partnership has proven to be quite a success in Whyalla and Mount Gambier. Wide media coverage alerted the local community to use the opportunity to experience the services and equipment available to the disabled and ageing. AAL and DIRC are already planning the



REMINDER

For all security concerns and fault reporting, Airport Tenants are reminded to contact the Airport Coordination Centre on 8154 9444 (all hours) to report the issue.

Our friendly staff will require your details plus the details of the fault or security matter, and will arrange the necessary response required.

For all reported faults please consider the nature of the issue and urgency in having it rectified.

Tenants are also reminded that AAL is only responsible for faults within AAL buildings.

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Stephanie Bolt

ENVIRONMENT MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I was very fortunate to be given the opportunity last year to commence a Masters in Sustainable Aviation with Manchester Metropolitan University. It required that I attend an intensive one-week module last November in the UK, followed by visits to Manchester, Schipol (Amsterdam) and Brussels Airports.

Aside from presenting an opportunity to indulge in every imaginable kind of Dutch and Belgian chocolate, I was able to use the airport tour to informally 'benchmark' Adelaide Airport against three premier international ports. The results were somewhat surprising but, I'm pleased to say, not in a negative sense.

Whilst UK/European airport operators must conform to government-mandated climate change and energy targets, by comparison Adelaide Airport Ltd (AAL) is subject to limited regulatory pressure. Nonetheless, AAL has set voluntary energy reduction targets, detailed in our 2009 Sustainability Plan, and has been actively seeking

to demonstrate leadership in carbon planning and management. For example, AAL commenced carbon accounting of its operations and development of a 'carbon program' in 2007, the same year as Schipol Airport, and two years ahead of Brussels Airport.

When taking into account our relatively modest size, Adelaide Airport appears to be punching above its weight, particularly in the areas of carbon, water and biodiversity management and community consultation.

That doesn't mean there is always work to be done and improvements to be made. Thanks to the time given by the environment staff at these airports, I have come away with many and varied ideas to consider for our airport.

Overall, the insight I gained in environmentally sustainable practice from the course module and the airport visits was invaluable and provides a useful resource for driving forward AAL's Sustainability Plan.

Stephanie Bolt

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE

Morethia adelaidensis and praying mantis images courtesy of Mel Rees and Nick Crouch



Adelaide Airport Limited was recently named 2009 Capital City Airport of the Year by the Australian Airports Association (AAA) based on its Wildlife Hazard Management Program. In keeping with the goal of adopting best practice and a system of continual improvement for hazard management, AAL recently received the results of an independent invertebrate (insect) study

of our airfield, giving us information that may improve land management practices.

A total of six surveys were undertaken over a period of twelve months. The primary purpose of invertebrate sampling at Adelaide Airport was to determine if there was an increase in the numbers or a change in the types of insects living in grassland areas close to runways compared to areas further

from runways. The results, surprisingly, showed minimal differences between areas close to runways and those further away.

Three options for reducing the number of birds feeding on insects near the runways were presented. AAL will look to trial these options, and will share the outcomes with members of the Adelaide and Parafield Airports Bird Management

Committee, and through the Australian Aviation Wildlife Hazard Group.

Interestingly, one species of skink (*Morethia adelaidensis*) and one species of frog (*Limnodynastes tasmaniensis*) were also found, indicating that whilst the airfield may look to be a flat, harsh landscape, the grasslands are still a favoured home to some!

AIRPORT TIDY UP

The second Adelaide Airport FOD (foreign object debris) day was held on January 20, 2010.

FOD is an aviation term for airside rubbish, which has the potential to damage aircraft. It can easily be sucked into aircraft engines or damage aircraft tyres, posing a serious safety risk to the travelling public and costing airlines millions of dollars every year in repairs.

Approximately 25 people attended the day and helped to fill 30 garbage bags with rubbish from the terminal road, T1 apron, T2 apron and the stormwater detention ponds adjacent the T1 apron.

Thank you to representatives from Qantas, Australian Air Express, AQIS and Carbridge, who all rolled up their sleeves alongside Adelaide Airport Limited staff on the day.



NATIONAL TREE DAY 2010

As we head into autumn, preparation is already underway for the annual community event National Tree Day. As per previous years, Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) will host a tree planting day at Patawalonga Creek early in winter as part of Australia's biggest community tree-planting event. AAL is a sponsor of Trees for Life, and as part of the sponsorship we are provided with native seeds and potting mix. AAL employees, volunteers and local schools were then given the

opportunity to take the seeds home, plant them, water them and watch the seedlings grow. The growers will then bring the seedlings to Patawalonga Creek on the National and Schools Tree Days for planting.

The date of this year's event is yet to be finalised but further details will be available on the website <http://treeday.planetark.org>. Boxes of seedlings are still available for growing - please contact Renae Eden, AAL Environment Officer on reden@aal.com.au.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

A small number of dedicated volunteers helped to pick up rubbish at Patawalonga Creek as part of Clean Up Australia Day. The day was held on Sunday March 7 and was part of the national effort to remove rubbish from public spaces. Adelaide Shores also hosted a Clean Up Australia Day event of its own.

Patawalonga Creek - affectionately known as Pat Creek - is near the end of the local stormwater network and as a result it collects more than its fair share of rubbish. A total of seven bags were collected on the day of which most were filled by cigarette butts, plastic and polystyrene foam. Plastic and foam are two of the main

offenders when it comes to rubbish that clogs up our waterways as they are easily blown around and persist in the natural environment for hundreds of years.

Pat Creek is home to a variety of fish, turtles and birds, and all efforts to remove rubbish will help make Pat Creek a safer environment for all.

BREEDING GREBES - A SHY FAMILY

QUICK FACTS:

Name: Australasian Grebe

Size range: 25 cm - 27 cm

Habitat: freshwater ponds or small waterways

Diet: small fish and water insects

Similar Species: Hoary-headed Grebe

Meet the Australasian Grebe, or *Tachybaptus novaehollandiae* meaning "Fast-sinking" and "New Holland" - referring to the diving behaviour of the grebe family, and New Holland being the name that Captain James Cook first gave Australia.

Volunteers reported a grebe nest at Pat Creek, and proud parent with the brood in tow were subsequently photographed by a member of the Friends of Pat Creek. Mum or dad is sporting the breeding plumage in these photos. The red and black around the throat fades to pale in the non-breeding season, yet is still distinguishable from the Hoary-headed Grebe by the dark crown that extends below the yellow eye.

The nest, a floating mound of mud and vegetation, is usually anchored to a submerged branch or reed, and houses a clutch of four to six pale blue eggs. These eggs hatch into fluffy, striped chicks, who are able to swim straight away. Both parents will help raise the chicks, but will drive them away once the new brood has arrived. There can be up to three



successive broods in the breeding season, which extends September to January.

Grebes normally catch their prey whilst diving, but sometimes take it from the surface. Australasian Grebes usually dive under water when approached, so if you want to visit our shy family, you will have

to sneak up on them quietly! Also a shy bird, the similar Hoary-headed Grebe has a greater tendency to fly away rather than dive when approached.

Did you know... Grebes eat their own feathers and feed them to their young to prevent injury when swallowing fish bones.

UP TO SCRATCH

Adelaide Airport Limited implements and maintains an integrated Health Safety and Environmental Management System or HSE Management System.

Late in 2009, an independent auditor was engaged to audit the environmental aspects of the system against the international standard ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use. By implementing an environmental management system, AAL can actively manage the environmental impacts of its operations as well as improve its environmental performance and set environmental objectives and targets.

The results of the audit confirmed that AAL's management system meets the requirements of ISO 14001.

PARAFIELD AIRPORT ENGINE TESTING

Parafield Airport Ltd (PAL) is scheduled to hold consultation sessions for aviation tenants operating at Parafield Airport on a draft Policy for Ground Running of Aircraft Engines.

The Policy provides a solid, practical framework for aircraft operators and tenants when conducting engine testing in balance with the need to appropriately manage environmental noise. Following tenant feedback, the Policy will be finalised and provide added assurance to all airport users that PAL continues to manage noise as a priority issue.



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