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Adelaide Airport expands aviation business development team as part of executive restructure

Adelaide Airport today announced it has expanded its aviation business development team in a push to further develop international opportunities and attract new airlines to South Australia. The move is part of a wider restructure of the airport's executive management team.

Managing Director, Mark Young, said Adelaide Airport has appointed Jonathan Cheong to a new role as Head of Aviation Business Development, reporting to Brenton Cox the Executive General Manager Corporate Affairs.

"Jonathan will play a very important role as we increasingly look to build on our recent successes in attracting new international services to Adelaide," Mr Young said.

"We have our eyes set firmly on new markets such as China and the US, and Jonathan's experience and knowledge will be material in helping us to attract new aviation business."

Jonathan was mostly recently working in an aviation business development role for Sydney Airport. He has also worked with Sichuan Airlines and Virgin Atlantic as well as aviation consultancy Aspirion. Jonathan speaks fluent Mandarin, Cantonese, Bahasa Malaysia, Bahasa Indonesia and Hokkien in addition to English.

Mr Young said current Executive General Manager Business Development, Mal Andrews, would be taking on a new Head of Aviation Support role and, prior to his retirement in September 2016 after 43 years in the aviation industry, Mal will be advising on specific aviation matters and terminal expansion.

"Mal has been instrumental in attracting major airlines such as Emirates and Qatar Airways to Adelaide, and has grown the incumbent domestic and international market to the point we were Australia's fastest growing capital airport for the past 4 years. He leaves a great legacy."

Adelaide Airport today also announced the appointments of Craig Shute as the new Executive General Manager Property, and Emma Boulby as the new Executive General manager Airport Operations.

Mr Shute, a highly respected property professional, is returning to Adelaide from Hong Kong to take up his new position. He has been Senior Managing Director for Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan for global real estate services business CBRE. He will take up the new role in February 2016.

Mr Young said Craig's appointment comes at an exciting time for the company, which last year announced its 30-Year Vision for growth including the creation of a new Airport Business District.

“Craig will play a significant role in driving our plans to create our new Airport Business District, which will be a globally connected, next generation hub with designated industry clusters,” he said.

Craig’s impressive career with CBRE spans 17 years. He joined the Hong Kong team as Managing Director in August 2008, following similar Managing Director positions with CBRE in Adelaide, San Diego and Las Vegas.

Mr Young thanked current Executive General Manager Property, Ken May, for his outstanding work in managing the Adelaide and Parafield Airport’s property profile, which has grown significantly over the past 16 years. This includes such cornerstone developments as IKEA, Harbour Town, Burbridge Business Park and Masters, and in leading the master planning process and developing terminal retail opportunities. Ken will remain with Adelaide Airport to advise on a number of significant projects prior to his retirement in late 2016.

New Executive General Manager Airport Operations, Emma Boulby, has been Project Manager at Adelaide Airport since 2013. Her previous experience includes Business Development Director for G4S in the UK, and Head of Airline Business Development at London’s Gatwick Airport.

Vince Scanlon has moved to an expanded role as Executive General Manager Planning and Infrastructure. Vince will now principally be focused on the airport’s future infrastructure requirements as it looks to growth as part of its 30-year Vision.

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