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Our 10-year partnership with Taronga

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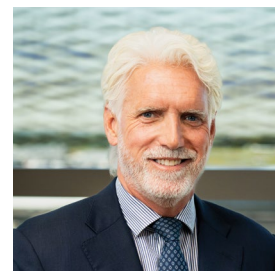
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Letter from Scott Charlton, CEO



What Sydney Airport's growth means for our local community

Sydney Airport welcomed 42.5 million passengers in 2025, including a record number of international visitors, helping to create new local jobs and boost the local and national economy.

A frequent question during our Master Plan community engagement was why Sydney Airport was forecast to keep growing when Western Sydney International airport opens soon?

The answer is simple: demand for aviation in Sydney is set to double over the next 20 years and both airports will grow to meet this demand.

By 2045, SYD's passenger numbers are forecast to grow to 72.6 million a year, flying 79% of all passengers in the Sydney basin. To meet demand, 1,500 new SYD jobs will be created every year and our annual economic contribution will increase to \$70.6 billion.

This will lead to more opportunities for locals, stronger connections for NSW and a future where Sydney Airport continues to thrive as a global gateway.

Scott Charlton
CEO, Sydney Airport



SYD KIDS



CAN YOU NAME THESE 8 AIRLINES?

Did you know that Sydney Airport hosts 50+ passenger airlines? Can you guess these airline plane tails?

[Check your answers here →](#)



Highlights and insights



Backing local heroes

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club



3-year partnership



\$36,000 sponsorship



Sydney Airport is helping to support the club's lifesaving programs and its flagship event, the Shark Island Swim.

The sponsorship will fund the popular community swim, support volunteer lifesaving programs and help to keep Cronulla Beach safe.

This sponsorship strengthens the club's ability to serve the community year-round.

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Removing waterway litter

Sydney Airport's partnership with Seabin™ continues to make a real difference to local waterways.

Since the project began in 2025:

347kg
of litter removed

309,000
plastic items removed

Around 9 in 10 pieces removed from Sydney Airport Wetlands are microplastics (plastic less than 5mm in diameter), the tiny pollutants that cause long-term harm to marine life (and humans).

Litter is removed quarterly and SYD staff volunteer to sort rubbish at the Seabin™ lab. You can even watch the Seabin™ tech live at seabin.io/home

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Discover SYD careers

Ever wondered about the different careers available at Sydney Airport?

The Integrated Operations Centre (IOC) is the behind-the-scenes hub where people, tech and live data come together 24/7. Career pathways here start with on-the-job training.

IOC Duty Manager and Shire local, Sarah Ryder, oversees airport operations, from monitoring flights to managing incidents and making time-critical decisions to keep the airport moving.

"I love the fast-paced environment and that no two days are ever the same," says Sarah.

[Find available roles →](#)

From paper to plane

GIVE THIS NEWSLETTER WINGS: TRANSFORM IT INTO A PLANE

The tail spin paper plane – tear this newsletter along the folds to make 3 A4 pages



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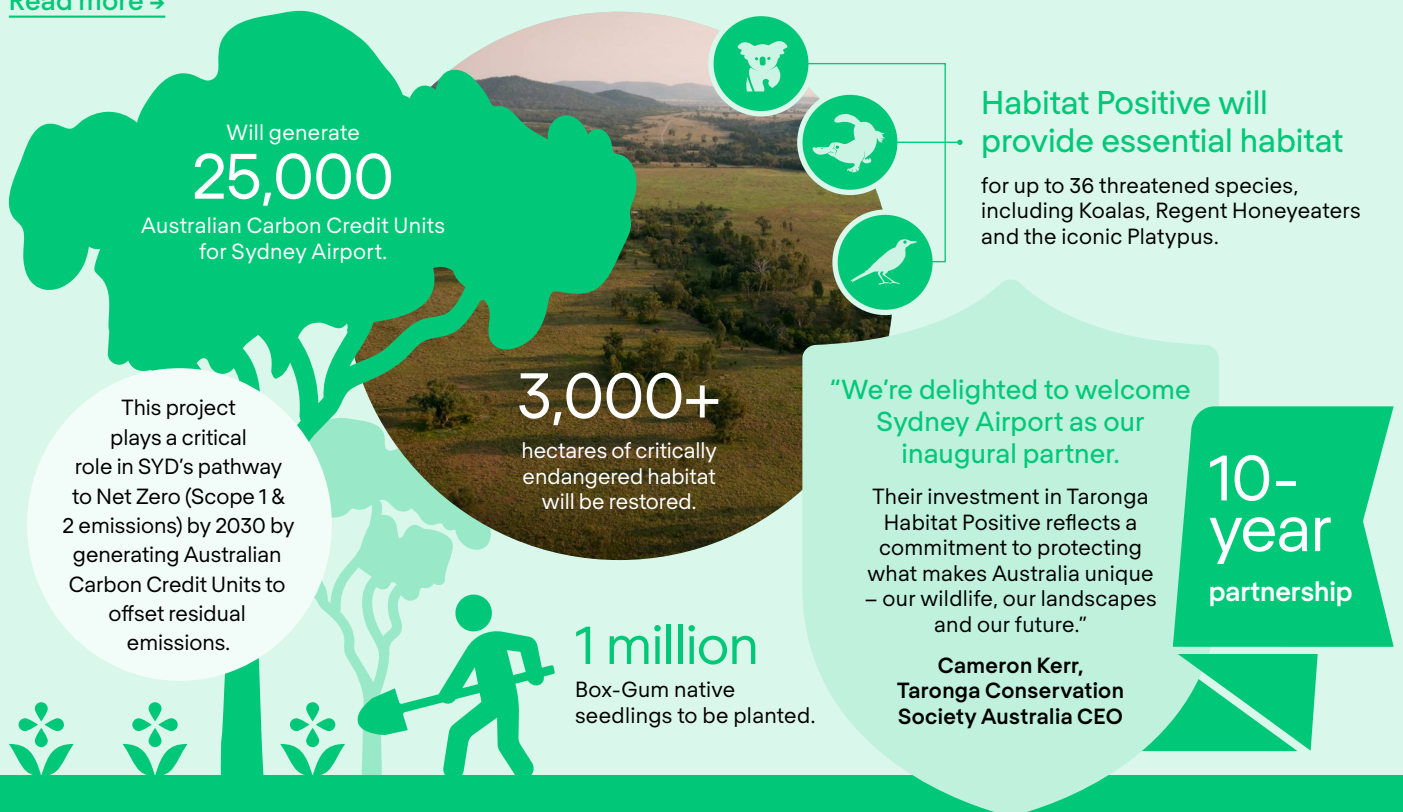
Share your creation on social media and tag us to share the fun! [#sydneyairport](#)

Creating a better tomorrow together: Habitat Positive

In partnership with Sydney Airport, Taronga is restoring 3,000+ hectares of habitat in Northern NSW in a major effort to rewild landscapes, rebuild ecosystems and strengthen biodiversity for threatened species.

This project, named Habitat Positive, will regenerate critically endangered Box-Gum Woodlands, one of Australia's most at-risk ecosystems. Up to 1 million native seedlings will be planted near Bingara in the Northern Tablelands, to rebuild food and shelter sources and re-establish natural wildlife corridors.

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✈ Exclusive giveaway!



Sign up to our community newsletter for a chance to win 1 of 20 family passes to Taronga Zoo.



Celebrating a 40-year partnership:

The family business that's grown alongside Sydney Airport



*Statistics correct as at March 2026.

Founded in 1986, Snap Rockdale began with Allan and Jenny Edmondson rising before dawn to print and hand-deliver flight itineraries to Sydney Airport - long before we had automated digital screens.

As the airport has grown and modernised, so has the family-owned business.

Now led by son Craig and daughter Karen, the team of 10 staff create and install signage and artwork across our terminals.

One of their most recognisable contributions is the seasonal décor wrapping our iconic SYD sign in the T1 International forecourt.

“We really enjoy working with SYD on all sorts of projects and greatly value the relationship we have built over 40 years.”

**Craig Edmonson,
Centre Manager,
Snap Rockdale**

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Meet the team: Sydney Airport locals



Name:	Joshna Bhana
Role:	Tenancy Delivery Manager
Suburb:	Alexandria
Window or aisle:	Aisle for easy bathroom breaks
Community impact:	Vinnies volunteer for 10 years

Joshna works behind the scenes to deliver complex retail fit outs across our T1 International and T3 Domestic terminals. She loves connecting with the diverse mix of people who bring the aviation environment to life.

Outside of work, Joshna has volunteered for over 10 years with Vinnies in Lewisham to provide meals to people experiencing homelessness.

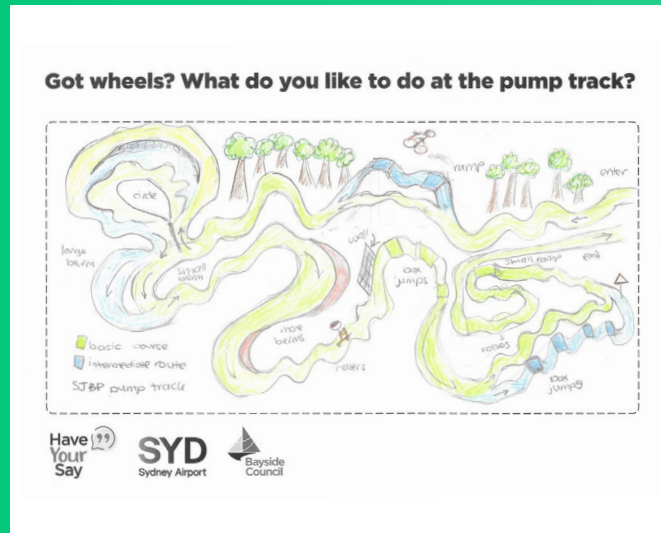
“Hearing their stories, it reminds me why giving back matters – and that simple acts of kindness can really change someone’s day.”

Get the scoop on how Joshna’s role makes a trip through Sydney Airport fun for travellers, the latest upgrades and even the secret world behind hidden airport doors.

[Read Joshna’s full Q&A →](#)

Community catch up...

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\$1m Bayside pump track coming soon

Bike lovers get ready, a new pump track is coming to Sir Joseph Banks Park, with SYD committing \$1 million through the joint community fund with Bayside Council.

There's been extensive community engagement and 135 creative ideas submitted, many from local children, including this amazing drawing.

Community feedback will be incorporated into the final design and we can't wait to see the pump track come to life in 2027.

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Rotary supports local

During 2025, our passengers generously gave \$88,654 into the 11 Rotary donation boxes across SYD terminals.

84% of the donations stayed local and are now making a big impact supporting nearby organisations including hospitals, schools and community programs.

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Cooks River Mudcrabs

Our Cyber Security team joined local volunteer group, Cooks River Mudcrabs to plant native species, learn about the Cooks River's unique ecosystems and clear litter around Marrickville Golf Course.

We're proud to support the Mudcrabs with more SYD volunteer days planned soon.

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Guide Dogs graduate

Five puppies from our 2023 Christmas Charity Campaign with Guide Dogs have just graduated.

Each puppy: Aero, Amelia, Kingsford, Pax and Syd, now have an important working role, from Guide Dogs to therapy dogs, to breeding more pups, all supporting those who need a helping paw.

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Sydney Airport acknowledges the Dharawal People of Coastal Sydney who are the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waterways and skyways where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders past and present, and recognise the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of First Nations people throughout Australia.

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