Community newsletter

SYDNEY AIRPORT NEWS FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY





Inner West Council Aquatics

PAY
Three hundred and fifty three thousand, one hundred and forty two dollars

THE SUM OF

\$353,142.00

Sydney Airport

Free swimming lessons for local children



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Letter from Scott Charlton, CEO

Celebrating 106 years of growing together



As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank our community for your ongoing support and engagement.

Sydney Airport is committed to investing in upgrades that enhance the passenger experience, alongside initiatives that support our local community: from free school tours, swimming lessons and university scholarships to Sustainable Aviation Fuel and reducing rubbish from local waterways.

As we celebrate our 106th birthday in November, we remain committed to transparency and collaboration, and I encourage you to share your feedback on our Master Plan 2045 as we plan for the future.

We look forward to welcoming many of you as you travel over the holidays.

Scott Charlton CEO, Sydney Airport

Free tours for local schools

Over the past year, we've welcomed more than 1,300 local Year 5 and 6 students on 23 full-day, free airport tours from primary schools including Marrickville West, Newtown, Botany, Kurnell, Ferncourt and Mascot.

With courtesy buses to and from school, students go behind the scenes with exclusive access to the terminal, airfield and aviation rescue services, learning how we connect Australia to the world and exploring the wide range of careers in aviation.

Sign up →







Highlights and insights



Free swimming lessons

Sydney Airport has partnered with Inner West Council to deliver the Community Water Safety Program.

Our \$353,142 donation will fund:



6 14,000+

free swimming lessons for locals who might otherwise miss out



150+

children are already signed up with many more spots to be filled

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Keeping safe together

35,500



people work across Sydney Airport, and safety is a top priority.

In October, teams from across the precinct including airlines, ground handlers, security partners and construction contractors marked National Safe Work Month with activities across the airport.

From learning sessions to safety walks, these initiatives reinforced our shared commitment to keeping the airport community safe.

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Welcoming the locals

Remember our exclusive giveaway for our local community?

We recently welcomed the 22 lucky winners for a behind-the-scenes tour of the airport.

Highlights included taking in the runways from the rooftop, testing the Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Service's hoses and even standing right beside the runway as aircraft took off and landed.

It was also a great chance to get valuable insights and feedback from our local residents on how we can keep improving.

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From paper to plane

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

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Smoother, smarter travel

72.6 million passengers are expected through Sydney Airport's terminals by 2045. Our Terminal Development Plan supports growth with upgrades across T1, T2 and T3 to improve the passenger experience, boost efficiency and stay flexible, even on our busiest days. As we grow, so does our commitment to making travel better. Read more >

Enhancing the passenger journey



Extended checkin opening times



Upgraded



Shorter wait times



Updated signage

Noise management

Rotating runways, supporting quieter planes, managing ground noise and planning for future growth



An integrated T2/T3 terminal for seamless regional, domestic and international transfers



Digital passenger cards

Passengers arriving on selected flights from New Zealand can now complete their declarations digitally, as part of a trial aimed at streamlining the arrivals process

Apron expansion

to accommodate larger aircraft and reduce delays

Uber kerbside at T1 & T3

A new holding bay, new signage and streamlined traffic flow will enhance safety for passengers and drivers



More convenient



Less congestion



A fixed-fare trial for Airport to CBD trips

> Taxi concierge program



Standard taxis

Maxi

taxis

\$60

■ New Pier B bus terminal

electric busses for loweremissions ground transport **Improved** safety

Quieter & more efficient ride More seating

New lifts, escalators & bathrooms

H Exclusive giveaway!



Sign up for a chance to win 1 of 20 Sydney Airport merch packs!*



Sustainable Aviation Fuel: a lower-emission fuel has landed at Sydney Airport



Sydney Airport, Qantas and Ampol have delivered Australia's largest-ever commercial import of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).

Nearly two million litres of SAF has powered flights from Sydney Airport, with an 18% blend of SAF and jet fuel, enabling around 900 Sydney–Auckland flights and reducing emissions by an estimated 3,400 tonnes, the equivalent of 800 cars off the road. SAF is the most promising nearterm solution to decarbonise aviation. With strong policy support and industry collaboration, Australia and NSW can lead globally, creating jobs, boosting local industry and enabling cleaner skies. The Australian Government's recent \$1.1 billion investment in low-carbon fuels is a major step toward making SAF a national reality.

As Australia's busiest airport, we're supporting a low-carbon future: partnering with airlines on SAF, incentivising cleaner aircraft and running on the equivalent of 100% renewable electricity.

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Meet the team: Sydney Airport locals

Name:	Brad Coates
Role:	Environment Manager – Operations
Suburb:	Tempe
Window or aisle:	Window (but with kids: aisle)
Community impact:	Volunteer soccer co-coach

Brad lives for the outdoors and cares for the environment around the airport; monitoring groundwater, surface water and air quality. He coordinates projects to restore local wetlands and reduce litter, benefitting the local community.

"I find it quite energising that I'm trying to reduce pollution into the Cooks River and vegetate a wetland that's only 10 minutes from my house for the benefit of current and future generations."

Discover the "runways of opportunities" with a career at Sydney Airport.

Read Brad's full Q&A →





Community catch up...

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\$5 million for Botany's Aquatic Centre upgrade

Botany Aquatic Centre is the first major project funded through a multimillion-dollar partnership with Bayside Council.

Sydney Airport has contributed \$5 million towards the redevelopment that will include water slides and a funfilled splash pad for kids, ready for summer 2027/28.

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Protecting waterways

We're reducing and analysing plastic pollution in local waterways that flow through and around the airport in partnership with Seabin™, an Australian company tackling ocean pollution through smart technology and data.

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Women's Hub

In partnership with Bayside Women's Shelter, we've invested in the Jacaranda Women's Hub, now open in Pagewood, creating a safe space for local women to connect and access help.

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SYD100 Scholarship

Amber West, a proud Wiradjuri woman, has received the 2025 SYD100 Scholarship to study Aviation Management at UNSW. SYD100 supports young people from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue aviation careers.

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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.