

Community newsletter

SYDNEY AIRPORT NEWS FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

SYD Sydney
Airport

Working together to restore seagrass in Botany Bay

Our 5-year partnership with the
Sydney Institute of Marine Science

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Letter from Scott Charlton, CEO



Looking after today,
while planning for tomorrow

With around 40% of Australia's aviation fuel supplied at Sydney Airport, fuel security is a priority, as is shifting to lower-emissions alternatives.

We welcome the Federal Budget commitment to accelerate the uptake of low-carbon fuels, including Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). SAF can be made in Australia, using local feedstock, helping to create and sustain Australian jobs.

Through surveys, our community has told us that caring for the local environment and addressing climate change matters. In response, we're partnering with the Sydney Institute of Marine Science to help restore seagrass in Botany Bay, working with Seabin™ to remove and analyse rubbish from waterways, and supporting Taronga Habitat Positive to restore more than 3,000 hectares of endangered habitat while offsetting emissions.

We're also investing in the next generation, with more local primary schools joining our free SYD School Tours. These are a highlight for our team, and a great reminder of the excitement the airport brings.

Scott Charlton
CEO, Sydney Airport

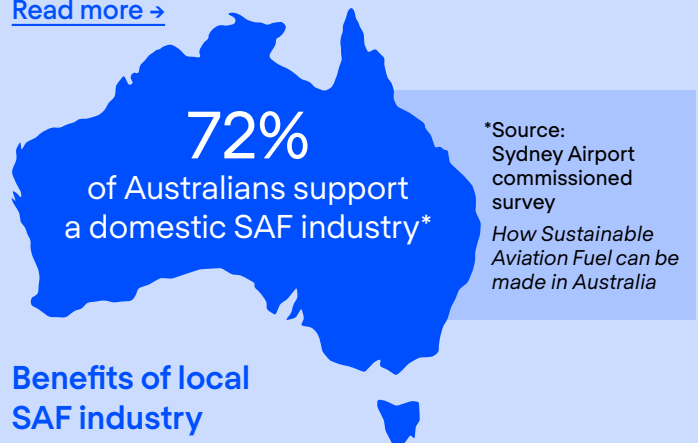
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Homegrown Sustainable Aviation Fuel

We currently depend on overseas imports for jet fuel, while local feedstocks like canola are exported and converted into SAF. With the right support, it could be produced here.

SAF is a cleaner alternative to traditional jet fuel, with the potential to reduce lifecycle emissions by 80 percent.

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Benefits of local SAF industry



Helps reduce aircraft emissions



Improves fuel security



Supports Australian manufacturing

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?

To check your answers head to:
[sydneyairport.com.au/
community-hub/Julyplane](https://sydneyairport.com.au/community-hub/Julyplane)



Highlights and insights



Swimming lessons

2610 free lessons delivered

55 schools involved

155 community partners

65 lifesaving participants

We partnered with Inner West Council last year, contributing more than \$350,000 to fund free swimming lessons for locals, and it's already making a big impact.

The program is delivering quality lessons for children who might otherwise miss out and supports 10-week Learn to Swim programs, helping kids feel safer and more capable in the water.

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Read full stories and more at sydneyairport.com.au/community



Calm travel

A Quiet Room is now available at our T1 international terminal.

The new space offers a calm, low-sensory area for passengers who may feel anxious, overstimulated or who need a calm space to reset before flying.

Designed with Autism Spectrum Australia, it supports a more inclusive travel experience for all airport users, especially those with hidden disabilities.

Since launching in April, the space has been well received, averaging 30 bookings per week.

Passengers can book it ahead of time or while at the airport, providing flexibility and choice.

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Discover SYD careers

Did you know Sydney Airport's wildlife officers work around the clock to keep passengers, aircraft and wildlife safe? This includes managing bird activity to reduce the risk of wildlife strikes.

Wildlife Officer Mark and the team manage everything from marine birds and flying foxes to snakes and even the odd escaped pup, yet small moments often steal the show.

"One of the best parts of my job is watching the sunrise over Botany Bay," says Mark.

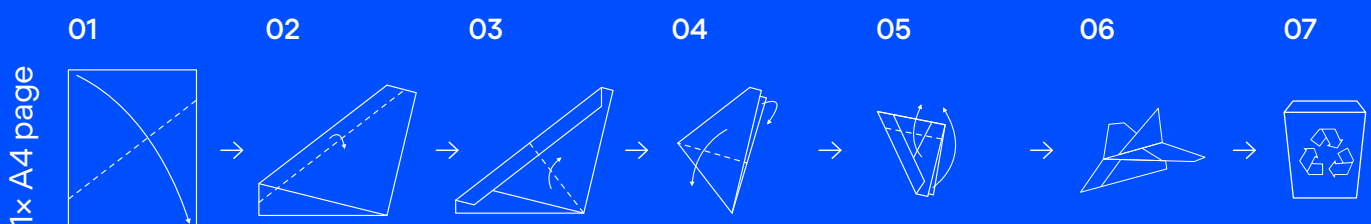
With 35,000 workers across 800 organisations, there are many job opportunities.

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From paper to plane

GIVE THIS NEWSLETTER WINGS: TRANSFORM IT INTO A PLANE

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



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2,000+ local students join SYD School Tours

Since launching in October 2024, we've welcomed local public primary school students on 34 full-day tours. It's a day that brings learning to life for Year 5 & 6 students, giving them a real sense of how the airport works and opening their eyes to the many different jobs and career paths on offer.

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Free buses to & from school



Caring for Country with Wildflower



Airfield exploration



T1 international terminal tour



Detector dogs in action



Aviation fire station drills

✈ Exclusive giveaway!



SYD Sideline Supporter pack

Sign up for a chance to win 1 of 20 SYD packs*

Included:

- Esky-stool combo
- Duffel bag
- Thermos
- Cap
- Picnic blanket



*T&Cs apply. Promotion ends AEDT 11.59 20 August 2026. Available merch may vary. Scan QR code for full T&Cs.

Restoring seagrass in Botany Bay



Sydney Airport has launched a five-year, \$576,000 partnership with the Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) to help restore seagrass meadows in Botany Bay (Gamay).

Seagrass plays an important role in keeping the bay healthy. It can provide habitat for marine life like seahorses, help keep the water clean, can stabilise the seabed and help absorb carbon dioxide from the environment.

SIMS is working with University of New South Wales (UNSW) scientists and the local Indigenous Gamay Rangers to restore seagrass by collecting naturally detached fragments, nurturing them and replanting them in suitable areas, with ongoing monitoring to track recovery.

The partnership will also include local community events and education programs. Students from Kurnell Public School were the first to take part in a hands-on excursion at Silver Beach.

“Partnerships like this are essential for scaling up our research and restoration efforts, helping us towards the goal of returning this vital ecosystem to parts of Gamay where it once thrived.”

Project lead, UNSW Professor Adriana Vergés

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Meet the team: Sydney Airport locals

Name:	Kate Bondar
Role:	Senior Manager Passenger Experience Service Delivery
Suburb:	St Peters
Window or aisle:	Aisle – my partner wins the ‘window’ every time
Community impact:	Championing accessibility at Sydney Airport

Ever wondered who helps make Sydney Airport easier to navigate, more accessible and welcoming for 40+ million passengers each year?

For more than six years, Kate’s been working behind the scenes to improve the passenger experience, from accessibility initiatives to customer service programs.

It’s the kind of work most people don’t notice – and that’s often the point. When everything runs smoothly, Kate and her team know they’re doing their job well.

[Read Kate’s full Q&A →](#)



Community catch up...

For more on these stories visit sydneyairport.com.au/community



Plane spotting by bike

Did you know the bike paths around Sydney Airport have some of the best plane spotting views?

These scenic cycling routes are perfect for a ride with family or friends, and the kids will love the adventure.

We've rounded up three of the best bike rides around the airport with front-row views of planes taking off and landing. For the details and route maps head to sydneyairport.com.au/community

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One year strong

We joined the one-year celebration at Jacaranda Women's Hub in Pagewood, which supports local women and families.

Since opening, the airport-funded hub has delivered 137 sessions, from playgroups to counselling and legal support, creating a welcoming space to connect, learn and belong.

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Southern Cross soars

Did you spot the replica of the Southern Cross flying into Sydney Airport in March?

The iconic aircraft graced the skies in a special tribute flight ahead of the 100-year anniversary of the world's first trans-Pacific journey.

A remarkable nod to Sydney Airport's aviation history.

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Caring for Country

For 5 years, we've proudly worked with Wildflower, a First Nations-owned social enterprise restoring Country and creating employment opportunities for young people. From caring for the T1 international terminal forecourt and airport wetlands to teaching students on SYD School Tours, our partnership continues to grow.

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