

Media Release

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New aircraft, new Qantas Club, better airport on the way

In an exciting development, Hobart Airport today welcomed the first ever QantasLink Airbus A220 to Tasmania. This next generation aircraft will gradually replace QantasLink's Boeing 717s, bringing lower emissions, less noise, and improved passenger comfort for travellers.

In addition, the Qantas Group and Hobart Airport have reached a new long-term agreement, which includes the airline confirming plans to construct a new Qantas Club that's nearly double the lounge's current capacity as well as showcasing Tasmanian produce.

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said that today's events continued to build positive momentum for the airport, and added to the excitement around the Airport's \$200 million terminal redevelopment and \$130 million runway strengthening.

"The Airbus A220 is more efficient than its predecessors, with an ultra-modern cabin design including free Wi-Fi," Mr Carter said.

"Importantly, these new aircraft will generate 25 per cent fewer emissions per seat, and 50 per cent less noise than the aircraft they replace.

"We're also very pleased to have struck a new Aeronautical Services Agreement with Qantas, which includes plans to deliver a brand new Qantas Club.

Mr Carter said that the arrival of the new aircraft, coupled with the Airport's \$200 million terminal redevelopment and \$130 million runway strengthening to allow for more international flights, was a very exciting time of positive momentum and growth for the airport.

"Airport travellers would have noticed that the terminal redevelopment is really starting to hit its straps now, and it won't be long before the runway strengthening project also gets underway," Mr Carter said.

"It's all part of our plan to build a better Hobart Airport which will deliver more space, more choice, and more jobs for Tasmanians."

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