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## **Sizzling Hot Summer Record at Hobart Airport**

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Hobart Airport is soaring to new heights with a record breaking 277,000 passengers travelling through the airport in December 2024. The sky-high trend is expected to continue with traveller numbers in January also looking up.

Hobart Airport Chief Operating Officer Matt Cocker said this was well up on the previous record of 271,154 recorded in 2019.

"It's been a sizzling start to summer, with a record breaking 277,000 people coming and going from Hobart Airport in December," Mr Cocker said.

"That's an increase of around 6,000 passengers and more than a two per cent jump on our previous December record set five years ago.

"The record breaking looks set to continue across January too, with the first week alone putting us in good stead for consecutive records.

"Across the traditional peak period from December 20 to January 6, we've exceeded 180,000 passengers. That's well above last year's figures of 165,454 passengers, and has smashed the previous record of 174, 985 set in 2019/20.

"It's clear that Tasmania is a hot-ticket location to visit for summer holidays, and Hobart Airport is the most popular gateway to our great state.

"We're really proud to have hit these new heights while at the same time delivering on two major infrastructure projects – with our \$200 million terminal expansion and the \$130 million runway upgrades in full swing.

"I also want to thank travellers, our staff and volunteers for doing everything they can to ensure everyone's holidays started and ended with smooth arrivals and departures."

The night works have now restarted on the Hobart Airport runway upgrade after a temporary summer shutdown. This means the overnight construction closures of the runway from 10pm to 6am have recommenced.

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