

Media release

New Airport car park ready for busy long weekend

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Newcastle Airport has increased the number of public car parking spaces with today's official opening of a new car park to cater for passenger growth.

An extra 345 spaces have been created following a major development off Kindler Way, which includes additional long-term parking, dedicated staff parking and rental car storage.

The development brings the total number of public car parking spaces at Newcastle Airport to over 2,100 bays.

"These extra spaces will help meet the increasing need for car parking following on-going growth and record passenger numbers," said Newcastle Airport CEO, Dr Peter Cock.

In 2017, Newcastle Airport welcomed a record 1.28 million passengers, 25-month consecutive year-on-year monthly passenger growth and an extra 85,000 airline seats.

The people of the Hunter and Central Coast love to travel and with new destinations, great value fares and connectivity to the world it's smarter to use Newcastle Airport.

"We are constantly striving to improve the experience and convenience for all who visit Newcastle Airport; this is another step forward in meeting the needs of the local community.

We now have the most car parking spaces and product options we have ever had, and are ready to welcome the influx of travellers jetting away to enjoy the June long weekend," said Peter.

The Airport website <u>newcastleairport.com.au</u> has extensive information about transport choices and on-site car parking options, including an online car parking calculator, giving passengers all the information they need to make the best choice to suit all individual travel needs and budget.

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About Newcastle Airport

- > Newcastle Airport is New South Wales' second busiest airport.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct destinations and onward to more than 65 world-wide destinations with just one stop.
- In 2017, Newcastle Airport had a record number of passengers pass through the terminal -1,276,463 passengers.
- > The record throughput is a result of 25-month consecutive year-on-year monthly passenger growth recorded up until December 2017.
- > A record-breaking 4,823 passengers travelled through Newcastle Airport on Thursday 24 November (the day before Newcastle Supercars). The same weekend (Thurs-Mon), saw more than 21,000 through the Airport.
- In February 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 17 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995. 2018 will see the 18 millionth passenger.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > A significant economic driver, Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.1 billion to the state's economy each year. Of this, \$300 million is direct to the visitor economy, supporting 3,300 jobs.
- > Newcastle Airport is internationally ready, the international arrivals and departures fit-out completed in August 2017.
- In its 70th anniversary year, Newcastle Airport continues to work with its airline partners to increase the number of flights to our current destinations, to add direct flights to even more destinations, and to work tirelessly to secure an international destination.
- > The more people that choose to fly from Newcastle Airport will provide evidence to the airlines that the demand truly exists and that our region deserves more.
- > On 22 March 2018, Newcastle Airport released its 60-year Master Plan which includes a 20-year blueprint for growth, projections and business development of the Airport.
- > On the same day, a new direct jet service commenced to Adelaide operated by FlyPelican. Adelaide represents the first new major city route since the introduction of Gold Coast in 2004.
- > 30 minutes north of Newcastle, Newcastle Airport is located adjacent to RAAF Base Williamtown on land leased from Department of Defence.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by Newcastle City Council and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.

