

## Media release

### Airport Safety Week: 29 September to 3 October

Friday, 26 September 2014

Newcastle Airport is joining airports throughout Australia and New Zealand to celebrate Airport Safety Week 29 September to 3 October.

The Airport is participating in Airport Safety Week to show airport workers and the travelling public our commitment and determination in maintaining a safe environment for every airport user.

Newcastle Airport's CEO, Paul Hughes said, "While safety is of course a major and daily priority for the Airport team, it's great to have a dedicated week for safety to celebrate our safety work procedures we follow every day."

During the week there will be two major events planned for every worker on the airport site:

#### **Wednesday 1 October: FOD (foreign object debris) Walk**

FOD is a substance, debris, or article alien to the airfield. Each day the Airport Operations team undergoes a FOD check of the tarmac, taxiways, and runway to check for foreign objects. FOD could be anything from boarding passes/luggage tags to small pieces of metal and screws from stairs and baggage trolleys that may interfere with the take-off or landing of an aircraft.

Newcastle Airport has invited all airport workers, including those not normally permitted airside, to participate in the FOD Walk.

#### **Friday 3 October: Wear PPE (personal protective equipment) to work day**

Newcastle Airport is encouraging all Airport workers to proudly don our high-vis and ear muffs to celebrate the fact that our work environment that needs this equipment—the exciting aviation industry.

#### **Additional information**

Airport Safety Week is hosted by the Australian Airports, Association, NZ Airports, and the Australian Airports Safety Forum. More information about Airport Safety Week can be found at [www.airports.asn.au/safetyweek](http://www.airports.asn.au/safetyweek)

**Ends.**

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