



BANKSTOWN AIRPORT FLYER

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Sydney's Metro Airport

Structure

Bankstown and Camden Airports ultimate shareholders include leading Australian superannuation and investment funds.

The Airports operate under industry best practice rules and guidelines applicable to a private commercial company and the management team answer to a commercial board.

The Airport sites remain Commonwealth Land, as are all major airport sites in Australia.

Control of On Airport Activities

The operation of Sydney Metro Airport is controlled by the *Airports Act 1996*. This legislation places very strict guidelines on what can occur on the airports and the regulations derived from the Act cover such diverse activities as planning, liquor licensing, environmental controls, building and development regulations, reporting and noise complaint responsibilities.

Property Development & Building

The *Airports Act 1996* contains strict guidelines for development on the airports, which are designed to match or exceed Local, State and Council guidelines. This includes the appointment of an external Airport Building Controller to review all on airport building applications.

Master Plan

The Airports have approved Master Plans. Copies are available on the airport website. Master Plans are high level 20 year planning documents.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown – A Vital Link to Regional New South Wales



Tim Fisher, Chairman of the RFDS, setting off from Bankstown on a tour of RFDS bases with Matthew Widdicombe and his little brother Lachlan Widdicombe, an ex-patient. Photograph courtesy of the RFDS and Graham Crouch. Join the Flying Doctor Society! Membership starts at just \$12 per month. www.flyingdoctors.org.au/membership-levels.html

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is a long term supporter of regional New South Wales and Australia. Our Airport is a vital infrastructure link to regional areas across New South Wales and Australia.

We have aviation connections to many regional centres through charter flights, training pilots, air freight, aerial medical and aerial emergency services.

Our Airport is a hub for major freight companies, TOLL & Ipec. These companies process an incredible number of parcels from their \$17 million facility at Bankstown each day to regional centres across the country. The dedicated freight companies based at Bankstown are providing a vital service to the regional areas.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service rural aerial health base has been at Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown since 1994. The achievements of this service at its Bankstown base include:

- 11,387 patients assisted
- 9,138 patients seen by various medical professionals

- 2,249 female patients seen by Rural Women's GP Service
- 796 clinics conducted
- 221,527 kms flown & 886 landings executed

Other Aerial Emergency Services based at Bankstown and servicing regional areas are NSW Air Ambulance services, Outback Medical Services Operations, NSW Rural Fire fighting helicopter service and Angel Flight.

Government Agencies based at Bankstown include NSW Police Service Airwing; NSW Forestry Commission and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

We are proud to land aircraft that have originated from all over Australia, including from as far as Gove in the Northern Territory, the Kimberleys in Western Australia and Broken Hill in New South Wales.

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown – an essential link to rural and regional areas across New South Wales and Australia.

Worried about Aircraft Noise?

Airservices Australia is responsible for the control of aircraft noise. Issues regarding aircraft noise in relation to aircraft movements, can be raised with Airservices Australia on 1800 802 584.

Aircraft Emissions

Every aircraft must undertake regular checks and stringent maintenance programs. This is regulated and monitored by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Pollution or emissions generated by aircraft movements at Bankstown Airport are reported as part of the aggregated emissions data under the National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) with the NSW Environment Protection Authority having responsibility for the collating and reporting of these emissions.

Did you know?

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown pays nearly \$500,000 in rates each year to Bankstown City Council.

The Airport is liable to pay Council rates on certain land that is generating an income. These payments are governed by, and consistent with, the Federal Governments policy of "competitive neutrality" for occupiers on Commonwealth owned land.

Spotlight on Proflite Australia

Proflite Australia, located on the northern side to the Airport, has large and spacious classrooms and well maintained aircraft facilitating an excellent learning environment for aviation students. Proflite is a locally and internationally accredited course provider, attracting local and international students.

Proflite CEO, Captain Naser Qushair, says "The company is really proud to attract students to Bankstown Airport from across Asia and Europe. We offer a comprehensive package in a great training environment.

Proflite Australia offers all students here and abroad the opportunity to become a Commercial Pilot under the Certificate IV. The qualifications offer students the opportunity to study Flight Instructor Rating, Multi-engine endorsements, Advance Airline Preparation and an Airlines Jet Transition Course.

"We take pride in offering our students clean, safe, and well presentable aircraft that are professionally maintained by certified aviation technicians. We conduct regular Inspections of Aircraft at 50 & 100 hour intervals and our aircraft are continuously updated with leading-edge avionics.

Proflite students are able to train across a range of aircraft using the Proflite fleet. The Proflite fleet includes single engine aircrafts such as the Cessna 150, Cessna 152, Cessna 172, Piper



Training Inside the Proflight Fixed Base simulator

Warrior PA 28-161, Piper Archer PA28, Cirrus S22 Turbo and the multi-engine aircraft such as the Beech Duchess BE 76.

Recently Proflite Australia invested in an Airbus A320 fixed base trainer, offering pilots introductory training for initial type ratings and multi-crew training. The A320 fixed base trainer cockpit is identical in size to the aircraft, giving pilots the feel of flying the real thing. The fixed base trainer will be available for hire for Proflite students and students from other schools or pilots looking to refresh their skills.

"At Proflite we are proud of the expertise our four senior instructors offer all students. Together with our extensive and well-maintained fleet, we offer high quality learning environment.

For more information about Proflite Australia, visit their website at www.proflite.com.au

On Location at Sydney Metro Airport



The Airport is a great place for film crews with wide open spaces, large hangars able to be customised for filming requirements, a passenger terminal and the aviation backdrop. The Airport has recently featured in episodes of Underbelly Season 2 and All Saints.



Testing Our Emergency Response



Being Australia's busiest and most diverse airport, we are keen to test and fine tune our emergency response plan.

"It was a great opportunity to work with the local emergency services Police, Fire and Ambulance services to assess the effectiveness of our response," said Mr Mario Bayndrian, General Manager, Aviation, Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown.

We are required to conduct an emergency response exercise every two years that is based on a scenario relevant in size and scale to the day to day operations and activities at Bankstown.

The exercise included staff from Bankstown Airport Air Traffic Control, Bankstown Airport, NSW Fire Brigade, NSW Police and NSW Ambulance services. This is an important training event which is supported by the total Airport community

The exercise simulated a bird strike occurrence with an aircraft landing at Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown, with 6 people on board. The pilot loses control of the aircraft and crashes into traffic adjacent to the airport. The crash involved a passenger bus carrying an unspecified number of commuters,

To make the exercise as realistic as possible, we enlisted several volunteers to play the parts of the victims who have make-up and special effects applied to accurately portray the possible injuries. Students from a make-up school applied the visual effects to the victims.

Students from Bankstown Grammar School acted to great effect the roles of students trapped in the bus.

"At the conclusion of the event all services; NSW Fire Brigade, NSW Ambulance, NSW Police services, and Bankstown Airport Limited staff conducted a full debrief, highlighting the critical importance of clear communication in an event such as an emergency," concluded Mr Bayndrian.

Business Clean Up Australia Day

This year we were supported by our tenants in our clean-up effort. Staff from Veolia, Pickles Auctions and Australian Aerospace joined the Sydney Metro Airport team and staff from Bankstown City Council.

"We are grateful to Veolia for providing a bus to transport our volunteers from the Airport compound to the park, and for providing a skip bin to remove the rubbish the team collected," said Ms Desiree Lammerts, Environment Manager, Sydney Metro Airports.

"The team from Pickles Auctions removed 15 tyres and recycled scrap metal found on the clean up."

"The focus of our efforts for this year's Business Clean Up Australia Day has once again been Deverall Park. The Airport has made Deverall Park a space for the community to use and the Park continues to fall plague to rubbish dumping."

"Dumping of rubbish is a major problem for the Airport. It creates an added burden of removing the rubbish and in some cases the rubbish is hazardous which can have significant consequences for removal and disposal by Airport staff or our contractors," concluded Ms Lammerts.



Sydney Metro Airport staff on the clean up

If you see someone dumping rubbish on the Airport, please ring the Airport on 9796-2300 and report them, including the time, place and vehicle registration number. To report someone dumping rubbish off-airport please ring Bankstown City Council on 9707 9999 or the Regional Dumping Squad on 131 555. For more information on local waste services, please visit <http://www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au/Waste-and-Recycling/default.aspx>

Helicopter Operations Changes Bring Noise Relief to Georges Hall

Sydney Metro Airport welcomes the announcement by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to the changes in helicopter operations in the north west sector at the Airport following safety concerns. The new take-off and landing procedures will deliver decreased noise impact to the local community particularly the Georges Hall area.



“Recently safety concerns, particularly low-terrain clearance, have been raised about the operation of helicopters traversing in the north west sector of the Airport over Georges Hall in and out of the North/ West sector of Bankstown Airport. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), have reviewed the operations in the area,” said Mr Mario Bayndrian, General Manager Aviation, Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown.

“The review conducted by CASA has resulted in changes to helicopter operations in the North West sector of the Airport including:

- Only one pad will remain operational in that area (the most southern pad)
- Helicopters will only be able to depart in 11 direction from that pad
- Helicopters can only arrive in the 29 direction to that pad
- No circuits or missed approaches in that area

“These changes mean departures or arrivals traffic that used that area now have to use the main pad located midfield on the Airport.

“Importantly, the move to the main helipad will mean helicopters will flying at a higher altitude when over Georges Hall area, lessening the noise impact for residents of this community.

Website for Noise Monitoring

AirServices Australia, the Federal regulatory body responsible for airspace management and noise, has developed an innovative system, WebTrak, providing the community with information on where and how high aircraft fly, as well as noise levels of these operations.

WebTrak uses information from air traffic control secondary surveillance radars to monitor aircraft within 55 km of the airport and up to a height of 3000m above ground level. The information is then displayed on a detailed map (road or aerial) which enables

the user to zoom down to their street level. In Current Flights mode you are able to view current operations (delayed by 40 minutes for aviation security reasons) around the airport.

For more information about WebTrak visit <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com.au/aviationenvironment/noise/webtrak/>

To lodge a noise complaint or request additional information please use the contacts below, please call AirServices Noise Information line on 1800 802 584 or email your query to community.relations@airservicesaustralia.com

www.sydneymetroairport.com.au

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Security

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown has security measures which meet the Federal Government’s requirements for a Security Controlled Airport. Security measures across Bankstown Airport include keypad entry points, photo licenses, security pedestrian and vehicle gates and improved security fencing.

The NSW Police have conducted a risk assessment of the security measures and procedures in place at Bankstown Airport, concluding the Airport is well equipped to deal with an incident should it arise.

Bankstown Airport Limited Duty Operations Officers regularly patrol the perimeter of the Airport and monitor general business activities on the site. Our Duty Operations Officers are trained security guards and are supported by an on-site permanent NSW Police presence.

Our Responsibility to Communicate with the Community

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown has been a vital part of Bankstown and surrounding community since 1940. The Airport prides itself on the contribution it has made to the local area through its important economic contribution and as a supportive and responsible corporate citizen.

About Sydney’s Metro Airport

Sydney Metro Airport Bankstown is located in the centre of metropolitan Sydney, in close proximity to the Sydney Central Business District and Western Sydney business hubs. The Airport is an exceptional business location with a thriving business park as well as operating one of Australia’s busiest airports.

For more information visit our website at www.sydneymetroairport.com.au