

**"NEW TERMINAL
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Hello Again,
New Terminal works continue to progress rapidly on time and on budget.

Demolition of the first stage is complete and the floor slabs have been poured giving a very clear picture of the magnitude of the expansion. From here we will be able to see the real progress as new structure is commenced and the finished form of the building emerges.

The temporary facilities are holding up well and were tested by the recent hot weather but came through quite well.

Car Rental operators are comfortable in their container style offices, conveniently located adjacent to the passenger arrivals and baggage collection areas.

We are moving on target to a transition in to the first complete stage in March.

Support for the new Rex services to Sydney, Adelaide and Broken Hill continues to grow and we hope the support will continue.

Passenger numbers overall continue to grow after a fairly static year that was a global trend.

Our newly planted trees are coping well with the hot weather, you will recall in our last newsletter we reported planting 200 Claret ash trees around the highway boundary and a further 100 London Plane trees in the Airport Grounds.

Some things to look forward to in the project are installation of the precast concrete panels to the front of the new Terminal and erection of structural steel, which will commence in next few weeks.

Further parking changes have been required to implement the construction and we ask users of the short term car park and passenger drop off zones to assist us by following the signs.

Bill Burke
CEO



TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The terminal re-development is going ahead on schedule, and great result will become increasingly visible in the near future. A great deal of work is being done on site, as well as behind the scenes. The work site is under the capable hands of Adelaide-based company, Mossop Construction and Interiors, who won the contract for the multi-million dollar upgrade. Mossop Construction have committed to using local sub-contractors wherever possible. This commitment is important to our local community and Mildura Airport, giving a great boost to the local construction industry. A look at the signs displayed on the fencing surrounding the worksite shows a number of the local contractors who are already involved in this major upgrade of the Airport terminal, and who in turn, employ their own sub-contractors from the community. Machinery used onsite has been hired through local businesses and materials sourced through local suppliers wherever possible. As construction progresses, more local contractors will be utilised according to the needs of each stage of development.

Progress can be seen on site, with the installation of footings and wall foundations being laid, both landside and airside of the terminal. A line of concrete in front of the terminal outlines where the new walls will be erected, showing just how much more floor space will be included in the final design. Preparation is already being made to lay the slab on the airside of the Terminal and in the previous baggage claim area. After pipe works and storm water drains were completed in front of the terminal building, the area was compacted, smoothed and the concrete slab has now been poured.



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LANDSCAPING PROJECT

The landscaping project around the Airport grounds has continued to progress with the planting of 300 Claret Ash trees planted in a double row around the perimeter fence line of the Airport, along Walnut Ave and the Sturt Highway. The trees are growing well, and are successfully irrigated by a complex watering system using the harvested water from the airport, which is collected in the dam and pumped through the system by a solar water pump as needed. As these trees grow they will provide a striking boundary to the Airport grounds especially when in colour, to match the entryway drive into the Airport.



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OLD MILDURA AERODROME

PART ONE

By Ken Wright OAM, President/Historian of the Mildura RSL RAAF Museum

The old Mildura Aerodrome was situated between Eleventh St West and Mildura Golf Club on clay flats subject to flooding. The first plane to arrive was just after World War One when an AV Roe with Captain Frank McNamara VC at the controls successfully landed. He was promoting a war loan and later joining the permanent RAAF, became an Air Vice Marshal during World War Two, commanding RAAF Headquarters in London.

In the early 1920's local entrepreneur CJ De Garis flew Sunraysia Daily newspapers in his Boulton and Paul B9 to Renmark and in 1922 Syd Nettleton of Merbein and his passenger crashed to their deaths in an Avro Anson, the first fatalities from the new aerodrome.

An air mail service with a Sopwith Dove began in 1924 and the first plan with passengers arrived at Mildura in 1929, flown by Australian Aerial Services. In 1928 a Sopwith Antelope registration USS was chartered by the ADFA to fly delegate Bert Henshall MM, my uncle, to a dried fruits conference in Griffith NSW.

In those early days of aviation, aircraft were refuelled from 4 gallon tins, and commission agent JH Bayliss was the fuel agent and also handled newspapers arriving by air.

On 3 September 1932, the first Air Pageant was held at Mildura, with a comprehensive program, including an aerial battle between Captain Roby Manuel DFC and Bar and a senior RAAF Officer, won by the former to the detriment of his WW2 promotion opportunities! Manual was from Kerang and his two daughters resided in Mildura for many years. The program also included a Fly past, Balloon Bursting, an Aerial Derby over a 20 mile course, Bombing the Tin Hare, Aerobatics, Height Judging competition and a parachute drop.

Sir Reginald Ansett established an air service between Mildura and Melbourne in 1938 until WW2, when he leased his Lockheed aircraft to the US Army Air Force. ANA then took over the route, flying Douglas DC2's

In 1939 Mildura Shire Council purchased land at South Mildura for a new aerodrome, and commercial and private aircraft shared this facility with the RAAF from May 1942.

Stay Tuned for Part 2 in the next newsletter.

MILDURA RSL
RAAF Air Museum

Opening Hours:
9:30 am – 12:30pm
Tuesday, Friday
& Sunday.

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BILL CHAPMAN

AIRPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER

My Name is: Bill Chapman

Employer: Mildura Airport P/L

Years service: 7

Position: Airport Operations Manager

Town you live in: Gol Gol, NSW

Favorite Pastime: Spending Time in the Bush

Favorite Movie of all times: Zulu

Favorite Food: Anything cooked on a BBQ

Favorite Drink: Red Wine

Something I said I would never do but did anyway: Jump out of perfectly serviceable aircraft.

The one thing I love that all my friends don't is: Military History

Any Hobbies/sport or what do you like to do in your leisure time: Bush Walking

If you were to invite 2 people for dinner who would you invite and why:

George Digweed MBE – he knows how to win

Erich von Manstein – clever strategist and planner



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CONFERENCE ROOM

Need a venue for your next meeting? Call our office today to book the Conference Room. Comfortably seating up to 12 people with views overlooking the Apron and Runway with facilities including a flat screen TV, DVD player, whiteboard and Wi-Fi internet connection.

Call us on 5055 0500 to arrange your booking.



EAT UP CAFÉ - BUSINESS AS USUAL

We would also like to inform all our customers that business will be as usual during the Airport re-developments.

We will be located in the Boarding area and offering Hot Beverages. e.g. coffee, tea, hot chocolates, and Cold Drinks, e.g. soft drinks & iced coffee.

Along with our friendly service we will also offer fresh sandwiches, homemade cakes, slices & biscuits, pies, pasties, sausage rolls & chocolate bars.

Our catering service is still available contact the cafe on 5021 4904.



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