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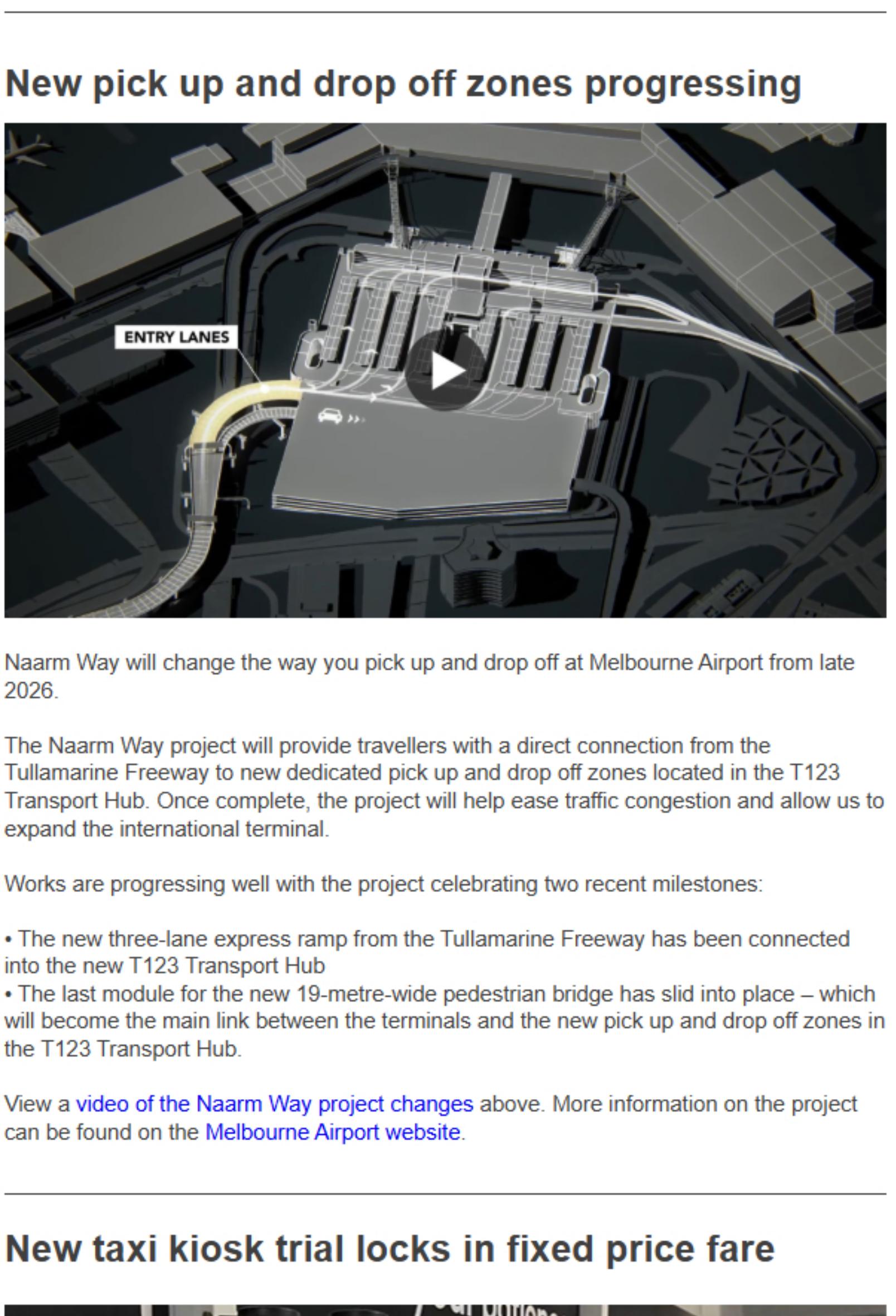
Building Your Airport

Welcome to the November 2025 edition of our electronic Community Newsletter.

We send printed newsletters to more than 1.1 million households around the airport once or twice a year, and we're now also sending these electronic newsletters regularly to keep you updated on the third runway development and other Melbourne Airport activities.

This is an exciting time for Melbourne Airport, as we continue to invest in and upgrade airport facilities and infrastructure. We're proud to be Victoria's gateway and to play an important role in supporting tourism, trade and jobs for our state. Through this newsletter, we'll keep you informed about key projects, community engagement opportunities and what's happening around the airport precinct.

Melbourne Airport's Third Runway



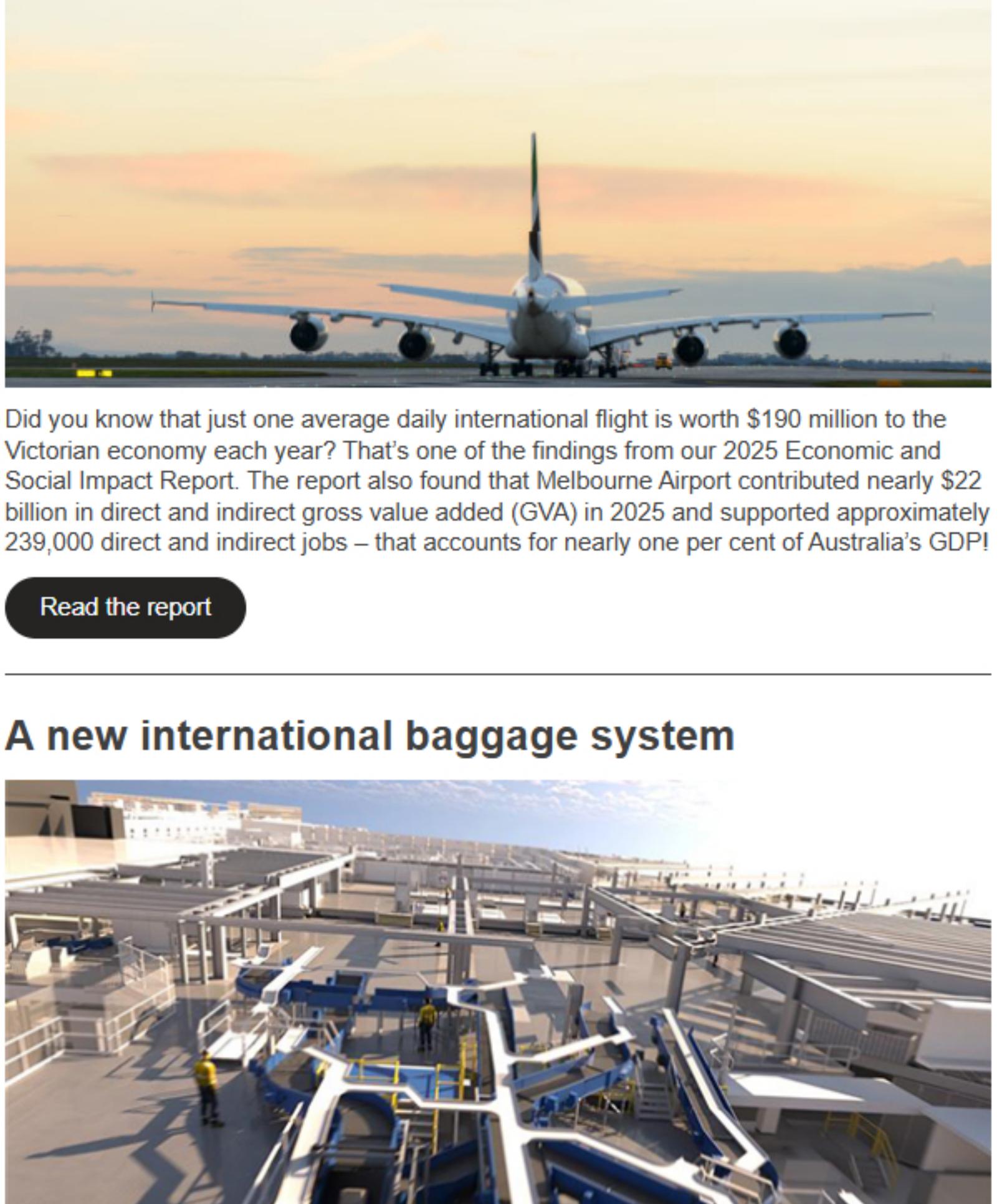
Melbourne Airport is building a third runway, which will deliver much-needed aviation capacity for Victoria, help support thousands of new jobs and give passengers and exporters more choice. The project was approved by the Federal Government in September 2024.

The 3000-metre-long runway will be built parallel to and 1.3 kilometres west of the existing north-south runway. When it opens in 2031, the parallel runway system will allow simultaneous take-offs and landings, which will help meet increasing freight and passenger demand, support competition, and give existing and new airlines the infrastructure they need to grow.

Got questions about the project? Come see us at one of our community pop-ups! [Dates and locations can be found here](#).

[Learn more about the third runway](#)

Have your say on the Noise Sharing Plan



In mid-October, community consultation started for the Melbourne Airport Noise Sharing Plan, with a series of drop-ins and pop-ups across Melbourne. The Noise Sharing Plan will aim to give communities periods of respite from aircraft noise. The consultation and the development of the plan is being led by independent consultants Trax and GHD, and there are many ways you can learn more about it.

Provide your feedback by [filling out the brief survey](#), or join one of the in-person sessions or webinars to learn what the Noise Sharing Plan is. You can also [watch the webinar recorded on 23 October here](#).

[Learn more](#)

Noise Amelioration Plan drop-in sessions

One of the conditions for approval of the third runway is a Noise Amelioration Plan to reduce the impacts of aircraft noise for eligible residents in Hume and Brimbank. Our team has run several drop-in sessions in Keilor and Bulla during the past two months to help residents understand what the plan could look like and to seek feedback as it is developed. We will also be [hosting a webinar on Tuesday 25 November and you can sign up for that here](#).

[Attend a drop-in session](#)

New pick up and drop off zones progressing

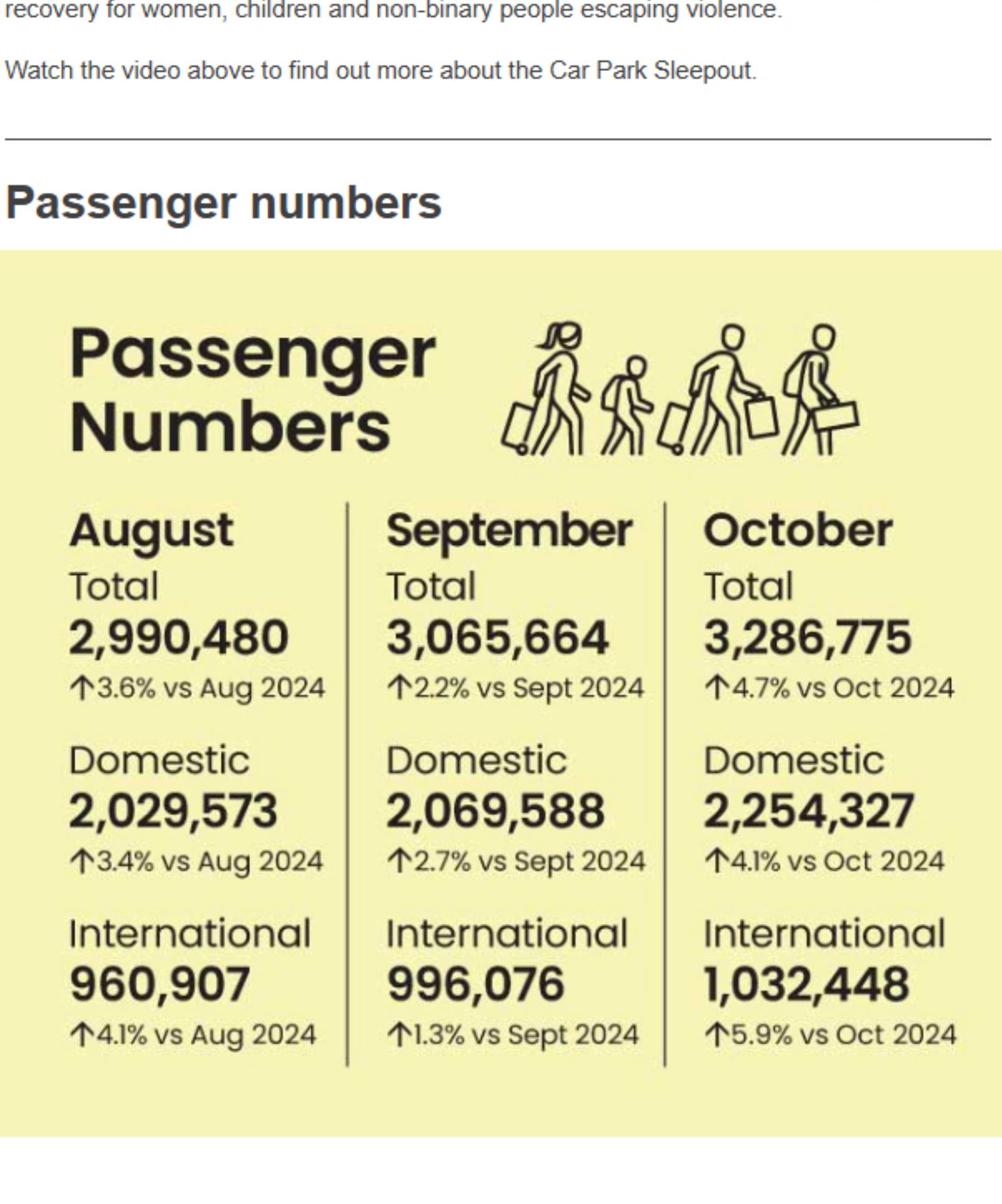
Naarm Way will change the way you pick up and drop off at Melbourne Airport from late 2026. The Naarm Way project will provide travellers with a direct connection from the Tullamarine Freeway to new dedicated pick up and drop off zones located in the T123 Transport Hub. Once complete, the project will help ease traffic congestion and allow us to expand the international terminal.

Works are progressing well with the project celebrating two recent milestones:

- The new three-lane express ramp from the Tullamarine Freeway has been connected into the new T123 Transport Hub
- The last module for the main link between the terminals and pedestrian bridge has slid into place – which is the T123 Transport Hub.

View a [video of the Naarm Way project changes](#) above. More information on the project can be found on the [Melbourne Airport website](#).

New taxi kiosk trial locks in fixed price fare



In October, a trial of a new taxi booking system designed to make it simpler and safer for passengers to catch a ride from the airport was launched. Led by Qantas, the trial allows passengers to catch their destination airport via a dedicated taxi kiosk in the Qantas domestic terminal to secure and pay a fixed price fare upfront. The trial is designed to help deter illegal taxi touts and unprofessional cab drivers.

[Learn more about the trial](#)

East-West Runway closures in 2026

Melbourne Airport will be undertaking overnight maintenance works on the East-West Runway (09/27) from January through to May 2026.

The runway will be closed during the works, which will take place from Monday to Friday between the hours of 10pm and 5am.

The scheduled closure periods will be subject to weather conditions.

[Learn more about the runway closures](#)

Economic and Social Impact Report launched

Did you know that just one average daily international flight is worth \$190 million to the Victorian economy each year? That's one of the findings from our 2025 Economic and Social Impact Report. The report also found that Melbourne Airport contributed nearly \$22 billion in direct and indirect gross value added (GVA) in 2024 and supported approximately 230,000 direct and indirect jobs, which added up to nearly 2% per cent of Australia's GVA.

[Read the report](#)

A new international baggage system

Melbourne Airport is one step closer to delivering a world-class international baggage system, with testing underway on a new high-tech system that will transform the way bags are handled. The system will more than double the capacity of the existing infrastructure and allow airlines and passengers to track bags from check-in through to loading, improving efficiency and reliability.

An investment of more than \$500 million, the project has involved installing more than 3.6 kilometres of baggage lines – the same length as Melbourne Airport's longest runway.

The new system is scheduled to begin operations in March 2026.

[Learn more](#)

Blasting trials completed

In mid-October, as part of preparatory works for the third runway construction, we successfully completed two controlled blasting trials to test methods that will be used during future earthworks activities. The trials confirmed the effectiveness of the blasting techniques.

[Read more](#)

Car Park Sleepout raises \$105,000

Thanks to everyone who participated in our [second Car Park Sleepout](#) – through the incredible generosity of our partners and supporters we raised more than \$105,000!

These funds will go to Junc and McAuley Community Services for Women – that's enough across Melbourne's north and west, providing safe housing, support and pathways to recovery for women, children and non-binary people escaping violence.

Watch the video above to find out more about the Car Park Sleepout.

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Passenger numbers

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August

Total 2,990,480

↑3.6% vs Aug 2024

Domestic 2,029,573

↑3.4% vs Aug 2024

International 960,907

↑4.1% vs Aug 2024

September

Total 3,065,664

↑2.2% vs Sept 2024

Domestic 2,069,588

↑2.7% vs Sept 2024

International 996,076

↑1.3% vs Sept 2024

October

Total 3,286,775

↑4.7% vs Oct 2024

Domestic 2,254,327

↑4.1% vs Oct 2024

International 1,032,448

↑5.9% vs Oct 2024

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