

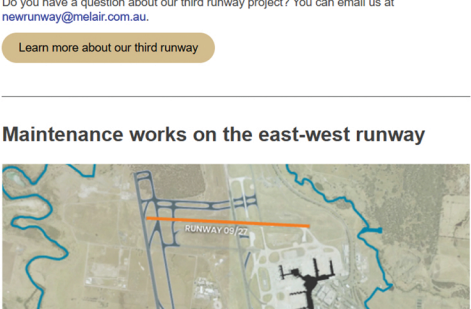
Community newsletter

Building Your Airport

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of our electronic community newsletter. We send these electronic newsletters regularly to keep you updated on our third runway development and provide updates on key projects, community engagement opportunities and what's happening around the airport precinct.

This is an exciting time for Melbourne Airport as we continue to upgrade facilities and infrastructure to support Victoria's next phase of growth, while hosting record numbers of passengers over summer.

The latest on Melbourne Airport's third runway



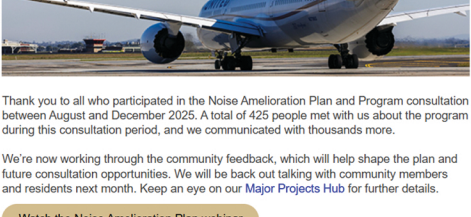
Early construction work is progressing on our third runway. We're building a new intersection on Sunbury Road at the northern end of the airport in preparation for the main construction phase starting later in 2026. This intersection will allow vehicles to safely enter and exit the third runway site.

Our new 3000-metre-long runway will be built parallel to - and 1.3 kilometres to the west of - the existing north-south runway. The parallel runway operation will allow simultaneous take-offs and landings to meet growing passenger and freight demand, reduce flight delays and increase choice for travellers and local exporters when it opens in 2031.

Do you have a question about our third runway project? You can email us at newrunway@melair.com.au.

[Learn more about our third runway](#)

Maintenance works on the east-west runway



We've started a once-in-a-decade maintenance work on our east-west runway (Runway 09/27). These critical works include asphalt resurfacing, line marking, grooving and upgrades to the ground lighting systems.

To ensure these works are done safely, we are closing the east-west runway on Monday to Friday nights between 10pm and 6am until August. All aircraft will use the north-south runway during these times. Both runways will operate as normal at all other times including weekends.

We recognise this could be disruptive for people living under flight paths to the north and south of the airport and we sincerely thank local communities for their patience while we complete this important safety work.

[Stay updated on our maintenance works](#)

First Noise Amelioration Plan consultation phase wraps up



Thank you to all who participated in the Noise Amelioration Plan and Program consultation between August and December 2025. A total of 425 people met with us about the program during this consultation period, and we communicated with thousands more.

We're now working through the community feedback, which will help shape the plan and future consultation opportunities. We will be back out talking with community members and residents next month. Keep an eye on our [Major Projects Hub](#) for further details.

[Watch the Noise Amelioration Plan webinar](#)

Thanks for your feedback on the Noise Sharing Plan

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

Total sessions held	14	551
community sessions	stakeholder sessions	Participants engaged
24	574	574
		Noise Sharing Plan survey submissions

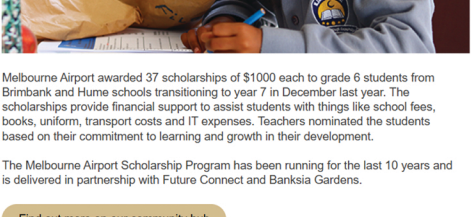
In December 2025, the first consultation phase for the Noise Sharing Plan wrapped up. Independent consultants GHD and Trax held 24 community sessions and 14 aviation stakeholder sessions.

A total of 574 survey submissions were received from the community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share feedback on the Noise Sharing Plan.

What's next? The Trax and GHD Team is busy analysing the feedback received and will provide a summary of what they heard in the coming months. This will inform the draft Noise Sharing Plan which will be made available for community feedback in mid-late 2026.

[Stay up to date on the Noise Sharing Plan](#)

New pick up and drop off opening later this year



We're getting ready for a big change to the way you pick up and drop off at Melbourne Airport. Later this year we're opening our new, free and expanded Pick Up and Drop Off zones for passengers using Terminal 1 (Qantas Domestic), Terminal 2 (International) and Terminal 3 (Virgin Australia) in the T123 Transport Hub.

In preparation for the [new Pick Up and Drop Off zones](#), we need to close some lanes and car parks, so please allow some extra time when travelling to the airport. We appreciate your patience while we build your airport.

[Stay updated on traffic disruptions](#)

New international baggage system coming soon



We're nearing the completion of a new \$500 million international baggage system that will transform the way your bags are handled.

Coming online in the first half of this year, the new system will double the capacity of the existing outbound international baggage system, providing the infrastructure to support the airport's record international growth. It will mean fewer lost bags, with airlines able to track bags in real-time from check-in to the aircraft, giving peace of mind to passengers while supporting on-time performance.

[See the new system in action](#)

Mega Melbourne Airport Lego model on display in Terminal 4



Want to see our new third runway will look like when it opens in 2031? Stop by Terminal 4 to see our new Lego model! Melbourne's own Brickman and his team spent 411 hours putting the model together, which is 12 square metres in size.

The model features our future third runway, existing north-south runway, existing east-west runway, terminal buildings and upgraded road network including the new pick up and drop off.

[Watch the timelapse video of the Lego build](#)

Melbourne Airport scholarship program update

Melbourne Airport awarded 37 scholarships of \$1000 each to grade 6 students from Brimbank and Hume schools transitioning to year 7 in December last year. The scholarships provide financial support to assist students with things like school fees, books, uniform, transport costs and IT expenses. Teachers nominated the students based on their commitment to learning and growth in their development.

The Melbourne Airport Scholarship Program has been running for the last 10 years and is delivered in partnership with Future Connect and Banksia Gardens.

[Find out more on our community hub](#)

'Can you see me?' campaign targets human trafficking awareness

We joined forces with Perth and Sydney Airports late last year to raise awareness of human trafficking and exploitation in an expanded Can You See Me? awareness campaign nationwide.

The campaign encourages travellers to recognise and report signs of human trafficking and modern slavery. Digital screens and billboards across Sydney, Melbourne and Perth airports displayed the campaign throughout November, featuring messages reminding travellers that "If you suspect it, report it."

[Learn more about the campaign](#)

Passenger numbers including a January record

We set a [new monthly record for international passengers in January 2026](#). A total of 1,261,361 passengers travelled through our international terminal in January - the most we have ever welcomed in a month.

The overall total of 3,376,879 made January the airport's third busiest month on record, just behind December and January 2025.

Passenger Numbers

November '25	December '25	January '26
Total (excl. transits) 3,169,138 ↑4.7% vs Nov 2024	Total (excl. transits) 3,421,195 ↑5.4% vs Dec 2024	Total (excl. transits) 3,376,879 ↑3.6% vs Jan 2025
Domestic 2,151,703 ↑3.6% vs Nov 2024	Domestic 2,198,625 ↑4.9% vs Dec 2024	Domestic 2,115,518 ↑3.2% vs Jan 2025
International 1,017,435 ↑6.9% vs Nov 2024	International 1,222,570 ↑6.5% vs Dec 2024	International 1,261,361 ↑4.3% vs Jan 2025

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