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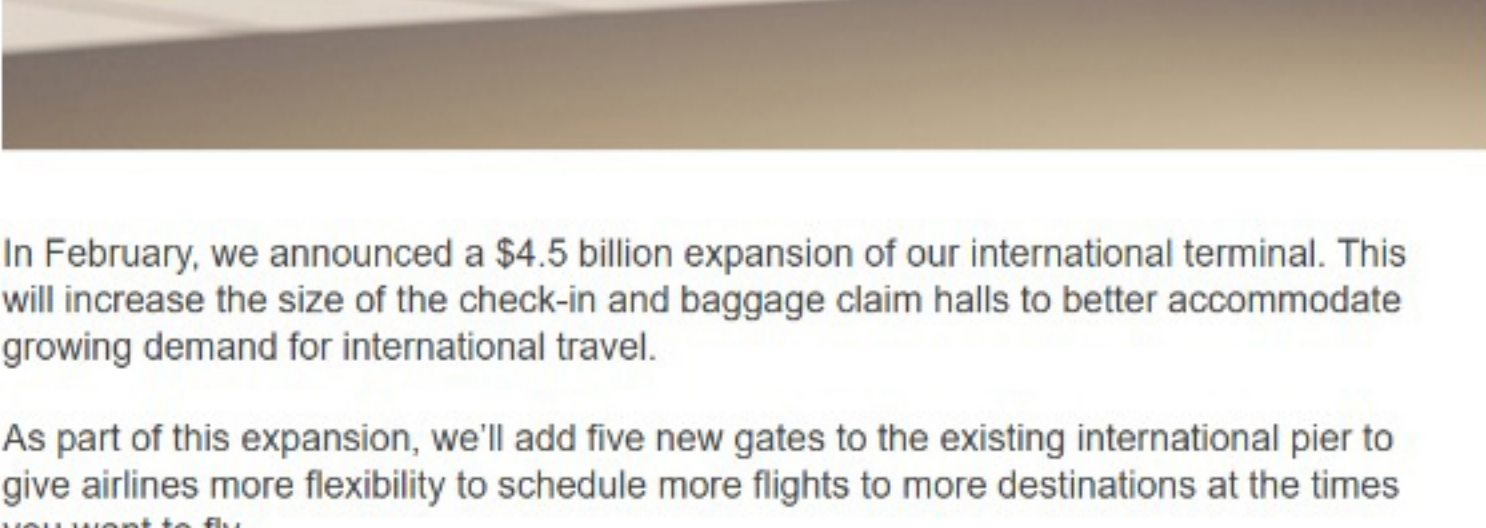
Welcome to the April 2026 edition of our electronic community newsletter.

These newsletters are designed to keep you updated on our key projects, share community engagement opportunities and let you know what's happening around the airport precinct.

Recent months have been both exciting and challenging at Melbourne Airport. We had strong passenger numbers and airline announcements early in 2026, followed by disruptions to international services to the Middle East from late February.

However, demand for air travel remains resilient, and we continue to focus on upgrading infrastructure and facilities to improve your airport experience and support Victoria's next phase of growth.

International terminal expansion to begin in late 2026



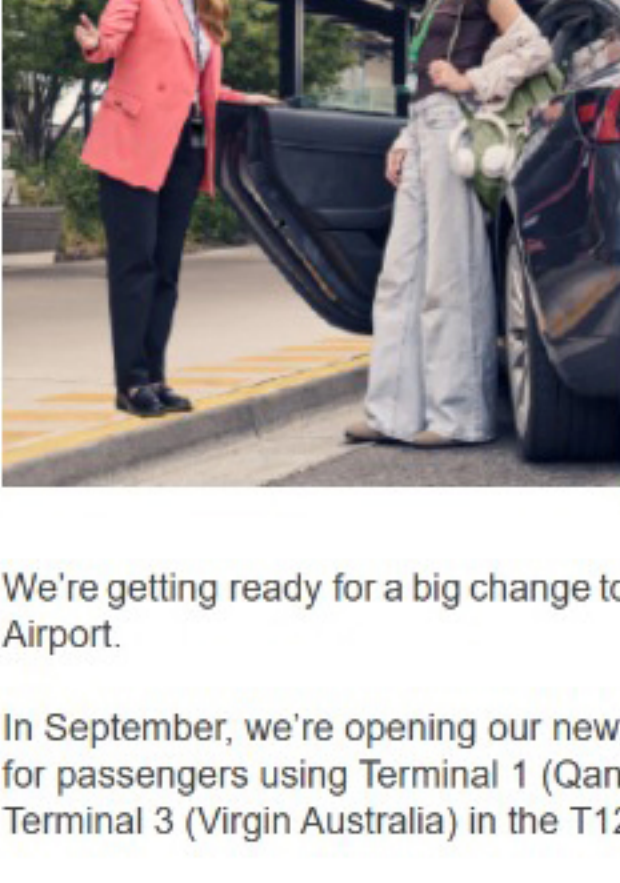
In February, we announced a \$4.5 billion expansion of our international terminal. This will increase the size of the check-in and baggage claim halls to better accommodate growing demand for international travel.

As part of this expansion, we'll add five new gates to the existing international pier to give airlines more flexibility to schedule more flights to more destinations at the times you want to fly.

The expansion will be delivered in stages over several years. It's made possible by our new Pick Up and Drop Off zones which will open in September 2026.

This change makes room for the terminal to expand into the forecourt area where public pick up and drop off zones are located now.

[Learn more about the International Terminal expansion](#)



New pick up. New drop off.

Arriving Spring 2026

We're getting ready for a big change to the way you pick up and drop off at Melbourne Airport.

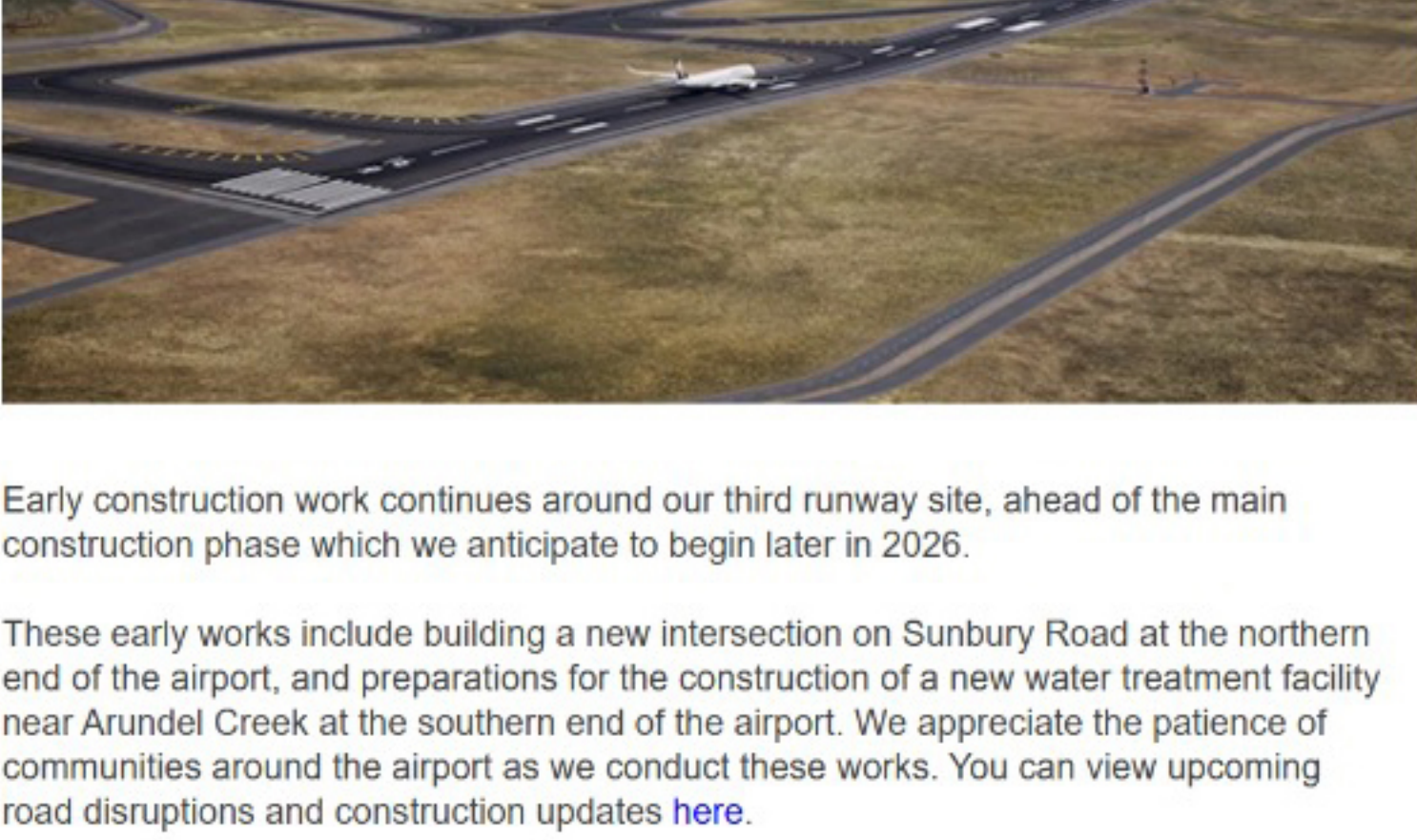
In September, we're opening our new, free and expanded Pick Up and Drop Off zones for passengers using Terminal 1 (Qantas Domestic), Terminal 2 (International) and Terminal 3 (Virgin Australia) in the T123 Transport Hub.

Works are progressing well with the project team recently installing new overhead signage gantries that will guide travellers to exit early via Naarm Way – a new dedicated exit off the Tullamarine Freeway.

For more information, please visit the [Pick Up and Drop Off Hub](#).

[View a video preview of the new zones](#)

The latest on Melbourne Airport's Third Runway



Early construction work continues around our third runway site, ahead of the main construction phase which we anticipate to begin later in 2026.

These early works include building a new intersection on Sunbury Road at the northern end of the airport, and preparations for the construction of a new water treatment facility near Arundel Creek at the southern end of the airport. We appreciate the patience of communities around the airport as we conduct these works. You can view upcoming road disruptions and construction updates [here](#).

The third runway will be built parallel to and west of the existing north-south runway. When it opens in 2031, the parallel runway system will allow simultaneous take-offs and landings to meet growing demand for passenger and freight services, reduce flight delays and increase choice for travellers and local exporters.

Do you have a question about our third runway project? Come see us at one of our [community pop-ups](#) or email newrunway@melair.com.au.

[Learn more about our third runway](#)

Second consultation period underway for Noise Amelioration Project



We're working on a draft Noise Amelioration Plan to reduce the impacts of aircraft noise in homes and facilities nearest to the airport.

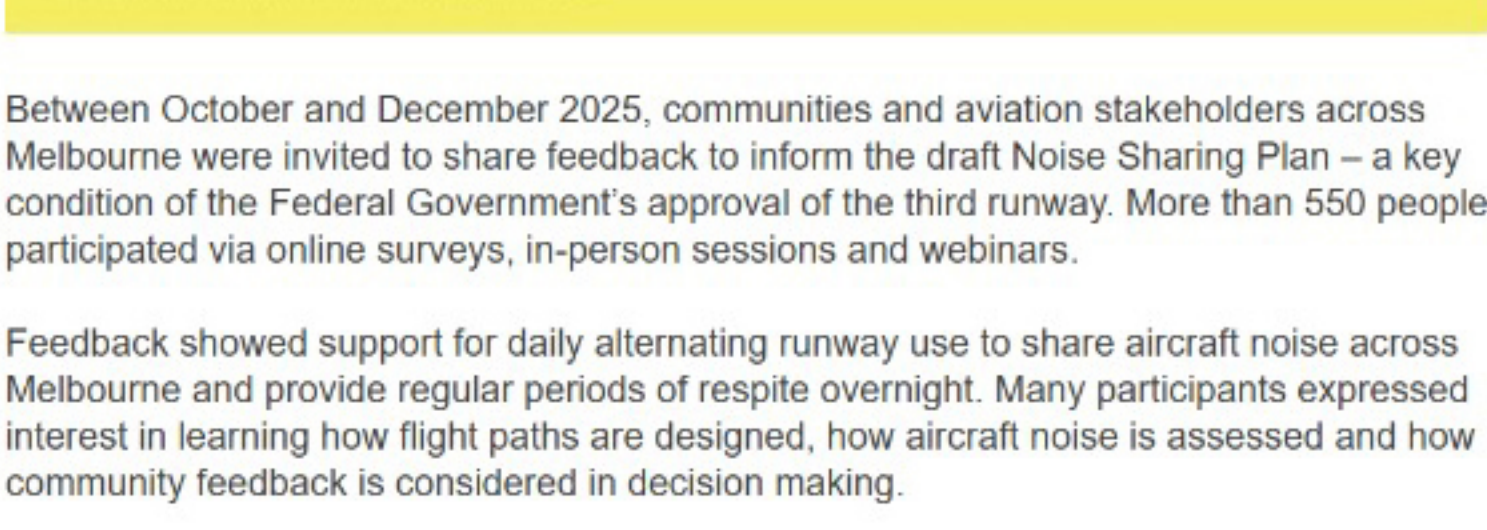
The second round of public consultation for this project is underway, with five drop-in sessions and [two online webinars](#) held so far. The aim of these sessions is to share progress on the draft Noise Amelioration Plan and seek community feedback on the approach to delivering noise treatments in eligible homes.

Residents from Keilor, Bulla and surrounding areas are invited to attend the remaining drop-in sessions or join the [upcoming online webinar](#) which will include time for questions.

We'll be submitting the Noise Amelioration Plan for consideration by the Federal Government later this year. Eligibility announcements and delivery will follow the approval of the Plan.

[Find upcoming consultation locations and times](#)

Community feedback on Noise Sharing Plan



Between October and December 2025, communities and aviation stakeholders across Melbourne were invited to share feedback to inform the draft Noise Sharing Plan – a key condition of the Federal Government's approval of the third runway. More than 550 people participated via online surveys, in-person sessions and webinars.

Feedback showed support for daily alternating runway use to share aircraft noise across Melbourne and provide regular periods of respite overnight. Many participants expressed interest in learning how flight paths are designed, how aircraft noise is assessed and how community feedback is considered in decision making.

Independent consultants, Trax and GHD, are reviewing feedback and preparing the draft Noise Sharing Plan. Once released in mid-late 2026, there will be another opportunity for the community and aviation stakeholders to provide feedback before the Plan is finalised and submitted to the Federal Government for approval.

[View the detailed engagement summary](#)

bp to build new charging hub at Melbourne Airport



bp pulse has broken ground on its first large-scale Electric Vehicle (EV) charging hub in Australia which will be located within the Melbourne Airport precinct.

The charging hub will feature 24 charging bays, offering both 150kW and 300kW chargers, two accessible bays, drive-through bays for larger vehicles, a bathroom and a canopy. It's the first of its scale at an Australian airport and will be powered by 100% renewable electricity generated from our two onsite solar farms.

The hub will be located on the corner of Airport Drive and Francis Briggs Road and is planned to open later in 2026.

[Learn more about our solar farms](#)

Melbourne Airport partners with St Albans Tin Shed



We're celebrating a new partnership with local neighbourhood house, the St Albans Tin Shed.

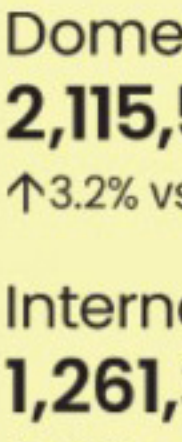
The long-standing community hub provides a safe and inclusive environment for community members and delivers programs that foster social connection, wellbeing and education pathways. Our support extends to the seniors program on technology and safety education, St Albans Youth Crew and the emergency food relief program. Up to 90 families access the food program each week for essential fresh and pantry food items.

The partnership developed from the annual Melbourne Airport Community Grants program which supports community centres and neighbourhood houses within a 20-kilometre radius of Melbourne Airport.

[Find out more about The Tin Shed](#)

Passenger numbers and two airline launches

We set new [February](#) and [March](#) records for international passengers this year. We also had two exciting airline announcements during March, with [British Airways](#) announcing daily flights to London Heathrow Airport from January 2027, and [Air Asia](#) launching a new service from Melbourne to Bali.



Passenger Numbers

January '26

Total (excl. transits)

3,376,879

↑3.6% vs Jan 2025

Domestic

2,115,518

↑3.2% vs Jan 2025

International

1,261,361

↑4.3% vs Jan 2025

February '26

Total (excl. transits)

2,823,962

↑3.5% vs Feb 2025

Domestic

1,827,285

↑1.6% vs Feb 2025

International

996,677

↑7.2% vs Feb 2025

March '26

Total (excl. transits)

3,129,811

↑6.6% vs Mar 2025

Domestic

2,127,222

↑5.9% vs Mar 2025

International

1,002,589

↑6.9% vs Mar 2025

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