



Community

newsletter

Building Your Airport

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

These newsletters highlight our key projects, community engagement opportunities and changes around the airport precinct.

New pick up and drop off arriving in Spring 2026



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.

There'll be double the amount of space for your hellos and goodbyes when we open our new T123 Transport Hub for passengers using Terminal 1 (Qantas Domestic) Terminal 2 (International) and Terminal 3 (Virgin Australia).

[Visit our Pick Up and Drop Off Hub](#)

Passenger numbers and a new route to the Maldives

We welcomed our 43rd international carrier to Melbourne Airport in May, with Maldivian launching direct weekly flights to Malé in partnership with Luxury Escapes.

Following record passenger numbers earlier in 2026, passenger traffic eased slightly as higher jet fuel prices prompted some airlines to adjust schedules.



Passenger Numbers

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

April '26

Total (excl. transits)

3,009,063

↓ 3.4% vs Apr 2025

Domestic

2,055,408

↓ 1.4% vs Apr 2026

International

953,595

↓ 7.6% vs Apr 2026

May '26

Total (excl. transits)

2,752,755

↓ 2.9% vs May 2025

Domestic

1,893,796

↓ 2.0% vs May 2025

International

858,959

↓ 5.0% vs May 2025

Construction begins on new water treatment facility



We're building a new water treatment facility along Arundel Creek at the southern end of the airport site. It will treat rainwater that flows off our planned expansion projects, including the [third runway](#), before it reaches local waterways.

Construction will require temporary changes to traffic conditions on Annandale Road for around 12 months.

[View traffic updates and maps](#)

Community Health Study Terms of Reference approved



We're undertaking a world-first, long-term study on the potential health impacts of aircraft noise associated with the [third runway](#) on communities surrounding Melbourne Airport, as required by the Federal Government.

The Terms of Reference for the Community Health Study were approved in April 2026. They set out how the study will run and how results will be reported before the third runway opens in 2031, and for 20 years after.

[View the Terms of Reference](#)

Ground broken on new electric bus depot



Kinetic and Melbourne Airport have broken ground on a purpose-built electric bus depot for the city's SkyBus service.

Located on Apac Drive, the facility will be Australia's first electric double-decker bus depot, designed to support Kinetic's commitment to operating a 100 per cent electric SkyBus fleet in Melbourne by 2031.

[Find out more](#)

New partnership with Horseshoe Bend Community Group



We've partnered with Horseshoe Bend Community Group – a Keilor-based community minded volunteer-led group – to develop a new Native and Sensory Garden at the Horseshoe Bend Reserve in Keilor.

The Native and Sensory Garden is designed to provide an inclusive community space and encourage social connections for local people of all abilities.

[Explore our community hub](#)

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