



Hobart Airport
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New arrivals area opens as airport upgrade reaches major milestone

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Passengers travelling through Hobart Airport this school holidays will be among the first to experience a new arrivals area featuring a large U-belt baggage carousel and a Tasmanian-designed outdoor forecourt.

Hobart Airport Chief Executive Officer Norris Carter said the opening marked a significant milestone in the \$200-million terminal expansion project, which was now around two-thirds complete.

Over the coming months, travellers will continue to see new areas open as work progresses toward a terminal that is double its previous size.

“The project will ultimately double the size of the terminal, providing more space, more choice of food and retail, and more jobs for Tasmanians,” Mr Carter said.

“The opening of our new arrivals area is an exciting moment for Tasmania as the terminal expands to meet growing demand.

“It features more baggage claim space, a new arrivals exit with easier access to the new car rental offices, and a welcoming outdoor forecourt inspired by Tasmania’s unique landscape.

“As part of the works, one existing baggage carousel has been taken offline to be upgraded and expanded, while the new 85 metre U-belt carousel is designed to improve flow and support increased passenger numbers during the busy school holiday period.”

Mr Carter said the expanded arrivals area added roughly 800 square metres of space, providing additional capacity to support growing passenger numbers.

“The outdoor forecourt has been designed by Tasmanian landscape architects Playstreet and draws inspiration from Tasmania's natural environment to create a distinctly local welcome for visitors arriving in the state,” he said.

Playstreet Director Miriam Shevland said the forecourt was designed as a welcoming journey through Tasmania’s landscapes, using a Tasmanian native planting palette to create a distinct sense of place.

“In the rainforest zone, the planters are underlit to subtly evoke bioluminescence, adding depth and atmosphere after dark,” Ms Shevland said

“The movement of different paving types helps guide people through the space, but overall, the design is about more than wayfinding, it’s intended to reflect Tasmania’s rugged coastlines and natural environments, and create a calm, inviting arrival experience that connects visitors to Tasmania from the moment they land.”

The opening comes as Hobart Airport prepares for one of its busiest periods of the winter season, with around 135,000 passengers expected to move through the terminal during the July school holidays.

Mr Carter encouraged travellers to allow extra time for their journey.

“If you haven't travelled through Hobart Airport recently, you’ll notice things look quite different,” he said.



“We encourage passengers to allow plenty of time to get through security, find your gate and take the opportunity to explore some of the new spaces and shops that have opened.”

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