



Media Release

Airport gears up for busiest time of the year

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Hobart Airport, with preparations now underway as the gateway to Tasmania gears up for its busiest time of the year.

A breath of fresh Tasmanian air awaits locals and tourists alike as they are welcomed home or for a holiday this festive season.

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said Christmas and New Year was traditionally the busiest time of year at the airport, and this one would be no different.

"Our busiest days are looking to be the 23rd and 30th of December with 84 aircraft movements scheduled for both days," Mr Carter said.

"We estimate January this year will see a 12 per cent increase in operating capacity compared to 2022 and we're currently sitting at 1044 scheduled flights for next month, which is a big increase on the 703 flights two years ago.

"We've seen airlines progressively expand their flying schedules following borders re-opening, with activity noticeably picking up as we approach Christmas.

"Travel can be stressful at times so plan some extra time into your trip. We want passengers to have a safe and enjoyable journey so please be patient and respectful.

"Over the past few weeks, the atmosphere at the airport has been fantastic, with friends and families reuniting after time apart.

"We're thrilled to have an array of entertainment including Clarence City Children's Choir, an assortment of singers, dancers, an artist in residence, and beloved children's entertainer Mrs Bee located from the carpark and through departures and arrivals to help travelers get into the holiday spirit.

"I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone at Hobart Airport, including our volunteers, who will be onsite throughout the Christmas period ensuring everyone has a safe and pleasant experience.

"It's an exciting time for the airport with tourism on the rise, our runway upgrade planned for next year, and plans to improve the terminal with more space, shops, and places to eat to enhance our passenger experience.



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“The runway upgrade is forecast to bring in an additional \$122 million per year in economic activity through tourism, trade, and Antarctic activities as well as creating over a thousand additional jobs.

“We look forward to being a part of the festive cheer over the next few weeks and playing our part in reuniting loved ones and fulfilling our role as the gateway to a prosperous state.”

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