

Media release

Locals first in Australia to experience cutting-edge security screening

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Residents of the Hunter, Central Coast and Northern NSW are amongst the first in the country to experience new cutting-edge aviation security technology, with Newcastle Airport installing high-tech infrastructure this week.

“We’re very proud to offer all passengers through our Airport a greatly enhanced customer experience,” Newcastle Airport CEO, Dr Peter Cock said.

“Through the use of this world leading screening system, our passengers will enjoy a screening and security process that is easier and more focused on our passengers’ needs.”

“As an example, our passengers will no longer be required to undergo random explosives detection testing, or need to remove laptops from their hand luggage, making for a much smoother and convenient journey.”

“Of course, the safety of passengers is a key priority for us, and this new high-tech screening infrastructure will help us to deliver on that commitment, whilst ensuring the highest level of security for all.”

In October, Newcastle Airport also rolled out a new Flight Information Display System (FIDS) throughout the terminal, making it easier for passengers and Airport visitors to access flight information and improve their travel experience.

The FIDS upgrade delivers new screens for improved visibility and accessibility, more travel information and additional alerts.

“We aim to make all passengers travel experiences as stress-free as possible,” Dr Cock added.

“Both the security screening and FIDS upgrades contribute towards a more seamless experience for all who travel through Newcastle Airport.”

Speaking of the rollout at Newcastle Airport, SNP Senior Managing Director Tom Roche says:

“SNP is delighted to partner with Newcastle Airport to successfully implement Computed Tomography (CT) baggage X-ray and Body Scanning in Australia. SNP congratulate Newcastle Airport on this accomplishment, and we are proud of our dedicated team of security professionals who worked closely to make it happen.”

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About Newcastle Airport

- > Recipient of the President's Award at the 2019 Hunter Business Awards, with CEO Dr Peter Cock also awarded 'Business Leader of the Year'.
- > Named 'Major Airport of the Year' at the 2018 Australian Airports Association Industry Awards.
- > Newcastle Airport is the second international gateway into New South Wales and the second busiest airport in the state.
- > Serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia, QantasLink, Regional Express, and FlyPelican to eight direct domestic destinations and onward to more than 65 worldwide destinations.
- > Newcastle Airport is the gateway to Australia's largest regional economy, with more than \$43 billion annual output and 48,500 businesses.
- > Newcastle Airport contributes more than \$1.16 billion to the state's economy each year, including \$300 million direct to the visitor economy which supports over 5,700 full-time employees across tourism and the Airport cluster.
- > Newcastle Airport Pty Ltd is jointly owned by City of Newcastle and Port Stephens Council and is governed by an independent, skills-based Board of Directors.
- > FY18/19 passenger results saw Newcastle Airport break its all-time FY record with 1,277,473 travellers passing through the terminal.
- > In December 2018, Newcastle Airport welcomed its 18 millionth passenger through the terminal since 1995.
- > On 22 March 2018, Newcastle Airport released its 60-year Master Plan, which includes a 20-year blueprint for growth, projections and business development of the Airport.