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MEDIA RELEASE

NOW BOARDING FROM BENDIGO AIRPORT'S NEW TERMINAL

Bendigo Airport's new terminal and business park officially opens today, providing an economic boost to the region.

The almost \$12 million project is a joint initiative between all three levels of government, with the Albanese and Allan Labor Government's investing \$4.5 million each and the City of Greater Bendigo contributing \$3 million.

The terminal—which is approximately four times larger than the previous building—includes new check-in facilities and departure lounge, upgraded restrooms, provision for future security screening, and an indoor arrival area and baggage collection.

The project also features a 183-space carpark along with an expanded apron that can fit two 70-seat aircraft, allowing the airport to include new airlines and future flights to new destinations.

Bendigo's emergency services facilities have been bolstered through the addition of a new helipad that can accommodate a wide array of emergency service helicopters, such as flood and fire response, as well as military and police activity.

This was funded by a separate grant of \$300,000 from the Albanese Government's Regional Airports Program.

A special feature of the airport is the landscaping and interpretive signage prepared by Djandak. Djaara woman Timani Nicholls-Moore provided cultural and creative direction around the garden design, and together with Djaara man Andrew Saunders provided cultural advice for the signage.

For more information on the expanded Bendigo Airport visit: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/building-and-business/bendigo-airport

Quotes attributable to Premier of Victoria and Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

"There is so much to see and do in Bendigo and this new terminal will mean more visitors can experience everything our vibrant regional city has to offer.

"This revamp will not only provide better access to the airport but is supporting jobs for our local community."

Quotes attributable to Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King:

“This is a great boost for Bendigo, not only for better air links and facilities but also for local jobs, with up to 19 ongoing jobs expected to be created by 2030.

“This project will boost tourism and the local economy for Bendigo, with the airport’s apron expansion allowing more aircraft and extra space for other airlines, meaning more flights to more destinations in the future.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney

“It is fantastic to see our support for the Bendigo Airport terminal expansion helping more passengers than ever before to enjoy a brand-new airport experience.”

“This upgrade is another way we are backing Greater Bendigo’s economy for years to come.”

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

“I’m thrilled to witness the culmination of our investment in the Bendigo Airport upgrade, boosting regional infrastructure, transport connectivity and economic prosperity for our community.”

Quote attributable to Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters:

“This new terminal upgrade gives greater access to our visitors and our community. It’s going to have a positive, lasting impact on our region.”

Quotes attributable to Bendigo Mayor Andrea Metcalf:

“Thanks to the Bendigo to Sydney Qantas service and our new terminal building, the convenience of travelling from Bendigo Airport has never been easier.

“Projects of this scale are not only an investment in local infrastructure, a valuable transport service and future business opportunities, they deliver real local employment opportunities and represent an investment in the skills and capability of local industry”

Quotes attributable to Acting Dja Dja Wurrung Group CEO Cassandra Lewis:

“As custodians of Dja Dja Wurrung Country, we have a cultural responsibility to welcome visitors.

“We are pleased to share some of our Country and Culture through landscaping and interpretive signage, and hope airport users enjoy this space.”

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