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# CEO REPORT

From the desk of the Chief Executive.

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Spring, where has the year gone.

Mildura airport continues to be the dynamic operation it has become since corporatisation in 2009.

We are moving ahead rapidly with the finalisation of the detailed design of the runway overlay and extension and expect to invite formal tenders for construction within the next few weeks.

This will be a major project by any definition and we will import approximately 40,000 tonnes of crushed rock and bitumen for the overlay alone.

A construction site will be established on the airport grounds, material will be stockpiled and an asphalt batching plant will be constructed to mix asphalt material for the overlay.

With Spring officially here, we are approaching the end of our tree planting programme for the Airport grounds and have planted in excess of 500 new trees and shrubs, carefully selected to provide a food source for small birds and bees that are important to the environment.

We have also seen improvements made to the traffic flow into the terminal precinct with the installation of a new round about.

Plans are coming together for a full Airport emergency exercise that will be held at the end of September.

That's all for spring, till next time.

Bill Burke



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# MILDURA AIRPORT STORIES

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## Mildura Airport runway upgrade preparation

Design development of the runway overlay project is progressing in accord with the programme that supported the successful application for Federal funds for the project.

The federal government's grant of \$10m was approved in December 2015 and with co-funding contribution from Mildura Rural City Council and Mildura Airport Corporation, will enable Mildura Airport to complete a bitumen overlay of 150 mm over the existing runway.

This overlay is a structural enhancement to the existing pavement to ensure that Mildura can accommodate the heavier "Code C" ( Boeing B 737-800 and Airbus A 320 ) aircraft in increasing numbers over the projected life of the runway.

In conjunction with the runway works, the apron will be improved, Taxiway Charlie strengthened and Taxiway Delta reconstructed.

"Design development work is progressing rapidly"

Mildura Airport chief executive Bill Burke said.

In recent months Mildura Airport has advertised for Expressions of interest for parties to undertake the construction work.

Given the need to maintain operations of the runways, the overlay operation will be conducted at night allowing the runway to reopen in the early hours of the morning, therefore removing disruptions to airlines and passengers.

The Mildura Airport Team are pleased with the progress of the project and are looking forward to seeing works commence on site in the near future.

# COMMUNITY

Supporting local business at the Airport

## Mildura Chocolate Company, truly sweet gifts

If you are looking for a truly local gift or souvenir stop at the Mildura Airport Café and view the range of products from the Mildura Chocolate Company. The business is renowned for creating premium quality products and proudly uses produce grown in the Mildura region including citrus, nuts and dried fruit.

You can also feel good knowing that your purchases help provide meaningful employment for adults with a disability. Supported employees are involved in all aspects of the business from producing the chocolates, to packaging and sales. A dedicated team of volunteers are also involved in the day to day operations. The business is part of the Christie Centre, a Mildura-based disability service provider.

The Mildura Chocolate Company has been making products for Murray River Salt for the past five years. The first product was a salted chocolate that was used for tasting samples at food shows. The most recent project has been developing a salted chocolate sauce. This product has recently won a gold medal at the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria's (RASV) food and beverage awards.

Mildura Chocolate Company products are also available from 4 Bothroyd Court, Sunraysia Cellar Door, Stefano's Café and online.



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Larry from Pearson Aviation says “Our Outback Air Tours have been very popular with guests coming from as far a New Zealand to travel with us to Lake Eyre, which has been our most popular destination. Most of our guests have travelled from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and other locations in between the capitals to fly with us.



Mungo National Park is one of Mildura's hidden treasures that we have enjoyed sharing with local people and tourists alike. We offer scenic flights, ground tours, sunset tours, full moon tours and overnight accommodation at Mungo Lodge.

Local Scenic flights along the Murray river have also been very popular with gift vouchers available for birthdays and other celebrations, although we have not had an inflight marriage proposal yet.

We have some exciting new developments coming up, follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pearsonaviationmildura> to keep up with all the news and see some of our photos from around Australia.”



## Gardens

With Spring here, we are very excited to see all of our new plantings around the airport come to life.

We welcome Jordan Baird, MAPL's new gardener who has been working on new and existing projects throughout the airport grounds.

Prior to commencing as the Airport Gardener Jordan has worked in a variety of nurseries and farms around the Sunraysia Region.

Jordan's first project on the Airport was the preparation and planting for our boundary line screening, this involved the planting of over 75 platypus gum trees along the southern end of our boundary fencing.

Jordan is now doing some fantastic work on the Alan Mathews Drive peripheral planting as you will see on the left hand side of Alan Mathews drive when coming towards the terminal, this area consists of a secondary line of native tree and shrubs.



## Flying into the Future

The airport terminal building is now flying into the future with its new PV solar system, check out our new solar feature wall displaying our solar generation.



## Building for lease

Multi Purpose Office Building at Mildura Airport - Fly In and Fly Out with Ease

A multi purpose office building of 208 sqm offering a forward thinking enterprise a rare opportunity to locate within the dynamic Mildura Airport precinct .

The building is located within pleasant landscaped surroundings that are maintained by the Airport team.

Comprising of reception, 11 offices, dedicated storage and filing areas, meeting and board rooms, staff facilities, the premises are available for long term lease.

Ample undercover parking is available.



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# WENTWORTH 2016 TRACTOR RALLY

Adrian Hem from Kilmore

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Adrian Hem from Kilmore stops by the Mildura Airport in his 1964 J3 Bedford tray truck and 1950 Ferguson Tractor.

The Wentworth 2016 Tractor Rally commemorates the sixtieth anniversary of the great flood that occurred in 1956 at Wentworth, when at the junction of the two rivers, including the Mighty Murray and the Darling, that flooded and threatened the town of Wentworth.

As a result, many local farmers rallied with their "little grey Fergies" to build and strengthen the levee banks which ultimately saved the town from the flood waters

Hundreds of tractors travelled to Wentworth in early July including Adrian Hem with his 1964 J3 Bedford tray truck and 1950 Ferguson (Fergie) tractor.

Adrian left from his home town Kilmore, Victoria with a good mate Robert and headed for Wentworth on Wednesday July 6th 2016.

Their first stop was Swan Hill, then on to Redcliffs for the second evening to commence the tractor rally the next morning.

Whilst at Redcliffs they were very impressed with the remarkable Big Lizzie, that was an attraction to them due to their passion for Australian historical machinery.

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I had not seen the Airport for years and what a pleasant surprise to see how the recent developments had transformed this old lady into a modern regional airport with every conceivable convenience. Security was a bit of an inconvenience to my mate Robert having to remove his belt and steel toe cap work boots but thankfully he managed to hang on to his trousers for the required duration of the security check with a few jokes with the friendly staff and then on into the coffee shop. Wow what a transformation to this area, so modern with great facilities coffee and food and a bright and busy area. We were there mid to late morning to see many aircraft arriving and departing.

Well done to Bill Burke and staff for making this one of the best regional airports in Australia.

Adrian stating this is truly a "Big Beast".

Friday morning came the commencement of the tractor rally they leaving Redcliffe's early on the first of two tractor treks.

Adrian decided it was a good idea to start with his Fergie on the truck as he had been experiencing water pump trouble.

The first trek included over 200 Fergies travelling from Redcliffs to Wentworth having stopped on the way for morning tea and lunch.

The second days treked them through NSW for an 80 kms trip stopping for morning tea and lunch that was provided along the way.

Totalling a 280 km for the total rally.

With the completion of the rally Sunday, Monday was the 450 km trip home to Kilmore, which is not all that easy in a J3 Bedford truck but this wasn't started without stopping off at The 'Mildura Airport' to take a look, having heard about many improvements that had been made since Adrian's last visit in years prior.



# AIRPORT UPDATES

Keep up to date with the Mildura Airport

## Roads

Mildura Airport Operations staff have been busy installing a new roundabout to the entrance of the terminal, the roundabout was designed to improve the traffic flow into the terminal precinct.



## Emergency Exercise

Mildura Airport in conjunction with emergency services from as far as Swan Hill and Melbourne will be running a FULL field emergency exercise. The exercise is designed to put into action and test the Airport Emergency plan in response to an emergency. This is run on the Airport grounds every other year and involves role playing exercises such as incidents occurring, forward command post, passenger recovery to reuniting passengers to family and friends.

Excessive amounts of planning, preparation and volunteering are put into this activity for months leading up to the event.



Visit Mildura Airport website to complete 2016 Passenger Survey

## Airport Parking Increase

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## RAAF Museum

From 1942 until 1946, the Mildura Airfield was a RAAF Base, being the home of No 2 Operational Training Unit or 2OTU. The role of 2OTU was to provide operational fighter conversion and training for pilots before they were posted to their operational squadrons.

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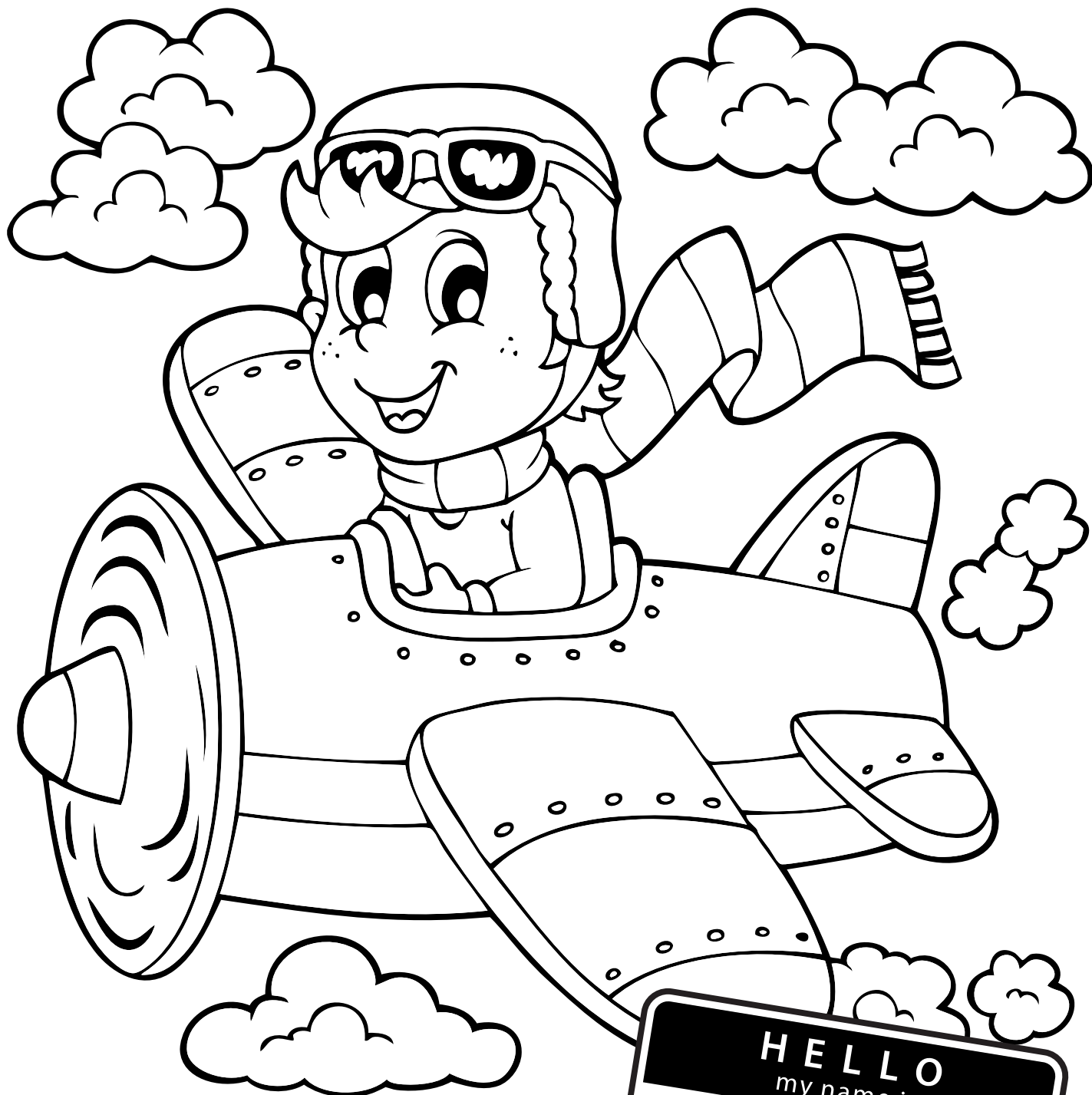
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