



# Media Release

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## **Parafield Airport named Australia's Metropolitan Airport of the Year**

Parafield Airport has been named as Australia's 'Metropolitan Airport of the Year' at the Australian Airports Associations annual awards on the Gold Coast overnight.

The award recognised recent initiatives and successes in 2024/25 including the approval of Parafield Airport's latest masterplan and taking the next steps in airport carbon accreditation to reduce emissions and improve energy efficiency.

The Metropolitan Airport of the Year is awarded to an airport in the greater metropolitan area of a capital city outside of the major capital city airports.

Parafield Airport Executive General Manager, Tom Ganley, said the award was due recognition for Parafield Airport's dedication to operational excellence, innovation and sustainable growth.

"The past year has been a strong one for Parafield Airport. Our Master Plan was approved seamlessly, with no delays or resubmissions, reflecting the quality of our planning and strategic vision. This reflected careful planning, strong communication, and close collaboration with regulators," Mr Ganley said.

"We also achieved Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACI) Level 4, a remarkable milestone for an airport of our size and a testament to our commitment to sustainability and environmental leadership. Since we submitted for the award, we have now achieved Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 5, becoming the first in Australia alongside Adelaide Airport to reach this level.

"These achievements reinforced our vision to be a community-focused aviation hub, delivering meaningful outcomes for the industry, the environment, and South Australia.

"Our team also planted 1,000 trees with Trees for Life, boosting biodiversity and supporting a greener future. These efforts support the community as well as our airport sustainability goals."

Parafield supports 103 businesses, contributes \$354.8 million to South Australia's GSP, and sustains 2,570 jobs, playing a vital role in Northern Adelaide's economic development.

**Adelaide Airport's purpose is to proudly connect and shape South Australia. Our Vision is to be everyone's favourite airport – seamless, connected, easy. Adelaide Airport is the gateway to South Australia enabling the movement of more than eight million passengers as Australia's fifth largest domestic and international airport. Adelaide Airport also owns Parafield Airport - South Australia's principal general aviation airport and one of the largest pilot training airports in the southern hemisphere. Our airport is privately owned and supported by four long-term institutional shareholders that fund the retirements of millions of Australians.**