



CONNECTING NEWCASTLE TO THE WORLD

The Worimi Nation has stood for tens of thousands of years across the Port Stephens area. As such, the Worimi are the traditional custodians of the land on which Newcastle Airport is located and remain so today. We recognise the unique and special cultural significance the area holds for the Worimi and pay respect to them and to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have made this area their home.

1941
RAAF Base Williamtown opened.



1947
Williamtown Civilian Airport welcomes first charter flight to RAAF Base Williamtown.

1948
First commercial flight lands at Williamtown carrying 18 passengers.



1990
City of Newcastle and Port Stephens Council assume joint responsibility for operating the civilian airport.

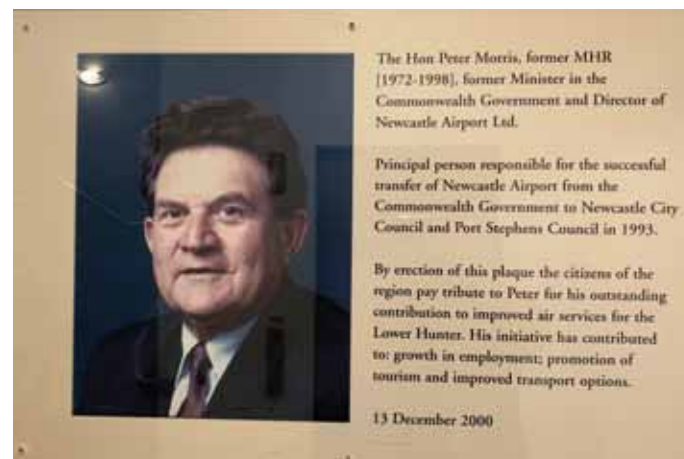
1993
Newcastle Airport Limited is officially formed, with the company signing a lease with the Commonwealth Government for 23 hectares of terminal and commercial development.

1994
Impulse Airlines enters the market, based at Newcastle Airport.

1975
Terminal building officially opened.



2000
Terminal reconstructed to service increasing passenger numbers.



2000
Acknowledgement of the Hon Peter Morris.

2001
First trans-Tasman flights launched with Freedom Air.



2004
Jetstar's first flight lands from Melbourne to Newcastle.



2003
Virgin Australia's first flight takes off from Newcastle Airport.

2005
An \$8.25 million terminal development and infrastructure expansion opens, doubling the size of the terminal and car parks.

Newcastle Airport named Australian Regional Airport of the Year by the Regional Aviation Association of Australia.
Newcastle Airport also signs a 40-year lease with the Commonwealth Department of Defence, cementing its future at Williamtown.

2006
Jetstar chooses Newcastle Airport as its base for A320 heavy maintenance – providing ongoing economic and employment outcomes for the region.

2007
A record 1 million passengers pass through the airport.

2009
Western terminal extension is officially opened.



2015
\$14.5 million terminal expansion is officially opened.



2013
A new company structure is formed, allowing Newcastle Airport's two shareholders City of Newcastle and Port Stephens Council to receive dividends from the Airport's profits.

2016
Newcastle Airport's head lease is extended for 60 years, with 3 x 10 year options, cementing us as the region's Airport for generations to come.

2017
Newcastle Airport exercises an option over a significant parcel of land adjacent to the Airport to future-proof the region's aviation and commercial needs.

2018
Newcastle Airport's Master Plan released, providing a 20-year plan for growth.
Official opening of international facilities with direct flights to Auckland, New Zealand

Newcastle Airport named Major Airport of the Year by the Australian Airports Association.

2019
A new record of 1.28 million passengers pass through the terminal.

RAAF Base Williamtown is Australia's largest fast-jet base and one of the busiest and most complex of Australia's Air Force Bases. We acknowledge the dedication, commitment and service contributions of the airmen and airwomen at RAAF Base Williamtown past and present. We also pay tribute and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. We will remember them. Let us not forget.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which Newcastle Airport is built – the Worimi people. We acknowledge elders past, present and emerging.