



## Media Release

### Broome International Airport continues car park upgrades

Broome International Airport has begun an extensive works program to upgrade visitor parking.

The first sign of the upgrade was last year's extension of the car park, and now works has started to lay new asphalt to unsealed parking areas and to repave existing parking zones. It will also include preparing for the installation of boom-gates, entry and exit machines.

The parking upgrades form part of Broome International Airport's ongoing development and improvements to enhance passenger amenities and experiences, including expanding the arrivals space in the terminal.

Broome International Airport CEO Craig Shaw said the airport had been carefully undertaking the terminal upgrades to ensure the airport was able to accommodate increasing tourist visitors and to give local travellers better airport amenities.

"To date we have invested upwards of \$15 million in terminal upgrades including the recently opened new arrivals hall, extended check-in hall, and upgraded security screening area. It is now time to further improve the carpark and forecourt area," Mr Shaw said.

"Broome International Airport expects passenger numbers to continue to increase, and we need to position the airport to accommodate this future growth."

The parking upgrades will include covered parking bays, with solar panels on top of the large covered structure. This will provide covered parking across approximately 100 parking bays.

Airport visitors would also have better security for their vehicles through a boom-gated, cashless, card only entry and exit process.

"We know that airport visitors are used to parking without these controls and it will take a little time getting used to the new systems. It will be something that users who have travelled to other Australian airports will be familiar with.

"Our intent is to provide an airport that gives visitors to Broome a world class regional experience and that begins at the air gate and ends when they leave the airport grounds through our car parks.

These new systems will include the introduction of a new fee structure related to different parking options.

"We've ensured our new fee structure is substantially lower or consistent with other Australian regional airports.

"Our modelling suggests that the majority of all airport visitors will park for free or incur a minimal fee for a much-improved parking experience."

"Given the relative ease of access through Broome International Airport, we've decided the first 30 minutes in the short-term area would be free. That should be plenty of time for people to drop off and escort friends and family to the departure terminal, or to collect them from the arrivals terminal and return to their car."

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