



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
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# WESTERN SYDNEY COMMUNITY update

## 'Million milestone' reached on airport site

Western Sydney Airport has moved the first million cubic metres of earth on site as work ramps up on what is one of the biggest earthmoving projects in Australian history.

There is still 21 million cubic metres of earth to be moved on the 1,780-hectare site – enough earth to fill almost 9,000 Olympic swimming pools.

Levelling the hilly site is the first step before the runway and passenger terminal can be built, in time for the first flight to take off from Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport in 2026.



## A message from Alan Tudge

Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure

**Work is well and truly on track for Western Sydney International and its supporting infrastructure to be open in 2026.**

It's been a very busy 2019 for the airport so far. Work to remove a high-voltage transmission line from the site has been completed, while earthworks on site reached a phenomenal milestone – one million cubic metres moved in June. The new Badgerys Creek Road bridge is under construction, and the company is narrowing its global search for a world-class terminal design.

Implementation of the landmark Western Sydney City Deal continues at pace. The projects in the first round of the Western Parkland City Liveability Program are well underway. The business case for the north-south rail link, the Sydney Metro Greater West, is also progressing.

We are getting on with the job to build the infrastructure Western Sydney needs.



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## Drop by and say 'hi' to FOWSA

**Come along to a drop-in information session hosted by the Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) on Saturday 7 September 2019 from 10am to 1pm at the Campbelltown RSL. You can meet members of FOWSA and the team working on the airport to learn more about the project, the Western Sydney City Deal, and the transformation taking place in Western Sydney.**

A FOWSA meeting will take place after the information session and members of the public are invited to observe. If you would like to attend the meeting or submit a question for the meeting, visit [westernsydneyairport.gov.au/fowsa](http://westernsydneyairport.gov.au/fowsa).

Applications to attend the meeting close Sunday 1 September 2019.



## Airspace design

**The Australian Government is continuing work on airspace design for Western Sydney International with considerable care and attention.**

As part of the planning phase, the airspace design team has met with many of the existing Sydney airspace users and industry stakeholders to confirm future Sydney basin airspace requirements. Engagement with these stakeholders will continue over the coming months.

Community engagement will continue over the coming year, before the airspace design reaches an environmental assessment phase. Public consultation on flight paths will take place through the Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) and in the environmental assessment.



## Restoring native vegetation in Orchard Hills

**Work to preserve and improve biodiversity in the area around the airport is well underway.**

Ecological studies are being undertaken at the Defence Establishment at Orchard Hills (DEOH). These studies will examine the condition of the flora and fauna on the DEOH site and will put together a plan to improve and manage the site over the next 20 years.

Around 900 hectares of native vegetation has been set aside for conservation at the DEOH.

The ecological studies are part of the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan, which outlines how the Australian Government will offset the biodiversity impacts of the development of Western Sydney International.



## A message from the FOWSA Chair Peter Shergold

**I am pleased that the Forum on Western Sydney Airport (FOWSA) will host a drop-in information session at Campbelltown RSL on Saturday 7 September 2019.**

At the information session, you will be able to find out more about FOWSA and meet FOWSA members. You can also pick up the latest information about Western Sydney International and other projects happening in Western Sydney.

The next FOWSA meeting will take place after the information session. This meeting will be open to public observers and will feature a 'Q&A' session.

Visit [westernsydneyairport.gov.au/fowsa](http://westernsydneyairport.gov.au/fowsa) to find out more about the information session and meeting.

**INFORMATION  
SESSION**

**CAMPBELLTOWN RSL**

**Saturday 7 September 2019**

**10am to 1pm**



# Western Sydney Airport update

It's been a huge year for Western Sydney's airport, having been officially named Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport in honour of one of Australia's greatest aviation pioneers.

Work has commenced to design a passenger terminal that Western Sydney can be proud of, with five architectural teams shortlisted and Western Sydney university students to be involved in the design process.

Western Sydney Airport has also signed agreements with Qantas and Virgin Australia to start early planning on the airport's design.

Community members interested in learning more about the airport will soon be able to visit the Western Sydney Airport Experience Centre, where visitors will get a first-class view of the airport being built and enjoy an interactive experience.



## Honouring a pioneering Australian aviator

**Western Sydney International Airport has been named after Nancy-Bird Walton, recognising her role in the history of Australian aviation.**

Becoming the first Australian woman employed to carry passengers commercially, Nancy-Bird was hired by the Far West Children's Health Scheme in 1935 to fly nurses around the outback. She later began a private charter service and operated an aerial ambulance service.

Nancy-Bird trained female pilots during World War II and in 1950 founded the Australian Women Pilots' Association.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Nancy-Bird's daughter and grand-daughter attended the naming ceremony on the airport site in March, with Nancy-Bird's grand-daughter speaking about how her nan was a pioneer for women in aviation.



## View from the air

Progress on the airport site is visible from the air! The construction that started in September 2018 has clearly made a mark on the ground. Taken in August 2018 and March 2019, these images below show just a small portion of the earthmoving being done to level the ground across the airport site.







## Western Sydney City Deal making real progress

**In its first 12 months, the Western Sydney City Deal has already delivered some great results for the region.**

In January 2019, the eight City Deal councils had a range of projects approved under the Western Parkland City Liveability Program. This program will give communities new and redeveloped parks, sports facilities, rejuvenated town centres and cultural spaces.

The Western City and Aerotropolis Authority (WCAA) was established in November 2018. The WCAA will design and oversee the delivery of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

The new Western Sydney Planning Partnership is also continuing work on the next stage of the Western

Sydney Aerotropolis Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan.

Visit [www.wscd.sydney](http://www.wscd.sydney) to read more news about the City Deal.



## A new rail spine for Western Sydney

**A key project in the City Deal, the Sydney Metro Greater West is the new north-south rail link in Western Sydney.**

This new metro service will become the transport spine for the Western Parkland City. Sydney Metro Greater West will connect travellers from the airport and the Western Sydney Aerotropolis to St Marys and the rest of Sydney's rail system. It will feature fully automated driverless trains, similar to the ones now operating on Sydney Metro Northwest.

Geotechnical investigations are now underway. These investigations will assist with early planning and design work for the project.

Visit [www.sydneymetro.info/greaterwest](http://www.sydneymetro.info/greaterwest) for more information about the project.



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