

Mount Isa AIRPORT



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MOUNT ISA AIRPORT CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow, Mount Isa Airport celebrates ten years of steady growth and significant achievements as a major contributor to the Mount Isa region's mining boom and gateway to the Queensland outback.

It was ten years ago, on 11 June 1998, that the Federal Government finalised the sale of Mount Isa Airport to what was then Australian Airports (Mount Isa) Pty Ltd.

Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) acquired 100% of the equity interest in AAL in 2005 and it was renamed Mount Isa Airport in 2006.

Over the past decade some of the outstanding achievements for Mount Isa Airport have been:

- A \$1.4 million investment to complete a major extension and upgrade works to the terminal building and airport entrance
- Growth in annual passenger movements from 108,947 to 181,768 in ten years (and growth from 127,688 to 181,768 passenger movements in the past three years)
- Construction of two hangar facilities with capital expenditure of \$1 million
- Investment of \$6million in capital works for further terminal upgrade works over a five year period
- \$9million investment commitment for runway enhancements and strengthening
- Animal proofing of the six kilometer boundary fence
- Development of a sponsorship program to support the community through funding for events such as the Mount Isa Rodeo and Mount Isa Tourism Association
- Installation of AWIS (Aerodrome Weather Information System)

“Mount Isa Airport is very aware that its success is attributable to the support and understanding of its many stakeholders” said Dennis Chant, Managing Director of Mount Isa Airport and Queensland Airports Limited.

“As we reach this milestone we would like to pay tribute to the support we have received from our employees, customers, airlines and other service partners, tourism industry bodies - particularly Mount Isa Tourism Association and Tourism Queensland - the Mount Isa City Council, state and federal government representatives and our surrounding communities.”

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Mount Isa Airport is a key component of the portfolio of airports owned by Queensland Airports Limited that also includes the gateways of Townsville and Gold Coast.

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