



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Work begins on \$18 million transformation at Bankstown Airport**

**Sydney, Australia 24 May 2022** - Sydney Metro Airports is proud to announce a \$18 million community amenity program that will reimagine the Bankstown Airport Precinct.

Funded by Sydney Metro Airports, and airport owner Aware Super, construction has begun on Stage One of the Airport Placemaking Project which includes a major amenity upgrade to improve the experience for general aviation, operators, customers and visitors alike.

Placemaking, wayfinding and landscaping upgrades are set to transform the airport into a centre of aviation, commerce and community for the Greater Western Sydney area.

To establish a welcoming environment for all visitors and workers, the public spaces on the corner of Marion Street and Airport Avenue will go through significant landscaping upgrades as well as feature road re-sheeting.

Wayfinding, footpath and street lighting upgrades will enhance the path leading up to the recently refurbished Bankstown Airport Terminal and a café with outdoor seating will create community and a social hub of activity.

Bankstown Airport is a centre of economic activity which serves as a hub for emergency services, general aviation, training, logistics and destination retail and employs more than 2,000 people.

Sydney Metro Airports has a clear vision to develop Bankstown Airport into a dynamic, integrated aviation and commercial centre for Greater Western Sydney and the Airport Placemaking Project plays a key role in this goal.

The Airport Placemaking Project is part of the Bankstown Airport Master Plan which forecasts the airport will contribute \$1.64 billion per annum and almost 1,700 new jobs to the NSW economy over five years, with almost 4,000 jobs created over the next 20 years.

**Daniel Jarosch, Chief Executive Officer at Sydney Metro Airports said:** “Today we are putting people at the heart of the next chapter of Bankstown Airport by creating an attractive place for people to connect, socialise and enjoy. We’re delighted to press ahead with this placemaking initiative and make a real positive and sustainable difference to the community we operate in by making Bankstown Airport a thriving and diverse destination that connects aviation, commerce and the community.”

**Deanne Stewart, CEO at Aware Super said:** “Every day we strive to deliver the best outcomes for our members, their families and the communities in which they live – and Bankstown Airport is an asset that does exactly that. We’re delighted to support the airport’s placemaking enhancements with continued investment in this critical aviation asset, building on previous projects such as the NSW Police PolAir hangar and terminal upgrade.”

The landscape master plan was prepared by renowned landscape architecture and urban design practice, Oculus. Taylor Construction, an award-winning Australia-based construction company, has been appointed to deliver the project. The first stage of the Airport Placemaking Project is due for completion later this year.

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#### **ABOUT SYDNEY METRO AIRPORTS AND BANKSTOWN AIRPORT**

Sydney Metro Airports owns and operates New South Wales’ leading general aviation and recreation airports – Bankstown and Camden. With 24/7 operations, Bankstown Airport is the 3rd busiest airport in Australia, supporting over 160+ businesses and contributing more than \$1b to the NSW economy. Our purpose is to create the ultimate gateway, becoming a thriving destination, that connects aviation, commerce and community. Visit [www.sydneymetroairports.com.au/](http://www.sydneymetroairports.com.au/).

#### **ABOUT AWARE SUPER**

Previously known as First State Super we changed our name to Aware Super in September 2020. Aware Super is a name that reflects our members and what we stand for. It echoes the strengths of our past, aligning to our purpose to be a force for good in superannuation, retirement, and advice, driving better outcomes for our members, their families, and communities. Aware Super has been the fund for people who value community since 1992, and we’re now one of Australia’s largest funds and continuing to grow. We merged with VicSuper and WA Super in 2020 and now manage \$155 billion in savings for more than 1 million members located across the country. Our members work in roles that breathe life into their communities and they expect us to do the same. So, we invest in assets that we believe will make a positive difference today - improving our communities, building a more sustainable economy and supporting employment both locally and globally at the same time as providing strong long-term returns. Discover how we’re helping members do well financially while doing good in the world: Visit [www.aware.com.au](http://www.aware.com.au).