



# Camden Airport CACG AMG presentation

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# Section 1.0

## General matters

## AMG advocacy

- December 2023 – NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey and NSW Camden MP Sally Quinnell meeting and tour of Camden Airport
- January 2024 – AMG submission to Western Sydney International Airport Draft EIS (Section 4.0) and AvSEF “Proposed changes to general aviation operations in the Sydney Basin”
- March 2024 – Meetings with Department, CASA and Airservices Australia in Canberra, including new departmental representative for Camden Airport Scott Small
- March 2024 – Meeting with NSW Industry & Trade and Innovation Minister Anoulack Chanthivong

## AMG leadership changes

- New General Manager Aviation Justin Marr, started 25 March 2024. Joins AMG from RFDS
- Resignation of CEO Daniel Jarosch. Daniel to remain in role until c. August 2024. Recruitment process has commenced



## Section 2.0

# Community and sustainability



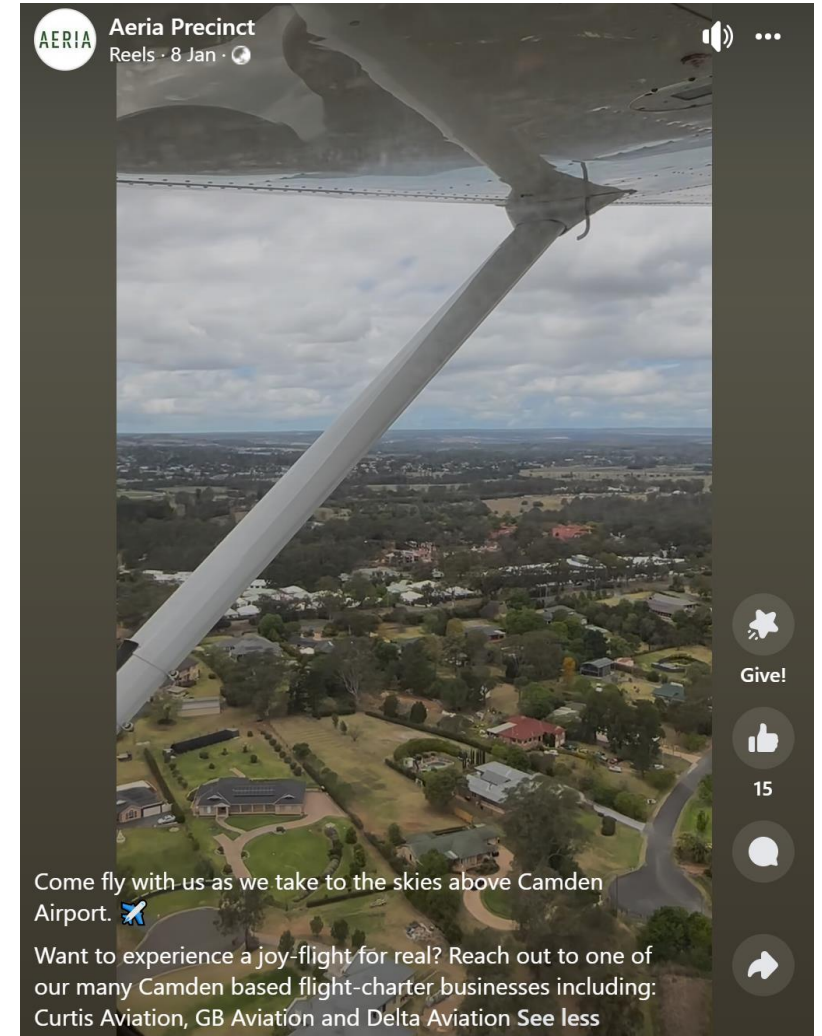
# Community and sustainability

- Australian Air League Air Training Camp at Camden Airport – volunteers teaching future pilots and engineers
- Royal Aero Club of NSW Flying Training Camp at Camden Airport for 34 high school students
  - Women make up about one-third of student pilots and 40% of volunteer flight instructors
- End of Year coffee and cupcakes for customers
- Inaugural AMG Sustainability Report due for release in Q2 – path to net zero Scope 1 & 2 by 2030 and Scope 3 by 2050
- AMG Reconciliation Action Plan – opportunity for customer involvement in training and workshops
- Maximising use of recycled pavement products in airport carpark upgrade works
- Continued support of Camden Wombats Landcare in sarcoptic mange treatment program
- Preparing to plant 200 Camden White Gums in Airport Riparian Zone, with support of DPIE



# Customer news

- Meet the newest addition to the Curtis Aviation fleet:  
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1564824247623752>
- Take to the skies above Camden Airport on a joy flight:  
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/920066032396148>
- Looking back on 2023 across Camden Airport and Bankstown Airport/Aeria Precinct: <https://fb.watch/qT9iWN27Lb/>



## Section 3.0

# Aviation operations and upgrades

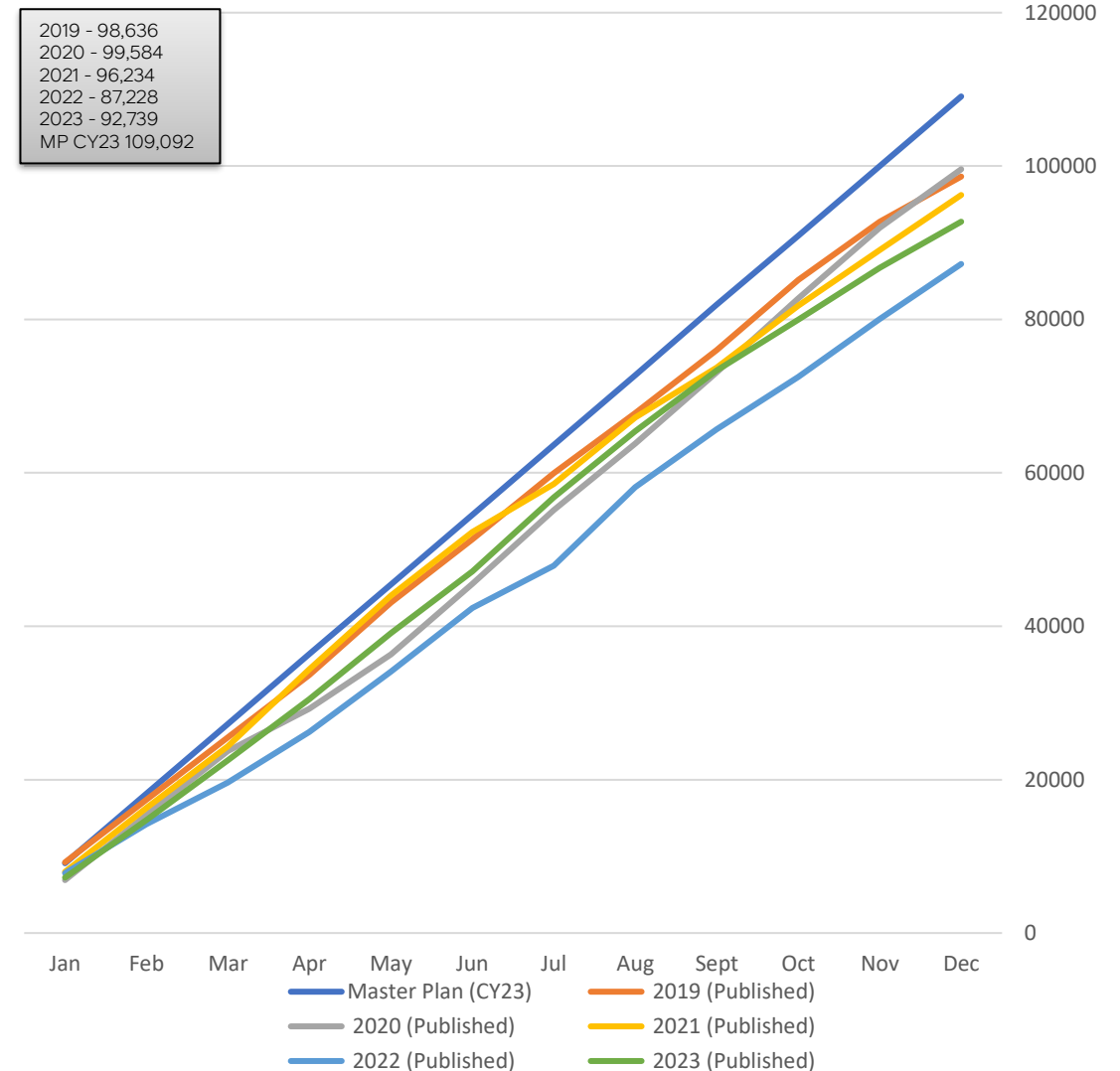


# Aviation Activity

## Aircraft movements

- 2023 calendar year:
  - 92,739 movements – up 6% from 2022 (87,228)
  - Post-Covid recovery continues:
    - 94% of pre-Covid figure in 2019 (98,636)
    - 85% of Master Plan forecast for 2023 (109,092)
- 2024 calendar year to date:
  - Jan 8456 (up from 7246 in Jan 2023)
  - Feb 5482 (down from 7484 in Feb 2023)

Camden Airport Cumulative Movements\*



# Carpark and stormwater upgrades

- Major upgrade works to improve safety, accessibility, amenity and resilience to flooding. Completed works include:
  - Northern car park upgrade (near Hangar 766);
  - Hangar 740 apron expansion;
  - Drainage upgrades
- Taxiway Delta and connecting taxiway: Reopened early on 28 Feb
- Taxiway Charlie: Reopened on schedule on 25 Mar
- Project Completion: Anticipated by end April / early May 2024
- Works proceeding well despite inclement weather:
  - c. 300 tonnes pavement materials
  - 120m of box culverts installed
  - 10 streetlights to be added to carpark area
  - 120m of stormwater pipes to be installed
- Project updates: [aeria.co/news/camden-car-park-and-stormwater-upgrades/](https://aeria.co/news/camden-car-park-and-stormwater-upgrades/)





# Other upgrades and power outage

## Other works

- Completed installation of perimeter fencing (c. 3km) to improve security and wildlife barriers

## Power outage Mar 2024

- Cable fault near electrical pillars
- Customers impacted for c. 1.2 hours – with 6 customers impacted for c. 5 hours due to nature of cable repair and repair works
- Response:
  - Engagement with impacted customers.
  - Prompt attendance and testing on-site by AMG electrician to facilitate priority repair works
- Next steps:
  - Ongoing investigations to enhance network protection and resilience



Perimeter fencing: New vs Old



# Safety and resilience

- Dec 2023: Camden Airport Emergency Training Exercise
  - Part of multi-agency training day by AMG, Fire and Recue NSW, NSW RFS, NSW SES, NSW Police and NSW Ambulance
- Sept 2023: AMG commences Whispir text service
  - Customer notification system for significant scheduled and unscheduled operational disruptions and/or safety matters
- Feb 2024: AMG finalises Business Continuity Plan to prepare for disruptions to critical business activities
- March 2024: ATSB releases preliminary factual report into fatal Cessna 172 light aircraft accident near Camden Airport in Jan 2024:
  - Pilot had completed 51.3 hours under recreational pilot certificate
  - Instructor reported the student “demonstrated exceptional aircraft handling proficiency”
  - ATSB investigation ongoing



Emergency response training exercise



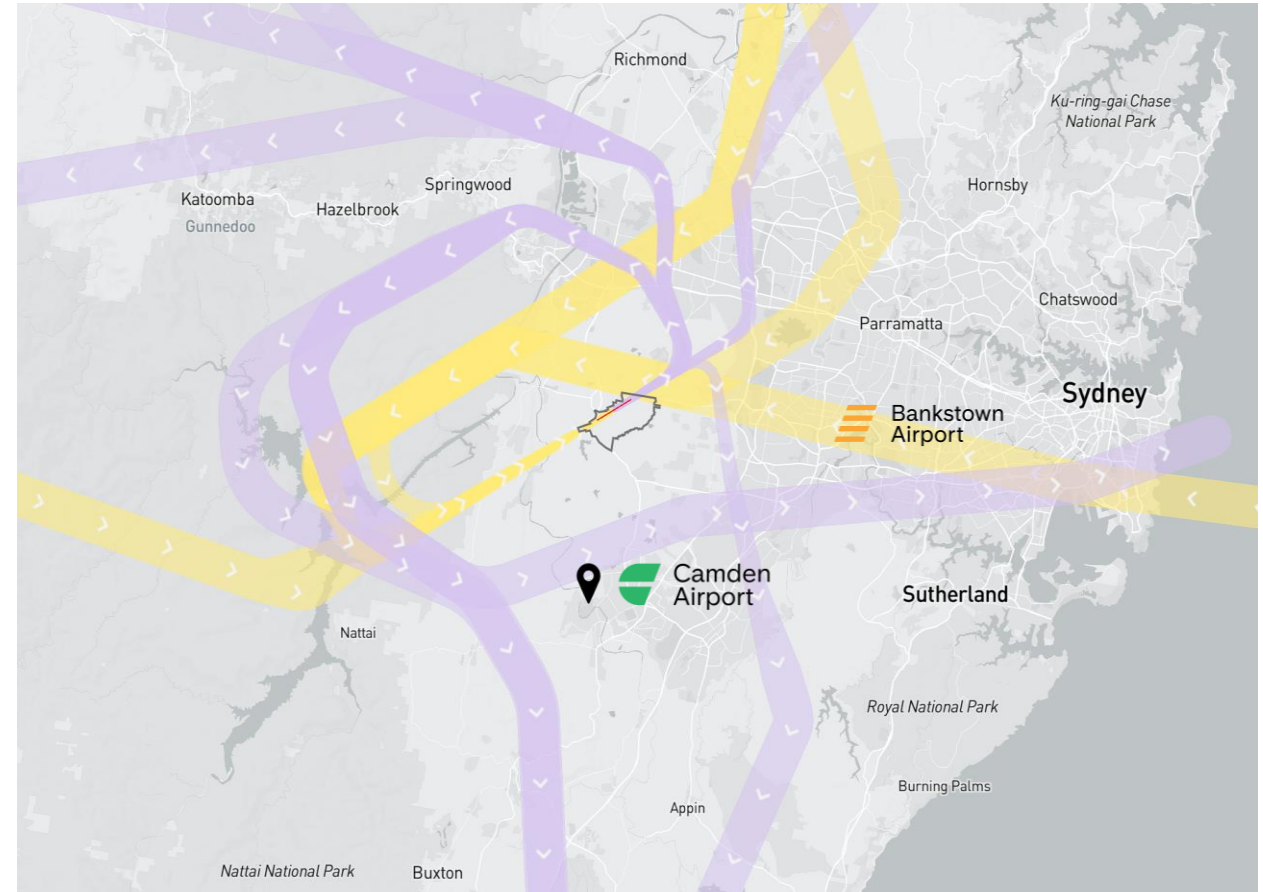
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## Industry news and updates

# Impacts of Western Sydney International Airport

## AMG submission to Draft EIS:

- Significant economic and operational impacts due to airspace changes related to WSI (from mid-2026)
- Flight training schools at Bankstown Airport impacted
  - Assessed as a potential 20% fall in student numbers
- Additional impacts on supporting businesses and all other GA operators in Sydney Basin – including increased safety risks, airspace congestion, delays and compliance costs
- Increase in noise impacts – risk of additional operational restrictions or constraints on growth of precinct
- AMG estimates economic costs will total c. \$76m in 2026 alone – more than 5 times the figure in the Draft EIS
  - Estimated costs will grow to \$102m a year by 2055 and total \$2.65bn over next 3 decades
- Increased airspace congestion concerns expressed by Camden Airport operators
- AMG submission: <https://aeria.co/news/amg-reveals-sky-high-costs-and-safety-risks-related-to-western-sydney-airport/>



# Mitigation measures – AMG recommendations

- Government should conduct further analysis/investigation of scope and scale of economic impacts
- Payment of fair, adequate and flexible compensation to impacted GA businesses
- Delivery of new Engadine Corridor VFR transit route
- Government funding or investment incentives to expand GA operations at Camden Airport (see next slide)
- Provision of efficient and fit-for-purpose ATC services and control tower operational hours
- Provision of appropriate resources to educate residents about aircraft noise and to respond to noise complaints
- Delivery of whole-of-airspace review of the Sydney Basin
- Acknowledgment of further significant impacts due to opening of second runway at WSI (from 2055) – including:
  - Substantial increases in flight path and airspace restrictions
  - Increases in aircraft congestion, operational requirements and safety risks
  - Such impacts would threaten the long-term viability of essential GA services and operations in the Sydney Basin

Delivery of recommended mitigation measures would reduce total economic impacts on GA operations in Sydney by c. 40% - from \$2.65 billion to \$1.44 billion by 2055

# Mitigation measures: Government Investment in Camden Airport

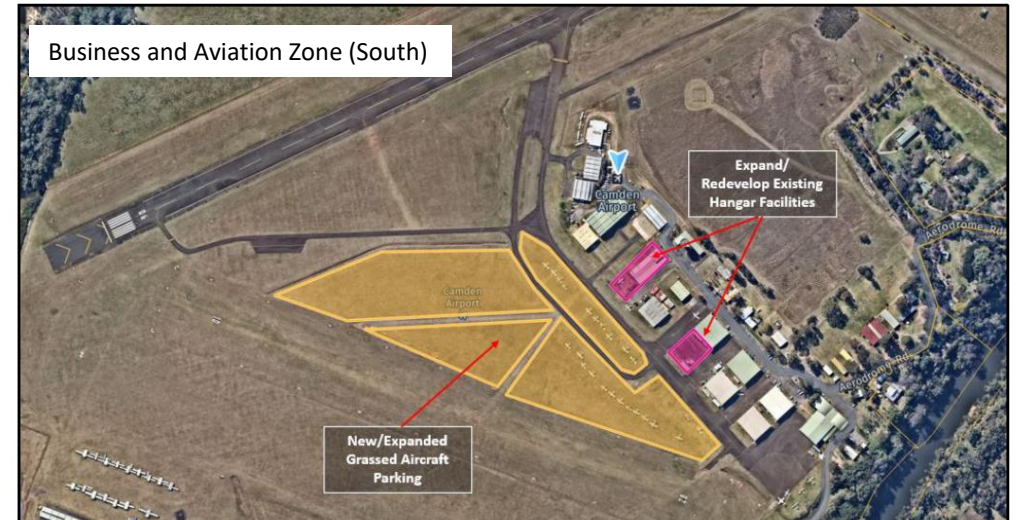
- AMG advocating for government investment in expanded/enhanced GA operations, facilities and infrastructure at Camden Airport – in part to mitigate impacts of WSI
- Maximise capacity from current c. 92,000 movements to c. 118,000 \*

## Proposed new Airport Business Zone (North) – as per current Master Plan

- Significant economic and jobs growth through proposed activation:
  - Enhanced aviation facilities/new taxiway access
  - New hangars to meet evolving aviation needs, including electric-hydrogen aircraft
- Infrastructure investment required to deliver economic opportunity for Camden region and South-West Sydney

## Proposed expanded Business and Aviation Zone (South)

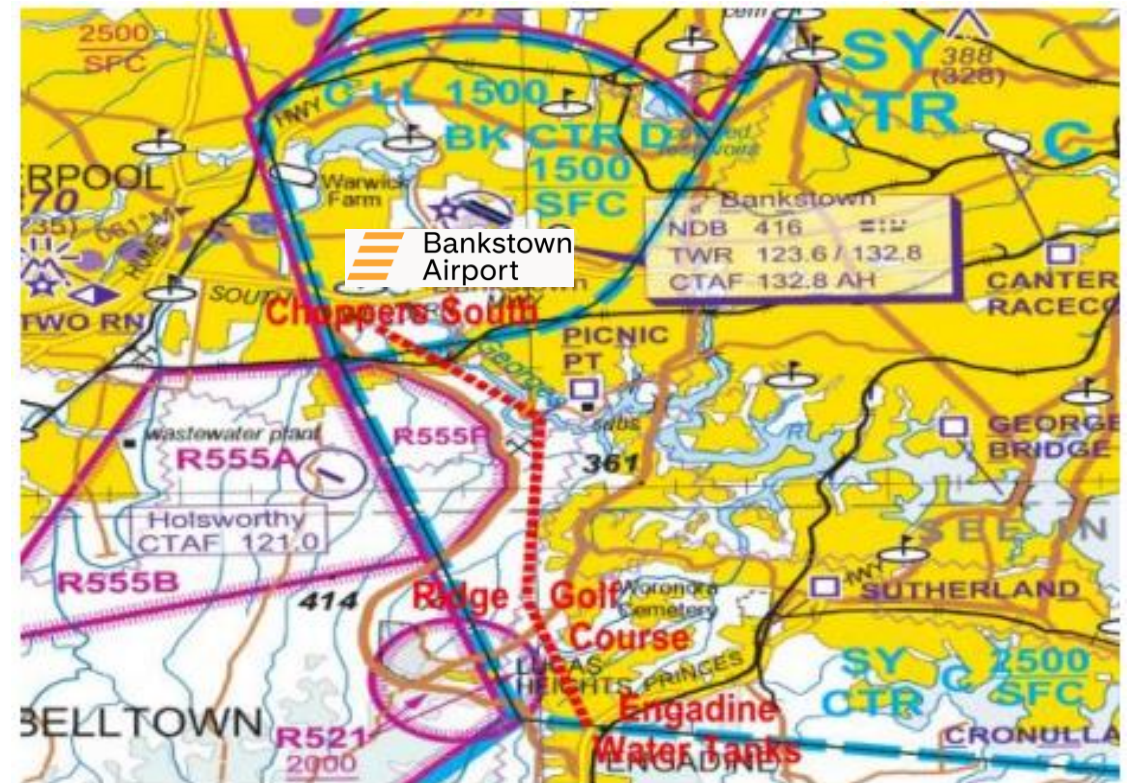
- Refurbishment/expansion of hangar facilities to support aviation growth
- Investment to deliver opportunity for Camden Airport and the GA community and sector





# Engadine Corridor: economic and safety imperative

- Delivery of Engadine Corridor will:
  - Reduce hazards and risks in Sydney Basin
  - Mitigate economic impacts of WSI-related airspace changes, particularly for flight training schools
  - Maintain G Class access to/from Bankstown Airport for Camden Airport operators
  - Alleviate additional congestion for airspace around Camden Airport
- Need for urgent delivery of corridor prior to commencement of WSI
- 2023: AMG-facilitated discussions between customers and CASA on design of corridor and proposed new southern flight training area
- Jan 2024: AMG letter to Department, CASA and Airservices Australia requesting formal timeline for delivery of Engadine Corridor before 2026
- March 2024: AMG meetings with Department, CASA and Airservices Australia – Obtained verbal commitment to:
  - A formal timeline and process for delivery of Engadine Corridor by mid-2025
  - CASA to be lead proponent of proposal
  - Airservices to lead community consultation



Proposed VFR transit route south from Bankstown Airport (red dotted line)



Proposed southern training area expanded to Engadine Corridor


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