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MOUNT GAMBIER REGIONAL AIRPORT OPENING

The newly redeveloped Mount Gambier Regional Airport was officially opened on Friday 23 April by Federal Member for Barker Mr Tony Pasin, Treasurer for South Australia the Hon Rob Lucas, MLC representing Premier Marshall and District Council of Grant Mayor Richard Sage.

The \$9.2M upgrade project was jointly funded by the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund in partnership with the South Australian State Government. The City of Mount Gambier also supported the Airport upgrade with a financial contribution. The District Council of Grant Mayor Sage is proud that the project was delivered on time and on budget which is a testament to the project team that managed the state of the art upgrade.

"The significance of this upgrade of the Mount Gambier Regional Airport to the Limestone Coast will now give us the opportunity to play an active role in stimulating economic development in the region through tourism, domestic travel along with the possibility of regional exports of local products".

Mayor Sage highlighted the improved safety and technology upgrades which has future proofed the state of the art facility "We can boast operations 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week even during power failures with a new state of the art generator and main switchboard allowing floodlight towers, taxi way and centre lights to operate during blackouts. We have also incorporated a solar system and recalibrated our GPS approach technology"

CEO Darryl Whicker gave thanks and acknowledged the valuable contribution of staff along with the efforts of Architect, Ashley Halliday and Carlin McNeil from Kennett Builders who designed and constructed the new terminal.

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“I wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution of staff past and current, this has been a project 10 years in the making. To quote Ian Fritsch our Airport Manager who led the project in terms of its initial vision and ultimately its delivery, this project has been a team success”.

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