

# 3 Significance of Perth Airport



## 3.1 Introduction



Perth Airport serves as a critical driving force for Western Australia's economic, social, and cultural development. It connects communities, facilitates trade, and underpins a vibrant regional tourism sector.

Central to providing these benefits are the activities of Perth Airport, airlines and the State Government in expanding both the range of destinations that can be accessed directly from Perth and the number of flights. More than 30 airlines operate services from Perth Airport, reaching 114 intrastate, interstate and international destinations. The intrastate, interstate and international destinations currently served by Perth Airport are shown in Figure 3-1 to Figure 3-3.

Beyond connecting people and fostering cultural exchange, Perth Airport plays a pivotal role in driving economic growth by supporting businesses, enabling them to access markets, service customers, and expand their operations. It facilitates trade, enabling the seamless flow of goods, including e-commerce shipments, and the fly-in fly-out workforce for the resources sector. Perth Airport additionally serves as a key gateway for international investment and tourism, contributing significantly to the State's economic diversification.

Perth Airport operates 24 hours, seven days a week, providing an essential link for business and leisure travel, and meeting the needs of:

- regional communities and the resource sector
- online shopping and overnight road and air freight
- interstate domestic travel
- international access to multiple global hub airports, and
- search and rescue and emergency services operations.

Perth Airport's 24/7 operation ensures uninterrupted connectivity, facilitating seamless travel within Western Australia and Australia and providing vital links to major global hubs. Maintaining operational flexibility is paramount to supporting Western Australia's dynamic economy. Strong connections to key international hubs are crucial for sustaining competitive international air services. Any restrictions on Perth Airport's operations and operating hours would lead to a significant loss of air services, increasing travel costs and impacting on tourism and industries dependent on timely travel and air freight.

Perth Airport is also a major employment hub, with 200 tenants located across the airport estate providing a range of aviation and non-aviation services, including freight, maintenance, transport, retail, commercial, warehousing and logistics.

3.2 Economic Importance of Perth Airport

3.2.1 Current Economic Importance

Perth Airport generates significant benefits to the local, State and Australian economies through its own operations and the operations of tenants on the estate.

Perth Airport contributes to the economy through investment in infrastructure and expenditure on goods and services, its employment of local people, and through the initiatives it supports in the local community.

The 200 aviation and non-aviation tenants located across the airport estate also contribute to the economy through the production and expenditure on goods and services, and the payment of direct wages to their workforces.

The total economic contribution of Perth Airport operations to Gross State Product in FY24 was \$6.6 billion, of which \$6.2 billion was contributed to the Gross Regional Product of the Perth metropolitan area. See Figure 3-1 for annual economic benefit of Perth Airport in FY24.

The Perth Airport estate is a major centre of employment in the Perth metropolitan area. In FY24, the estate directly supported 12,326 full-time equivalent jobs. This comprises staff directly employed by Perth Airport and the employees of the aviation and non-aviation tenants located across the estate.

There is also a flow-on contribution to job creation in the broader economy, which is generated through Perth Airport’s expenditure with businesses to support the operation of the airport estate, and the expenditure of tenants on the estate. In FY24, these activities indirectly supported the creation of 40,145 jobs, including 27,297 jobs within the Perth metropolitan area. This means that for every direct job supported by Perth Airport and its tenants, a further 1.5 jobs were created in the Western Australian economy. See Figure 3-2 for annual employment benefit of Perth Airport in FY24.

Perth Airport also facilitates other economic benefits in the wider economy and society that would not take place, or would be reduced, if there was not the continuity of aviation activity supported by the airport. Day-return or overnight business trips, short leisure trips and urgent freight deliveries would all be difficult or logistically impossible without aviation. Aviation results in lower transport costs—after allowing for the value of time—as well as improvements in transport quality.

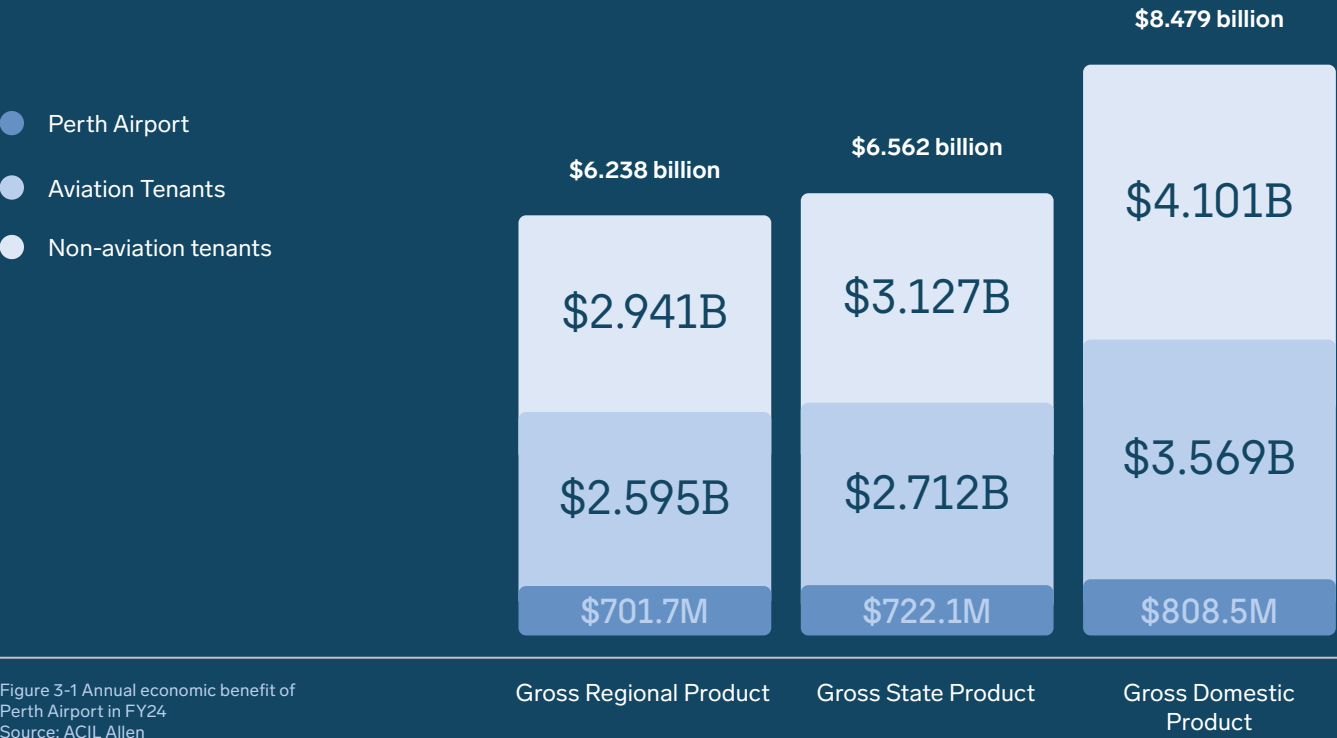
Perth Airport not only contributes to the Perth, Western Australian and Australian economies directly through the aviation-related and non-aviation activities within the estate, but it also acts as an enabler for many other activities that impact those economies, such as mining, tourism, education exports, and agricultural exports.



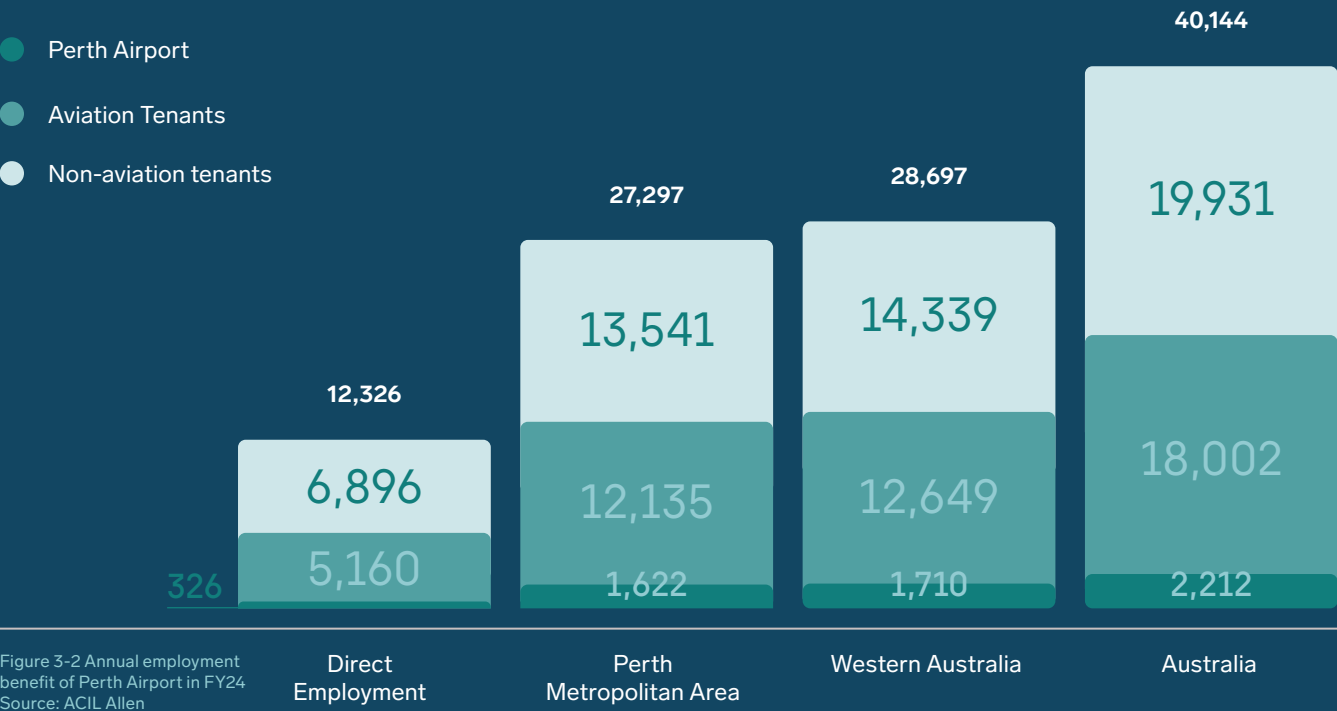
\$6.6B

Perth Airport contributed \$6.6 billion to Western Australia’s economy in FY24.

Economic Contribution



Annual Employment Benefit





3.2.1.1 Resource Sector

The success of the Western Australian resources sector, which accounts for nearly half of the economic activity in the State, is intrinsically linked to the fly-in fly-out (FIFO) employment model.

Due to the remote location of many of Western Australia’s oil, gas and mining sector developments, resource companies rely heavily on the air transport of FIFO workers from the Perth metropolitan area to meet their workforce requirements. The FIFO workforce model enables workers to commute to remote work sites while maintaining their residency in their home communities, preserving their economic and social networks.

There are approximately 140 productive mines in Western Australia, employing around 139,000 workers. In FY24, the value of mineral and energy production in Western Australia reached \$238 billion, exceeding 63 per cent of Australia’s total mineral and energy production value.

FIFO passengers account for approximately 83 per cent of intrastate travellers travelling through Perth Airport and are primarily serviced by seven airlines, as well as several charter operators. In 2024, an estimated five million resource-related FIFO passengers flew between Perth Airport and regional destinations. The majority of FIFO workers are employed in iron ore and LNG operations within the Pilbara region, with iron ore operations responsible for approximately 52.9 per cent of FIFO passenger movements in 2024. The Goldfields-Esperance region, with its significant gold and nickel mining, and the emerging lithium sector, also contribute substantially to FIFO passenger numbers.

The Western Australian Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety identified that more than \$32 billion was invested in the State’s resource sector in FY24, marking 14 straight quarters of increased spending, indicating a strong continued demand for FIFO services operating through Perth Airport.

The resource industry is also dependent on freight and charter operations at Perth Airport to supply goods and services to mine sites

3.2.1.2 Tourism

Perth Airport is pivotal to the tourism sector, serving as the main gateway into Western Australia for both domestic and international air travellers.

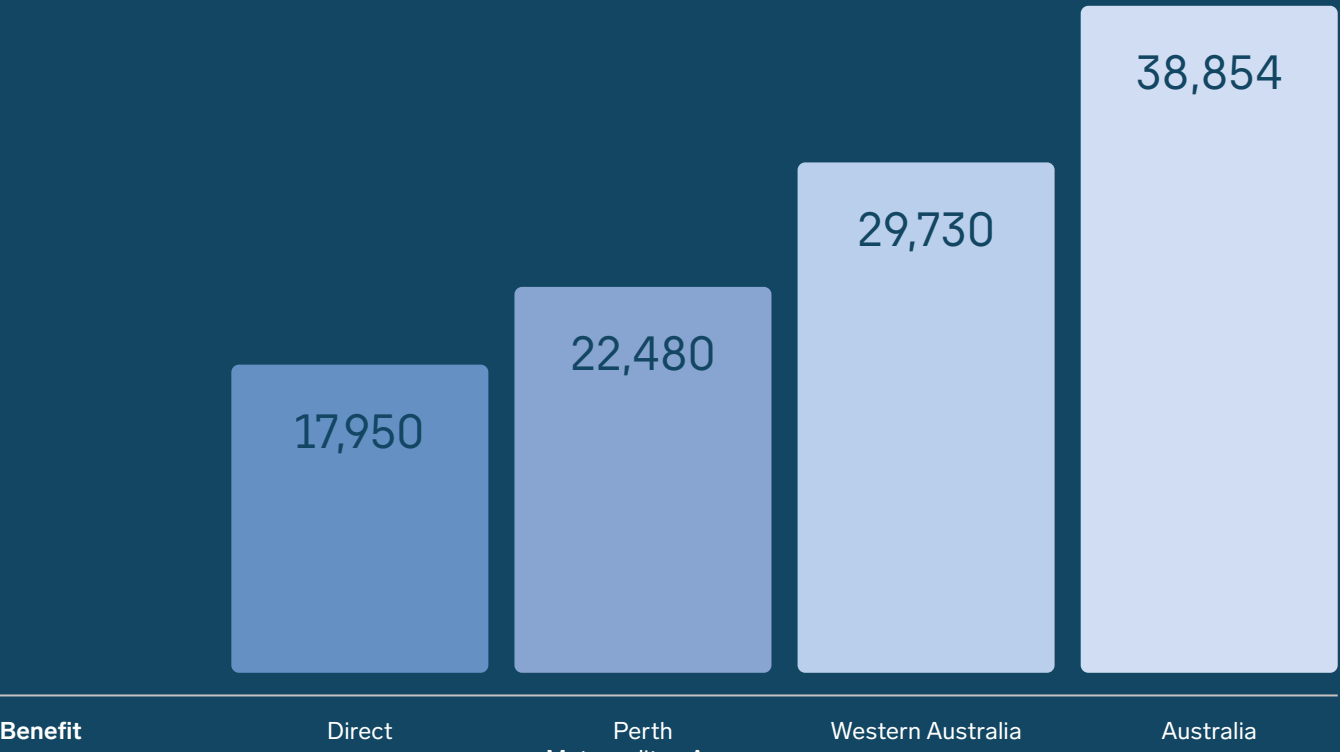
By facilitating air travel, Perth Airport enables significant tourism spending by both domestic and international visitors. Interstate and international visitation is an integral part of the success of the local tourism industry with these segments spending significantly more per capita compared to intrastate travellers. In FY24, visitors who travelled through Perth Airport spent \$2.8 billion with Western Australian businesses, creating a \$4.9 billion contribution to Gross State Product.

The introduction of one new international daily flight is conservatively estimated to deliver up to an additional \$70 million to the State’s economy and create more than 600 additional jobs.

In FY24, there were 17,950 people employed in the State’s tourism sector attributable to aviation operations at Perth Airport.



Tourism enabled employment



Tourism enabled economic contribution

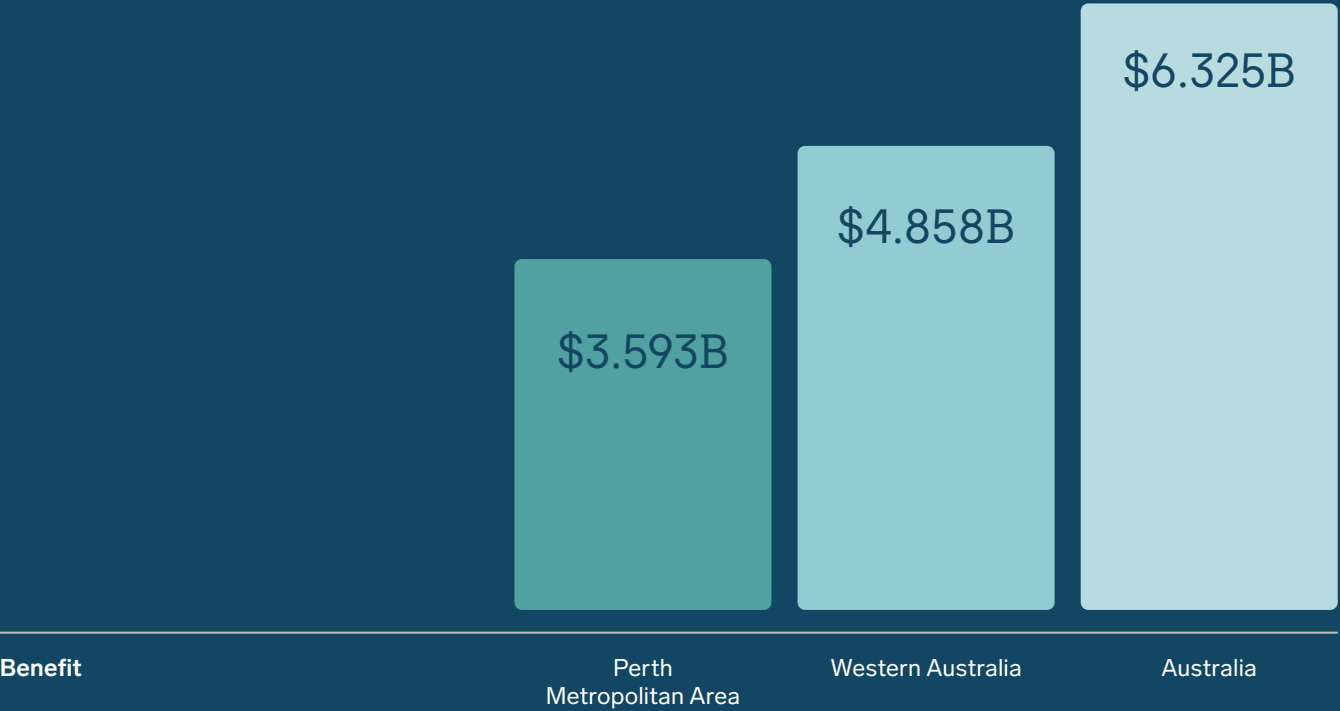


Figure 3-3 Tourism enabled employment and economic benefit of Perth Airport in FY24  
Source: ACIL Allen

3.2.1.3 Education

International student education has emerged as a significant contributor to the Australian and State economy. There were 825,000 international student enrolments in Australia in 2024—a substantial increase from fewer than 100,000 in 1994.

In the 12 months to September 2024, nearly seven per cent of international arrivals at Perth Airport cited education as their primary travel purpose.

Western Australia is home to a vibrant and growing international student community from 155 different countries. In 2023, Western Australia’s education and training institutions saw a record high of 72,215 international student enrolments. Higher education accounts for 47 per cent of international student enrolments and vocational education and training accounts for 32 per cent.

The growth in international students has made international education an increasingly important source of income for Western Australia. Education-related income has more than tripled since FY02 and in FY23 accounted for \$2.4 billion, which is the State’s largest service export and more than a third of the service export income from Western Australia.

It is estimated that spending by international students and their families, and their role in the State’s workforce, contributed \$2.8 billion to the Western Australian economy and supported 11,275 direct and indirect jobs within the State in 2023. International students are a source of employment, particularly within the tourism sector where they provide a critical source of labour year-round in Perth and during peak tourism seasons in the regions.

Approximately 46.4 per cent of international student expenditure in Western Australian universities is directed towards tuition fees, followed by 34.4 per cent on food, drink and accommodation.

The number of international students is projected to continue to grow into the future, supported by consistent and cost-effective air services.



\$13<sub>B</sub>

\$13 billion of agricultural exports in FY24.

3.2.1.4 Agriculture and Aquaculture

Air freight plays a crucial role in connecting Western Australian agricultural producers to domestic and international markets, particularly for time-sensitive and perishable goods. Perth Airport serves as a vital hub for the export of a diverse range of agricultural products, including fresh fruits and vegetables, honey, seafood, fresh meat and live animals.

The majority of agricultural freight is transported as cargo on regular passenger flights.

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a significant decline in agricultural exports, particularly time-sensitive produce, which is heavily reliant on passenger flights, being typically exported in low volumes at regular frequencies so as to maintain freshness.

In FY24, Western Australia exported \$13 billion of agriculture products, representing approximately 80 per cent of the State’s agricultural and aquacultural output.

Perth Airport is instrumental in facilitating the movement of perishable goods to international markets and the continued growth of agricultural exports relies heavily on the provision of appropriate airport infrastructure and strategic air linkages.

3.2.2 Future Economic Importance

As described in Section 2.9, Perth Airport is embarking on a multi-billion-dollar investment program to deliver a new runway, a new terminal, upgrades to existing terminals, ground transport upgrades and multi-storey car parks, as well as the airport’s first hotel. Complementing these developments are new retail and commercial space across the estate.

Over the period from FY24 to FY46, it is estimated that the capital expenditure associated with the construction of the planned projects at Perth Airport will result in the creation of over 3,200 jobs and contribute \$2.2 billion to Gross State Product.

Taking into consideration the development of the estate proposed in this Master Plan 2026, as well as forecast passenger and aircraft volumes, it is estimated that by FY31 the operation of Perth Airport will support 62,168 jobs within the Perth metropolitan area and contribute \$12.8 billion to Gross Regional Product. By FY46, this will increase to 75,401 jobs within the Perth metropolitan area and \$17 billion-contribution to Gross Regional Product. Around two-thirds of this contribution is from non-aviation tenants, highlighting their importance to the State’s economy.

The future employment and economic contribution from the operation of Perth Airport is shown in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2.

Passenger volumes through Perth Airport are forecast to grow from 16.1 million passengers in FY24 to 21.1 million passengers in FY31 and 30.8 million passengers in FY46. As shown in Table 3-3, the contribution to Gross State Product from tourism activity enabled by Perth Airport is expected to reach \$11.8 billion in FY46, of which \$8.7 billion is expected to be realised in the Perth metropolitan area.

| Financial Year | Source               | Perth Metropolitan Area | Western Australia | Australia |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 2031           | Perth Airport        | 2,136                   | 2,276             | 2,951     |
|                | Aviation tenants     | 14,582                  | 15,176            | 21,331    |
|                | Non-aviation tenants | 45,450                  | 47,382            | 62,024    |
|                | Total                | 62,168                  | 64,834            | 86,307    |
| 2046           | Perth Airport        | 2,502                   | 2,655             | 3,408     |
|                | Aviation tenants     | 18,581                  | 19,274            | 26,446    |
|                | Non-aviation tenants | 54,318                  | 56,374            | 71,996    |
|                | Total                | 75,401                  | 78,303            | 101,850   |

Table 3-1 Annual employment benefit of Perth Airport in FY31 and FY46  
Source: ACIL Allen

| Financial Year | Source               | Contribution to Gross Regional Product | Contribution to Gross State Product | Contribution to Gross Domestic Product |
|----------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2031           | Perth Airport        | \$1.045 billion                        | \$1.080 billion                     | \$1.207 billion                        |
|                | Aviation tenants     | \$3.216 billion                        | \$3.360 billion                     | \$4.407 billion                        |
|                | Non-aviation tenants | \$8.564 billion                        | \$9.068 billion                     | \$11.757 billion                       |
|                | Total                | \$12.825 billion                       | \$13.509 billion                    | \$17.373 billion                       |
| 2046           | Perth Airport        | \$1.596 billion                        | \$1.641 billion                     | \$1.811 billion                        |
|                | Aviation tenants     | \$4.506 billion                        | \$4.708 billion                     | \$6.162 billion                        |
|                | Non-aviation tenants | \$10.918 billion                       | \$11.560 billion                    | \$14.991 billion                       |
|                | Total                | \$17.021 billion                       | \$17.909 billion                    | \$22.964 billion                       |

Table 3-2 Annual economic benefit of Perth Airport in FY31 and FY46  
Source: ACIL Allen

| Financial Year | Tourism Enabled       | Perth Metropolitan Area | Western Australia | Australia        |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 2031           | Employment            | 32,133                  | 42,550            | 55,606           |
|                | Economic contribution | \$5.484 billion         | \$7.424 billion   | \$9.666 billion  |
| 2046           | Employment            | 42,873                  | 56,795            | 74,223           |
|                | Economic contribution | \$8.751 billion         | \$11.852 billion  | \$15.430 billion |

Table 3-3 Tourism enabled employment and economic benefit of Perth Airport in FY31 and FY46  
Source: ACIL Allen

Perth Airport Today

Perth Airport Future



**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
largest domestic and international airport in Australia



**20+**  
international airports connected to WA



**11**  
flights each hour



**17.48M**  
passengers in FY25



**138k**  
tonnes of air freight



**83%**  
of regional travellers are FIFO employees



**\$2.8<sub>B</sub>**  
of visitors spending to WA economy enabled by Perth Airport



**12,326**  
FTE direct jobs at Perth Airport in 2024.



**21.1M**  
passengers in 2031



**42%**  
growth in freight between 2024 and 2031



**54%**  
growth in international flights between 2024 and 2031



**35,220**  
FTE direct jobs at Perth Airport in 2031



**220k**  
annual aircraft movements in 2046, growing from current 160,900 flights



**30.8M**  
passengers in 2046



**206.4k**  
tonnes of domestic and international airfreight by 2046



**46.6k**  
FTE direct jobs at Perth Airport in 2046

Perth Airport Today

Perth Airport in 2031



**\$6.6<sub>B</sub>**  
contribution to WA's Gross State Product



**\$3.5<sub>B</sub>**  
contribution to real incomes in WA



**28,700**  
FTE job creation in WA



**\$13.5<sub>B</sub>**  
contribution to WA's Gross State Product



**\$7.1<sub>B</sub>**  
contribution to real incomes in WA



**64,800**  
FTE job creation in WA

Perth Airport in 2046



**\$17.9<sub>B</sub>**  
contribution to WA's Gross State Product



**\$9.4<sub>B</sub>**  
contribution to real incomes in WA



**78,300**  
FTE job creation in WA



### 3.3 Connectivity

Perth Airport occupies a unique position within Australia, significantly impacting the lives of Western Australians. The State's vast geographic expanse, isolation from other major population centres, and proximity to Southeast Asia necessitate a strong reliance on air travel.

Perth Airport makes a critical contribution to the social fabric of the State through connecting people and providing critical services to assist people in need.

Western Australians travel by air more frequently and over longer distances than most other Australians, utilising air transport for work, education, leisure, healthcare, and visiting friends and family. Without robust air connectivity, personal travel beyond approximately 300 kilometres would become significantly more challenging. Extended travel times by road, rail, or bus would reduce productivity, limit the ability to attend important family events, and restrict access to leisure and cultural opportunities.



Perth Airport's role extends beyond the provision and operation of airport infrastructure. Significant effort is invested in collaborating with airline partners and the State Government to expand air service options and enhance connectivity for all Western Australians.

3.3.1 Regional Connectivity

Perth Airport serves as the essential gateway for Western Australia, connecting the vast, remote regions of the State with the metropolitan hub and the rest of the world. With one-quarter of the State’s population residing in regional and rural areas, air travel is not just a convenience but a critical lifeline. Due to the immense distances, air transport is often the only viable mode for business, social, and personal connectivity.



6.24 million regional passengers travelled through Perth Airport in FY25, representing 36 per cent of all passenger movements.

As outlined in 3.2.1.1, the Western Australian resources sector accounts for nearly half of the economic activity in the State and is intrinsically linked to the fly-in fly-out (FIFO) employment model. The development of the unique FIFO employment model within Western Australia’s resource sector is largely driven by the state’s geographic characteristics. The efficient movement of workers to and from remote resource projects through FIFO arrangements not only supports economic growth, but is also social facilitator, allowing workers to remain living and contributing to their home community while commuting to work. This creates a significant contribution to local economies through the spending by these employees in local businesses in their hometowns, as well as sustaining important social benefits through participation in sporting, cultural and other community activities.

There are currently seven airlines operating regular scheduled services to intrastate locations in Western Australia, as well as multiple charter airlines which provide transport primarily to FIFO work locations.

Beyond the movement of workers, these regional services provide critical connectivity for residents of small and isolated towns. They facilitate access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and legal and financial support, which are often only available in Perth. They also create economic opportunities for regional areas by supporting tourism and the efficient movement of labour.

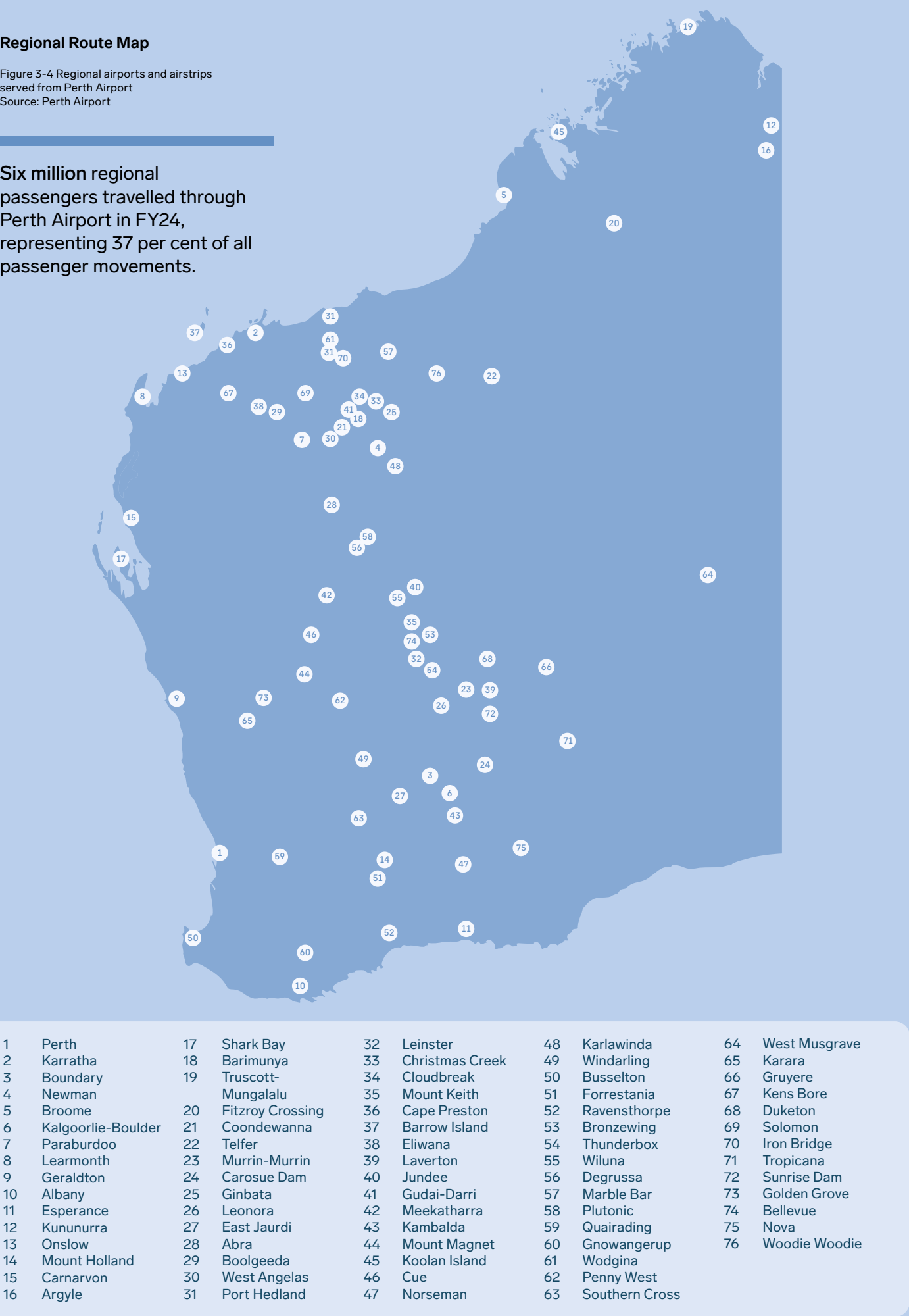
The Western Australian Government, in recognition of the importance of affordable and accessible regional air travel, has implemented key programs to support this vital connection, which are critically supported by Perth Airport’s operations. The Regional Airfare Zone Cap scheme is a flagship initiative that caps the cost of airfares for regional residents travelling to and from Perth for personal reasons. This program ensures that residents of regional Western Australia are not disproportionately burdened by the high cost of air travel, making it more affordable to connect with family, access services, and participate in community life.

Additionally, the Affordable Airfares Program complements this by offering a set number of discounted leisure fares on select routes, between Perth and key tourism destinations of Broome, Exmouth and Kununurra. While primarily aimed at boosting regional tourism, this program also benefits local residents by increasing the availability of affordable fares. These two programs, while distinct in their purpose, work together to enhance the affordability and accessibility of air travel for both residents and visitors, further cementing Perth Airport’s role as the indispensable hub for connecting the people of Western Australia.

Regional Route Map

Figure 3-4 Regional airports and airstrips served from Perth Airport  
Source: Perth Airport

Six million regional passengers travelled through Perth Airport in FY24, representing 37 per cent of all passenger movements.





3.3.2 Connectivity with the Rest of Australia

As the largest airport on the west coast of Australia, Perth Airport serves as the primary gateway for air travel to and from Western Australia.

Reflecting this crucial role, domestic passengers constitute the majority of passenger traffic. In FY25, 6.1 million interstate passengers utilised Perth Airport, comprising nearly 35 per cent of all passenger movements. This represents a significant increase from nearly 3.1 million in 2014, highlighting the growing demand for interstate connectivity.

Given the vast distances between Western Australia and other Australian states, air travel remains the most efficient mode of passenger transport. Interstate migration has historically played a vital role in contributing to Western Australia’s population growth.

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In FY25, 6.1 million interstate passengers utilised Perth Airport, comprising nearly 35 per cent of all passenger movements

Domestic Route Map

Figure 3-5 Interstate and intrastate routes from Perth Airport  
Source: Perth Airport





3.3.3 Connectivity with the World

International travel plays a significant role for Western Australians, consistently accounting for a substantial proportion of passenger movements through Perth Airport.

Over the past decade, international passenger numbers have grown at an impressive average annual rate of more than seven per cent.

Perth Airport and the State Government have continued to be successful in attracting international airlines to Perth. As shown in Table 3-4, the number of airlines and destinations has increased from 18 airlines and 19 international ports in FY14, to 24 airlines operating to 22 international airports in FY25.

International Route Map

Figure 3-6 International routes from Perth Airport  
Source: Perth Airport



New and expanded services at Perth Airport include:

- Qantas Airways launched a seasonal service to Rome-Fiumicino in June 2022, operating three-times weekly between June and October
- Philippine Airlines launched a three-times weekly service to Manila in March 2023
- Vietjet Air launched a four-times weekly service to Ho Chi Minh City in November 2023
- Vietnam Airlines launched a three-times weekly service to Ho Chi Minh City in December 2023
- China Eastern Airlines launched a seasonal service to Shanghai in January 2024, operating three-times weekly over the Chinese New Year holiday period
- Qantas Airways launched a three-times weekly service to Paris in July 2024
- Jetstar Airways launched a four-times weekly service to Phuket in August 2024
- Jetstar Airways launched a four-times weekly service to Bangkok in September 2024
- Jetstar Airways launched a six-times weekly service to Singapore in September 2024
- All Nippon Airways recommenced services to Tokyo in October 2024, operating three-times weekly
- Emirates recommenced a second daily service to Dubai in December 2024
- South African Airways added two additional weekly services in January 2025, for a total of five weekly services to Johannesburg
- TransNusa launched a double-daily service to Denpasar in March 2025, and
- Virgin Australia, in partnership with Qatar Airways, launched a daily service to Doha in June 2025

| Port                   | Airline                 | FY15<br>Seats | FY15<br>Flights | FY25<br>Seats | FY25<br>Flights | % Change<br>Seats | % Change<br>Flights |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Abu Dhabi              | Etihad Airways          | 183,056       | 698             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
| Auckland               | Qantas Airways          | 18,738        | 78              | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
|                        | Batik Air Malaysia      | 0             | 0               | 3,708         | 22              |                   |                     |
|                        | Air New Zealand         | 207,354       | 689             | 234,868       | 735             | 13%               | 7%                  |
| Bangkok                | Jetstar Airways         | 0             | 0               | 79,112        | 341             |                   |                     |
|                        | Thai Airways            | 161,445       | 579             | 201,512       | 730             | 25%               | 26%                 |
| Christchurch           | Air New Zealand         | 17,274        | 76              | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
| Christmas Island       | Virgin Australia        | 41,512        | 306             | 27,228        | 159             | -34%              | -48%                |
| Cocos (Keeling) Island | Virgin Australia        | 9,272         | 56              | 11,868        | 69              | 28%               | 23%                 |
| Denpasar Bali          | Garuda Indonesia        | 209,669       | 705             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
|                        | Virgin Australia        | 158,016       | 896             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
|                        | TransNusa Airlines      | 0             | 0               | 22,272        | 136             |                   |                     |
|                        | Citilink                | 0             | 0               | 73,440        | 412             |                   |                     |
|                        | Batik Air Malaysia      | 0             | 0               | 125,613       | 727             |                   |                     |
|                        | Batik Air               | 0             | 0               | 115,497       | 728             |                   |                     |
|                        | Jetstar Airways         | 363,522       | 2,008           | 433,144       | 1,908           | 19%               | -5%                 |
|                        | AirAsia Indonesia       | 524,736       | 2,948           | 615,240       | 3,418           | 17%               | 16%                 |
| Doha                   | Qatar Airways           | 258,988       | 730             | 373,410       | 726             | 44%               | -1%                 |
| Dubai                  | Emirates                | 703,350       | 2,146           | 503,633       | 1,143           | -28%              | -47%                |
| Guangzhou              | China Southern Airlines | 69,720        | 312             | 16,050        | 58              | -77%              | -81%                |
| Ho Chi Minh City       | Vietnam Airlines        | 0             | 0               | 84,995        | 298             |                   |                     |
|                        | Vietjet Air             | 0             | 0               | 93,820        | 391             |                   |                     |
| Hong Kong              | Cathay Pacific Airways  | 276,832       | 1,038           | 320,630       | 975             | 16%               | -6%                 |

| Port                    | Airline                | FY15<br>Seats | FY15<br>Flights | FY25<br>Seats | FY25<br>Flights | % Change<br>Seats | % Change<br>Flights |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Jakarta                 | Garuda Indonesia       | 73,520        | 452             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
|                         | AirAsia Indonesia      | 0             | 0               | 12,960        | 72              |                   |                     |
|                         | Batik Air              | 0             | 0               | 83,080        | 526             |                   |                     |
| Johannesburg            | South African Airways  | 265,521       | 713             | 102,212       | 404             | -62%              | -43%                |
| Kota Kinabalu           | Malaysia Airlines      | 30,784        | 196             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
| Kuala Lumpur            | AirAsia Malaysia       | 0             | 0               | 117,576       | 535             |                   |                     |
|                         | AirAsia X              | 420,664       | 1,088           | 213,766       | 566             | -49%              | -48%                |
|                         | Malaysia Airlines      | 378,156       | 1,228           | 248,794       | 1,211           | -34%              | -1%                 |
|                         | Batik Air Malaysia     | 0             | 0               | 255,483       | 1,474           |                   |                     |
| Lombok                  | Jetstar Airways        | 21,984        | 122             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
| London Heathrow         | Qantas Airways         | 0             | 0               | 167,088       | 708             |                   |                     |
| Manila                  | Philippine Airlines    | 0             | 0               | 52,080        | 310             |                   |                     |
| Mauritius               | Air Mauritius          | 73,024        | 266             | 76,426        | 262             | 5%                | -2%                 |
| Paris Charles De Gaulle | Qantas Airways         | 0             | 0               | 70,092        | 297             |                   |                     |
| Phuket                  | Virgin Australia       | 83,796        | 504             | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
|                         | Jetstar Airways        | 0             | 0               | 86,536        | 376             |                   |                     |
| Rome-Fiumicino          | Qantas Airways         | 0             | 0               | 23,128        | 98              |                   |                     |
| Shanghai                | China Eastern Airlines | 0             | 0               | 3,500         | 14              |                   |                     |
| Singapore               | Jetstar Asia           | 224,100       | 1,245           | 0             | 0               | -100%             | -100%               |
|                         | Jetstar Airways        | 5,952         | 32              | 125,744       | 542             | 2013%             | 1594%               |
|                         | Qantas Airways         | 17,276        | 48              | 201,740       | 745             | 1068%             | 1452%               |
|                         | Scoot                  | 284,874       | 974             | 458,558       | 1,302           | 61%               | 34%                 |
|                         | Singapore Airlines     | 845,047       | 2,889           | 936,208       | 2,920           | 11%               | 1%                  |
| Tokyo Narita            | All Nippon Airways     | 0             | 0               | 54,058        | 224             |                   |                     |
| Grand Total             |                        | 6,002,600     | 24,359          | 5,402,433     | 21,325          | -10.0%            | -12.5%              |

Table 3-4 Comparison of international capacity at Perth Airport for FY15 and FY25  
Source: Perth Airport





In FY25, 5.14 million international passengers travelled through Perth Airport on regular scheduled services, equivalent to 29 per cent of all passengers who travelled through the airport.

This high level of international travel reflects several key factors. Western Australia boasts a highly globalised population with a significant proportion of residents born overseas: 38 per cent of the State's population was born overseas and 45 per cent of residents had one or more parents born overseas. These residents maintain strong social and cultural ties with their countries of origin, driving a significant demand for international travel. The State's proximity to Southeast Asia facilitates easy access to popular holiday destinations like Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, both for leisure travel and to visit family and friends. Increasing business relationships between Western Australian companies and Southeast Asian nations, particularly China, are further fuelling demand for international travel.

Western Australians also exhibit a higher propensity for international air travel than residents of other Australian states. This can be attributed to factors like strong family ties overseas, easy access to attractive leisure destinations within Asia, and the State's globally connected economy.



Perth Airport plays a vital role in supporting these travel patterns, facilitating connections that are essential for social, cultural and economic development.

### 3.4 Social and Community

The physical isolation of Perth, the size of Western Australia and proximity to South-East Asia place Perth Airport in the unique position of being a major contributor to the lives of Western Australians. Western Australian residents rely on air transport more than most other Australians as they travel by air more frequently and over longer distances for work, education, recreation, health and to visit friends and relatives.

Perth Airport believes that its relationship with the Western Australian community is an essential part of company values. Perth Airport is committed to building strong and enduring relationships, working with local communities to build active partnerships and contributing to a wide range of community activities which support organisations, families and not-for-profit groups within six key areas.

#### 1. Youth

Activities aimed at education, skills attainment, self-development and high achievement.

#### 2. Community

Activities such as arts and cultural events that benefit a significant number of members in the communities in which Perth Airport operates.

#### 3. Environment

Projects that engage local community groups or schools and seek to maintain, enhance and protect local environments in which Perth Airport operates, including community-based conservation and rehabilitation programs.

#### 4. Indigenous

Projects that preserve and celebrate the culture of indigenous groups with a focus on the Noongar people connected to airport land.

#### 5. Tourism

Activities that build and promote tourism to the communities in which Perth Airport operates.

#### 6. Sport

Projects or events run by groups within the communities that surround Perth Airport.



# The Perth Airport Community Support Program positively impacts the lives of many Western Australians through supporting and engaging with local communities, including:

## Major community partnerships

Providing support to key WA charities that positively impact the lives of all West Australians, for example Foodbank, Ronald McDonald House, Perth Children's Hospital Foundation, Lifeline and Telethon.

## Community Active

Providing support to the six surrounding local government authorities (Cities of Belmont, Swan, Mundaring, Kalamunda, Gosnells and Canning) to fund local community events.

## Community Boost

A twice-yearly program which invites charities and not-for-profit groups within eight surrounding local government areas to apply for a grant of up to \$1,000. Since commencement of the program, Perth Airport has supported more than 160 groups and donated over \$150,000.

## Perth Airport Local Schools

Supports schools within the local community through sporting, educational and cultural opportunities. Perth Airport has partnered with organisations such as Dymocks, Black Swan Theatre Group, Perth Glory, West Coast Fever and the Perth Wildcats to offer workshops and experiences for students.

## ECU Scholarships

Established in 2010, Perth Airport offers two scholarships each year to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, valued at \$20,000 per student over the course of their studies. Since commencement of these scholarships, 14 students have graduated from their courses with the support of Perth Airport's Edith Cowan University (ECU) Scholarships.

## Terminal Collection Boxes

Collection boxes were introduced in T1 International in 2016 to collect foreign notes and coins from international travellers, and in 2021 the program was expanded to include collection boxes in T1 Domestic, T3 and T4. Every two years a new charity is selected, by a vote of Perth Airport staff members, to receive the funds collected in the boxes.

## Containers for Change

Recycling collection bins are located within terminals. Eligible containers are recycled and 10c per item collected donated to a charity partner.

## Surrendered Items and Lost Property Auctions

Perth Airport donates the proceeds from auctioning items that are surrendered at the security screening points within T1, T2, T3 and T4, as well as unclaimed lost property items, to local WA charities. Historically, the funds raised have been used to purchase vital equipment for Perth Children's Hospital. More than \$600,000 has been raised and donated since 2009.

## Agents of Climate Change Sustainability Education Program

Partnering with Millennium Kids Inc to support four local schools to take part in the Agents of Climate Change Sustainability Education Program. Perth Airport also makes a significant contribution to the social fabric of the State through providing critical services.

## Perth Children's Hospital

Perth Airport purchased a new robotic arm for Perth Children's Hospital worth \$224,000

Perth Airport was at the forefront of the COVID-19 response for Western Australia. It was the first Australian airport to receive Airport Health Accreditation from the Airports Council International, allowing the airport to remain operational 24/7 to service regional and FIFO flights, maintain air freight services, and facilitate repatriation flights bringing Western Australians back into the State from overseas and interstate. Perth Airport also hosted a COVID-19 vaccination centre and a testing centre to assist in protecting the health of Western Australia's residents.

Humanitarian and repatriation efforts are an important activity at Perth Airport. Perth Airport works with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to help facilitate flights from disaster hit countries, allowing Australians to return home, as well as assisting families to reconnect with loved ones who are injured or have died overseas.

Perth Airport serves as one of three Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) bases across Australia. AMSA is responsible for coordinating search and rescue operations in Australian waters, including rapid response to emergencies like maritime rescues and aerial searches across the vast and remote areas off the coast of Western Australia. Since 2020, AMSA has operated an average of 150 missions per year from its Perth Airport base.

Perth Airport is also used by vital emergency service providers such as CareFlight, LifeFlight and the Royal Flying Doctor Services.



Agents of Climate Change Sustainability Education Program



Community Boost program - Emmaus Catholic Primary School new soccer goals.



Perth Airport at Telethon 2024

# \$150k

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