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Kerrie Mather honoured for outstanding contribution

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has honoured Sydney Airport Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Kerrie Mather at the AAA National Airport Industry Awards.

Ms Mather received the Outstanding Contribution to the Airport Industry Award in recognition of her significant efforts to drive aviation and tourism growth in Australia.

AAA Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said Ms Mather was an obvious choice for the award.

“Kerrie’s been a transformative influence on the Australian aviation sector during a time of significant growth and change,” Ms Wilkie said.

“She’s not only led a significant investment program at Sydney Airport, she’s also forged strong partnerships with government, industry and the community to support economic growth and lead tourism development.”

“Kerrie’s oversight of Australia’s busiest airport has been truly outstanding, with many in the industry also benefiting from her advice and mentorship over the course of their careers.

Ms Mather said she was delighted to receive the award at an event attended by so many of her colleagues in the industry.

“I feel honoured and very humbled to receive this amazing recognition from the industry and my peers,” Ms Mather said.

“Every day I feel privileged to be in a job that I love running Australia’s busiest airport.

“I’m very passionate about our industry because it’s such an engine of growth for the economy and jobs.

“I’m very proud to have such a talented and committed team of people working for me, as well as the thousands of others working with us, as we continue to invest in improving the customer experience and strengthen our relationships with the community.”

Ms Mather has been Sydney Airport’s Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer since 2011 and has been on the Board since 2002. She has more than 20 years of international aviation sector experience.

During her time at Sydney Airport, she’s led an investment program of more than \$3 billion since 2002, delivering significant improvements to efficiency and the customer experience.

Under her stewardship, Sydney Airport’s also taken a leadership role in tourism development, with a firm focus on growing the aviation sector for the benefit of Sydney and the wider community.

Ms Mather will retire in 2018, leaving Sydney Airport as Australia's national gateway. It welcomes 43 million passengers each year to about 100 international, domestic and regional destinations.

Ms Wilkie said Ms Mather had also made a significant contribution to the broader industry.

"Kerrie's been actively involved in the issues that matter to the airport industry, holding key roles in a range of industry and member organisations," Ms Wilkie said.

"Her drive to improve our industry and create a sustainable future for Australia's airports cannot be underestimated."

Ms Mather is currently a Director of the World Governing Board of Airports Council International (ACI), President of the ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Board, Deputy Chair of the Tourism and Transport Forum and a Board member of the Committee for Sydney.

Prior to joining Sydney Airport, she was CEO of the largest global airport investment fund. She's also worked in investment banking, where she advised on aviation industry transactions and led the acquisition of Sydney Airport in 2001.

The Outstanding Contribution to the Airport Industry Award was presented as part of the 2017 AAA National Industry Awards, held in Adelaide last night.

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