



# Media Release

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## AAA welcomes new Board members

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) welcomed the appointment of two new Board members at its 2017 Annual General Meeting this week.

Queensland Airports Limited Chief Executive Officer Chris Mills was appointed the Major Airports Director, while Broome International Airport Executive General Manager Strategy and Development Rob Menzies was named the WA Division Chair.

AAA Chairman Guy Thompson said Mr Mills and Mr Menzies both brought strong industry experience to the Board.

“Both Chris and Rob have overseen extensive investment at their respective airports, and understand the range of issues facing the airport industry today,” Mr Thompson said.

“They have a strong understanding of the value airports can deliver to their communities, and a firm focus on delivering an enhanced customer experience as our industry continues to grow.

“I’m pleased to welcome Chris and Rob to the Board and look forward to working with them in the future.”

Mr Mills joined Queensland Airports Limited in 2014, taking on the role of Chief Executive Officer in October 2015.

He’s worked across a range of industries over 25 years, holding senior executive roles in Australia and England.

Mr Menzies joined Broome International Airport Group in 1997 following a career in private consulting as a qualified civil engineer.

He’s overseen the majority of major infrastructure upgrades and improvements at Broome International Airport during his 20-year tenure.

Mr Thompson thanked outgoing directors, Perth Airport Systems and Standards Manager – Operations Jenny Kox and Adelaide Airport Managing Director Mark Young.

“Jenny and Mark have been strong advocates for our industry and highly valued members of the AAA Board,” Mr Thompson said.

“On behalf of the Board, I’d like to sincerely thank Jenny and Mark for their contribution.”

**Editor’s note:** Please see biographies for Mr Mills and Mr Menzies on the following page.

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## **Chris Mills**

Chris Mills joined Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) in June 2014, and in October 2015 was appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer. As the CEO Chris is responsible for setting and driving strategic initiatives to ensure the continued success of the group into the future.

Chris leads an experienced team across four regional airports, and oversees a significant investment programme in QAL airports to deliver on the company vision.

Chris has over 25 years' experience in diverse industries including tourism, leisure, retail, finance and property planning and development. He has worked in senior executive roles in Australia and England including organisations such as Ardent Leisure, South Bank Corporation, and Economic Development Queensland.

He is a member of the Tourism & Transport Forum Australia advisory board, and a former board member of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

## **Rob Menzies, MIE Aust CP Eng NER**

Rob is a qualified civil engineer who has been involved in civil engineering design and project management across a wide range of projects over the last forty years.

Rob joined the Broome International Airport Group (BIAG) in 1997 after a career in the private consulting sector and currently is part of the executive team with the responsibility for the strategic development of Broome International Airport and associated BIAG assets.

During 20 years with the BIAG, Rob has been responsible for the majority of major infrastructure upgrades and improvements at Broome International Airport including the development of a world class Heliport serving the oil and gas industry, major terminal and taxiway and apron expansions and a runway asphalt overlay in 2013. Rob also has the responsibility for the master planning at Broome International Airport.

Over the years, Rob has been actively involved with the Australian Airport Association and presented at the Airports Pavements & Lighting Forum in 2015. Rob was also AAA Regional Member of the Year in 2014.

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