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Airport Safety Week – We are in this together

Airport Safety Week has kicked off at more than 100 airports and aerodromes across Australia and New Zealand.

Australian Airports Association (AAA) Chief Executive James Goodwin said the airports sector was one of the first hit by the COVID-19 pandemic but its commitment to safety has never changed.

“It’s been the worst year on record for Australia’s airports and during this unprecedented time, the health and safety of staff and passengers is more important than ever,” Mr Goodwin said.

This year's theme is ‘We are in this together’ with airports taking part in daily events and webinars such as Wellness during COVID-19, Safety Management Systems and the important Foreign Object Debris (FOD) walk where staff take to the tarmac to look for objects which could harm aircraft such as rocks, animals and bits of rubber and metal.

“Airport Safety Week is an opportunity to show the travelling public how we ensure high safety standards right across the airport sector,” Mr Goodwin said.

“It’s also a chance to engage with staff and bring people together, which has been particularly difficult in the past few months.

“We all have a responsibility to look out for our colleagues, their safety and importantly their wellbeing during this difficult time for our industry.

“These activities help employees learn more about critical safety operations beyond their everyday work.”

The campaign is a collaboration between the AAA and NZ Airports Association.

For more information visit <https://airports.asn.au/airport-safety-week/>

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