

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Regional airports supported with critical funding

Eighty-nine projects at regional airports will benefit from grants totalling nearly \$30 million under Round 2 of the Australian Government’s Regional Airports Program.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the program supports important safety and access upgrades for regional airports.

“For our regional communities, the local airport provides an essential link to the rest of Australia,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

“That’s why we’ve committed \$100 million over four years from 2019–20 to 2022–23 to help owners of regional airports right across Australia deliver upgrades to improve runway and taxiway pavements and install new lighting or fencing.

“These projects will improve the safety of aircraft, operators and passengers, the delivery of goods and services and better meet the operational requirements of aeromedical and other emergency services, including supporting bushfire preparedness.

“This is a great example of the Liberal and Nationals Government backing the aviation industry and importantly it will help secure a stronger future for these regional areas – needed now more than ever as we continue to recover from COVID-19.”

Australian Airports Association (AAA) Chief Executive James Goodwin said funding for regional airport infrastructure had never been so important.

“Regional airports were among the first hit and will be one of the last to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic with passenger numbers dropping more than 70 per cent during the peak,” Mr Goodwin said.

“This investment from the Australian Government not only ensures regional communities can continue to enjoy safe and efficient air transport, it also future proofs regional Australia for generations to come with infrastructure which drives economic growth and connectivity.

“This program will help regional airports deliver projects which create long-term benefits, so communities can continue to have access to freight, work, essential services, health care, family and friends no matter where they live.”

The Australian Government will work with successful recipients under this round to deliver the funding needed to help support regional Australia’s post-pandemic recovery.

Regional Airports Program—Round Two successful projects are in the following table:

Applicant	State/ Territory	Aerodrome/ Airport	Project	Australian Government Funding \$ (GSTexc)
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KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Kempsey	Construction of fauna exclusion fencing around runway 04/22 and the airside area	260,857
BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	West Wyalong	Resurfacing the runway, resealing the taxiway and upgrading the runway lighting	450,729
INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Inverell	Upgrading the runway lighting, replacing the primary illuminated wind indicators and installing a backup generator	278,288
ALBURY CITY COUNCIL	NSW	Albury	Taxiway, apron and drainage works and conversion of runway and threshold lights to light emitting diodes (LED)	2,675,000
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL	NSW	Orange	Construction of a hardstand area to provide safe parking for emergency service and charter aircraft	250,000
GRIFFITH CITY COUNCIL	NSW	Griffith	Resurfacing and line marking the main runway 06/24	498,850
BERRIGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Tocumwal	Runway resurfacing and renewal of line markings	300,000
ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Armidale	Construction of an airside aircrew rest facility for emergency services, access gates, aircraft tie-downs and culvert upgrade	300,000
LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Quirindi	Repair and strengthen runway pavements	298,731
TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Tamworth	Reconstruction and sealing the taxiway delta pavement	300,000
WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL	NSW	Wagga Wagga	Upgrade lighting infrastructure to improve night and low visibility operations	1,737,000
EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Moruya Airport	Reconstruction, strengthening and widening the taxiway to the hangar precinct	300,000
NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Narrandera/ Leeton	Construction of a sealed parallel taxiway and run-up bays, with associated line marking, lighting, signage and drainage works	1,110,157
FEDERATION COUNCIL	NSW	Corowa	Reseal pavement, line mark and undertake drainage works on runway 05/23	295,210
DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Dubbo	General Aviation apron upgrade (stage 2) including heavy patching and sealing of apron and upgrading stormwater infrastructure	300,000
NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Narrabri	Reseal a section of the runway	297,000
HAY SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Hay	Phase 2 project including heavy patching and resealing the taxiway and aprons, improving airside drainage and completion of animal proof fencing	279,904
SNOWY MOUNTAINS AIRPORT CORPORATION PTY LTD	NSW	Snowy Mountains	Runway surface repair, replacing damaged visual aids and repainting line marking on the apron area	20,838
BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Merimbula	Construction of a new taxiway and apron area	2,175,000

COWRA SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Cowra	Installation of apron flood lighting and poles, aPAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) system and taxiway drainage works	260,000
PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS COUNCIL	NSW	Port Macquarie	Construction of a airside covered walkway to protect passenger and patients while boarding	300,000
BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Bathurst	Reseal existing pavements and security access improvements	300,000
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Narromine	Construction of a new taxiway, reseal the existing taxiways and apron area, tree removal and water supply upgrade	389,000
LISMORE CITY COUNCIL	NSW	Lismore	Construction of a dedicated run-up bay to improve safety	300,000
NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA	NT	Hughes	Reconstruct the sealed runway to accommodate aerial firefighting aircraft	600,000
NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Monto	Construction of new animal-proof fencing and removal of old fencing	290,000
TABLELANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Atherton	Restoration works at the northern end of the runway and replacement of markers and navigational aids	48,156
NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Gayndah	Construction of new animal-proof fencing and removal of old fencing	295,000
NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Mundubbera	Construction of new animal-proof fencing and removal of old fencing	290,000
CASSOWARY COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Mundoo	Aerodrome fencing upgrade	170,000
BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Bundaberg	Airport lighting and apron pavement upgrade	280,000
NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Eidsvold	Construction of new animal-proof fencing and removal of old fencing	290,000
SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Warwick and Stanthorpe	Completion of a range of safety upgrades at Warwick and Stanthorpe aerodromes, including staff training, fencing, lighting, removal of vegetation and works to glider runway	276,360
CHARTERS TOWERS REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Charters Towers	Widen the airstrip, realigning the perimeter fencing, removing safety hazards, improving tie down areas and providing training for Airport Reporting Officers	400,000
WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Bowen	Lighting upgrade and installation of fencing to reduce wildlife hazards	285,175
SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Kingaroy	Remove the existing lighting and reinstate with new compliant lighting	266,878
TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Millmerran	Resurfacing the sealed runway, apron and taxiway and installation of emergency lighting	265,950
TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Pittsworth	Runway pavement upgrade and installation of solar emergency lights	264,150
WESTERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Dalby	Safety upgrades including construction of security fencing, taxiways and apron works	300,000
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA	SA	Port Augusta	Reseal the apron area and upgrade the airport runway lighting	320,000

KINGSTON DISTRICT COUNCIL	SA	Kingston SE	Replacement and upgrade of the old airport-lighting control system, extension and reseal of apron and taxiway to create a designated helicopter landing area	264,941
THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL	SA	Hawker	Resealing and renewing line marking on the runway, taxiway and apron	298,600
RENMARK PARINGA COUNCIL	SA	Renmark	Re-sheet Runway 18/36	275,000
YORKE PENINSULA COUNCIL	SA	Maitland	Reseal and line mark the airstrip	220,000
COPPER COAST COUNCIL	SA	Copper Coast	Certification works to allow for a GPS arrival-process to be installed and implemented to allow all-weather landing	30,000
COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL	SA	Meningie	Installation of wildlife-proof fencing to improve-safety	88,000
THE FLINDERS RANGES COUNCIL	SA	Quorn	Seal the runway, taxiway and apron for all weather use	231,600
PORT PIRIE REGIONAL COUNCIL	SA	Port Pirie	Replace the existing runway lighting with a new LED lighting system	300,000
COMAK PTY. LTD.	SA	Murray Bridge	Extension and sealing of main runway, taxiway and hard standing area	610,755
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT	SA	Mount Gambier	Construction of a new taxiway	80,000
BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL	TAS	St Helens	Construction of new animal-proof fencing and removal of old fencing	90,000
BREAK O'DAY COUNCIL	TAS	St Helens	Re-sheeting the gravel runway	70,000
BURNIE AIRPORT CORPORATION PTY LTD on behalf of THE TRUSTEE FOR BURNIE AIRPORT CORPORATION UNIT TRUST	TAS	Burnie	Installation of a new LED runway lighting system	272,750
WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL	VIC	Warrnambool	Seal and line-mark runway 04/22	267,300
SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Hamilton	Undertake works to maintain Hamilton Airport's Code 3 compliance on Runway 17/35	300,000
YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Hopetoun	Construction of new security and animal-proof-fencing and access gates, removal of old fencing	135,450
GLENELG SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Portland	Replace security fencing and access gates to main RPT apron	250,000
GREATER BENDIGO CITY COUNCIL	VIC	Bendigo	Construction of a helicopter stand and fuel truck area	300,000
NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Stawell	LED lighting upgrade and General Aviation apron reseal	300,000
COLAC OTWAY SHIRE	VIC	Colac	Stage 2 upgrade to extend the sealed taxiway and create a new entrance for emergency services use, fencing and lighting works	290,000

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL	VIC	Wangaratta	Construction of new animal-proof fencing and removal of old fencing	256,536
HORSHAM RURAL CITY COUNCIL	VIC	Horsham	Reconstruction of apron pavement	285,750
HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Nhill	Installation of PAPI Lights and wind socks, - construction of a concrete hard stand for fire bombers and replacement of water tank	200,000
BACCHUS MARSH AERODROME MANAGEMENT INC.	VIC	Bacchus Marsh	Runway and taxiway reseal	143,614
EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Bairnsdale	Upgrade the airport water system to support emergency services	220,000
MILDURA AIRPORT PTY LTD	VIC	Mildura	Replacement of runway, taxiway and wind sock lighting	298,000
MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Bacchus Marsh	Improve the safety of the drainage system and widen the northern taxi lane	258,517
SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL	VIC	Swan Hill Regional	Stage 2 upgrade including sealing the runway, taxiway and apron area, installation of aircraft monitoring and counting system and lighting to the runway and apron	658,000
MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Yarrawonga	Taxiway compliance works	300,000
WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Yarram	Installation of security and animal proof fencing	300,000
SHIRE OF NARROGIN	WA	Narrogin	Construction of a new asphalt hardstand for Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft parking	69,554
SHIRE OF MINGENEW	WA	Mingenew	Completion of a range of upgrades to support RFDs and fire-fighting operations including widening the airstrip, installation of solar lights and eFlares and sealing the refill area	241,000
SHIRE OF MOORA	WA	Moora	Runway and taxiway works and installation of water storage tanks, pumps and manifold to support aerial firefighting operations	300,000
SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK	WA	Boyup Brook	Installation of animal proof fencing	70,822
SHIRE OF AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER	WA	Augusta	Landing area upgrade to enable safer and more efficient circulation of water bombers when refilling and refuelling	295,000
CITY OF BUNBURY	WA	Bunbury	Reseal runway, replacement of illuminated wind indicator and installation of starter extension lighting	202,449
CITY OF ALBANY	WA	Albany	Construct an emergency aircraft parking apron	299,200
SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU	WA	Wongan Hills	Expand the helipad and apron, widen the taxiway, fencing, drainage works and construction of a patient shelter	300,000
SHIRE OF CUNDERDIN	WA	Cunderdin	Airfield lighting upgrade	300,000
SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM	WA	Wyalkatchem	Runway resealing and line marking	294,443

CITY OF BUSSELTON	WA	Busselton	Construction of a dedicated emergency services precinct with apron for RFDS operations	188,665
SHIRE OF WAGIN	WA	Wagin	Sealing of the north/south runway	298,755
SHIRE OF NARROGIN	WA	Narrogin	Sealing the existing gravel runway	201,390
SHIRE OF DENMARK	WA	Denmark	Installation of animal proof fencing and access gates	61,900
CITY OF BUSSELTON	WA	Busselton	Installation of perimeter fencing to general aviation hanger precinct.	23,235
SHIRE OF BEVERLEY	WA	Beverley	Upgrade and re-seal of the runway	156,836
CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON	WA	Geraldton	Upgrade the perimeter fencing	71,700
SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN	WA	Jurien Bay	Construction of a centrally located taxiway	212,500
CITY OF BUSSELTON	WA	Busselton	Expansion of the central apron	88,100