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Funding for regional airports welcome but more needed

Forty-four regional aerodromes will receive a welcome boost for critical infrastructure and safety upgrades from the latest round of the Australian Government's Regional Airports Program (RAP).

"This is good news for regional airports and will go a long way to assist them to upgrade much needed airfield infrastructure," Australian Airports Association (AAA) Chief Executive James Goodwin said.

"Congratulations to successful recipients who have made the decision to invest in improving their airports.

"The Round 3 recipients will share in \$27.9 million and will cover a range of drainage, fencing, runway and taxiway resurfacing, airfield lighting and linemarking.

"The upgrades will support keeping regional communities connected, improve tourism opportunities, essential freight as well as improve capabilities for emergency responses including aeromedical and aviation firefighting."

The AAA has welcomed the announcement, but it has been met with a call for further support, with more needing to be done to help secure the future sustainability of our regional airport network.

"We look forward to working with the government to develop new programs to ensure regional and remote communities can continue to have access to essential services and be able to stay connected to family and friends through a safe and secure aviation network," Mr Goodwin said.

The list of successful airports can be found below.

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REGIONAL AIRPORTS PROGRAM ROUND THREE – SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

Applicant	State/ Territory	Aerodrome/ Airport	Project	Australian Government Funding (GST exc)
KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Kempsey Airport	Re-surfacing of runway, Pilot Activated Lighting (PAL) upgrade and all-weather ambulance shelter	\$5,000,000
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN HILL	NSW	Broken Hill Airport	Upgrade to aircraft pavement movement areas	\$4,998,048
UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Scone Regional Airport	Upgrade of runway surface	\$2,464,736
GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL	NSW	Glen Innes Airport	Renewal of main runway, lighting upgrade and Pilot Activated Airport Lighting system and illuminated wind direction indicator	\$1,101,059
DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Dubbo Regional Airport	General Aviation drainage upgrade stage 3	\$572,500
ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Armidale Regional Airport	Re-seal and line-marking of Runway 05/23 and replacement of secondary Wind Direction Indicator	\$443,185
BERRIMA DISTRICT AERO CLUB	NSW	Mittagong Airfield	Extend runway and repair areas of runway, runway strip and apron	\$419,947
BEGA VALLEY SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Merimbula Airport	Surface and ground water management improvements	\$402,500
DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Wellington Aerodrome	Heavy patchwork, repair and reseal of runway 13/31	\$350,000
ORANGE CITY COUNCIL	NSW	Orange Regional Airport	Replacement of runway and taxiway lighting with LED lights	\$330,000
EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Moruya Airport	Security fencing renewal, windsock lighting improvement, additional runway gables and replacements of taxiway lighting poles	\$300,000
INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Inverell Airport	Upgrade and extension of aircraft parking apron	\$271,250
UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Crookwell Aerodrome	Upgrades to the airstrip and fencing works	\$124,000
NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Narrabri Airport	Installation of hinged poles and LED floodlights to apron	\$96,925
PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL	NSW	Parkes Regional Airport	Apron LED lighting upgrade	\$70,455

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL	NSW	Mudgee Regional Airport	Upgrade to ambulance transfer facility	\$50,000
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Emerald Airport	Remediation of runways (06/24 and 15/33) graded areas and drainage works	\$1,592,932
GLADSTONE AIRPORT CORPORATION	QLD	Gladstone Airport	Surface sealing treatments to rejuvenate five main aprons and one taxiway	\$864,204
GLADSTONE AIRPORT CORPORATION	QLD	Gladstone Airport	Floodlighting upgrade & Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI)	\$185,000
BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL	QLD	Ayr Aerodrome	Removal and replacement of fencing	\$139,000
HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL	QLD	Ingham Aerodrome	Taxiway drainage and access improvements, fencing drainage outlet, Aerodrome Weather Safety Equipment	\$152,500
BRISBANE WEST WELLCAMP AIRPORT PTY LTD	QLD	Brisbane West Wellcamp (Toowoomba) Airport	Runway and Taxiway line-marking, LED upgrade to apron lighting, and storm-water management upgrade	\$91,623
MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Roma Airport	Repair apron servicing medical/rescue aircraft	\$68,000
SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Kingaroy Aerodrome	Installation of security gates and animal fencing	\$30,000
GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL	QLD	Gympie Aerodrome	Replacement of 10 gable markers, grading and drainage improvement works to grass landing strip	\$20,000
COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL	SA	Tintinara Aerodrome	Sealing of unsealed section of primary runway, pavement rehabilitation of secondary runway and taxiways, primary runway lighting replacement and line-marking	\$193,125
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA	SA	Booleroo Centre Aerodrome	Replacement of runway edge and hold point lighting	\$139,819
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA	SA	Port Augusta	Installation of an all-weather sealed surface to Taxiway Bravo and LED upgrade of apron lighting	\$111,839

BURNIE AIRPORT CORPORATION PTY LTD on behalf of the Trustee for Burnie Airport Corporation Unit Trust.	TAS	Burnie Airport	Resurfacing of Taxiway A	\$428,450
BURNIE AIRPORT CORPORATION PTY LTD on behalf of the Trustee for Burnie Airport Corporation Unit Trust.	TAS	Burnie Airport	Application of surface treatment to all aircraft movement areas	\$417,160
AIRLINES OF TASMANIA PTY LTD	TAS	Cambridge Aerodrome	Repair and strengthening of runway, taxiway and apron pavements and aircraft hardstand	\$241,550
CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Echuca Aerodrome	Resurface and upgrade airstrip, extend main runway, reseal taxiway and aprons, improve drainage, replace Pilot Activated Lighting (PAL) to LED threshold lights, install patient transfer station and dedicated aeromedical helipad	\$2,350,000
EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Bairnsdale Airport	Construction of patient transfer station and dedicated taxiway/apron for medevac aircraft	\$1,546,379
MILDURA AIRPORT PTY LTD	VIC	Mildura Airport	Re-seal secondary runway, three associated taxiways, main apron and re-line marking	\$762,616
BACCHUS MARSH AERODROME MANAGEMENT INC	VIC	Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome	Runway and taxiway surface treatment works and installation of lighting system to runway 01/19 and taxiway including Pilot Activated Lighting Control and illuminated wind direction indicator	\$471,771
HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Nhill Aerodrome	Stabilisation of existing pavement, and surfacing of the taxiway and main aircraft parking area and drainage works	\$150,000
WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Edenhope Aerodrome	Construction of new taxiway, apron and water tanks for use by firefighting aircraft and patient transfer facility	\$135,000
CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL	VIC	Maryborough Aerodrome	Upgrade to water infrastructure; emergency power supply installation for runway lighting, and upgrade to perimeter fencing	\$110,000
GREATER BENDIGO CITY COUNCIL	VIC	Bendigo Airport	Upgrade of fencing to reduce wildlife hazard	\$100,000

CITY OF BUSSELTON	WA	Busselton Margaret River Airport	Apron upgrade and sealing to apron and taxi lane area and associated line-marking	\$218,810
CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON	WA	Geraldton Airport	Surface restoration and resealing of runway 14/32	\$168,327
SHIRE OF BEVERLEY	WA	Beverley Aerodrome	Supply and installation of LED ground lighting	\$151,401
SHIRE OF CRANBROOK	WA	Cranbrook Airstrip	Grading, levelling and gravelling of runway	\$62,500
CITY OF BUNBURY	WA	Bunbury Airport	Expansion of apron including edge lighting to support water bombing aircraft	\$49,950
TOTAL				\$27,946,561