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## Airport Safety Week 2024 cleared for takeoff

Airport Safety Week returns for 2024 with a focus on the theme, "The Hearts and Minds of Safety Leadership".

This annual event is an initiative of the Australian Airports Association (AAA), the national voice of more than 340 airports and aerodromes Australia-wide.

Safety is paramount to AAA members and the aviation industry is constantly working to better manage risk in the workplace.

This year's Airport Safety Week will focus on the safety of airport staff and the communities they serve, as well as the importance of addressing psychosocial hazards.

"It's important we not only look at the physical safety risks in airports, but also the psychological factors that could impact staff and passengers," AAA Head of Policy and Advocacy Natalie Heazlewood said.

"If workers are experiencing adverse mental health or negative social influences in the community, we need better education about these challenges and to let them know we are always there to support them.

"It's vital everyone in the industry not only knows how to maintain a safe workplace environment, but also recognises safety is the top priority.

"This week helps our members connect and share ideas, boosting collective knowledge that will flow onto improved risk management systems and a safety-focused organisational culture."

As part of Airport Safety Week, airports will host a range of events based on daily themes along with activities including quizzes, and resources such as tool kits and relevant guidance for members.

Airport Safety Week runs from 14 – 18 October. For more information visit www.airports.asn.au/airport-safety-week.

Ends.

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