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NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT, BRISBANE

Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) has appointed Heather Mattes as the new General Manager of Archerfield Airport.

Mrs Mattes' appointment follows the recent retirement of former GM Corrie Metz, and is the first time a woman has led the operation and development of Brisbane's metropolitan general aviation airport.

Mrs Mattes has extensive experience in general aviation, property, construction, asset management and operations including four years as Manager Landside Transport and Assets for Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC), and Head of Property - Australia for Ansett Air New Zealand. While at BAC, Mrs Mattes managed the design and operations of new buildings, including the multi-level carpark, bus services, parking and ground transport. At Ansett she was responsible for managing, developing and leasing a nationwide portfolio of airport terminals, hangars, retail sites and call centres.

Mrs Mattes' employment portfolio also includes:

- General Manager Property Projects and Assets of Sydney Ports Corporation, where she managed stages of Port Botany reclamation and Enfield Industrial Intermodal and the privatisation of the port
- Executive Director of Asset Development for the Victorian Department of Health and Housing – a role that entailed managing a massive portfolio of more than 80,000 public housing and health-related buildings
- Project Director for BHP Billiton to complete the refurbishment of the company's Melbourne headquarters; and Planning and Commercial Executive for Falls Creek Resort Management, Victoria.

More recently, Mrs Mattes was Chief Operations Officer for Horizon Housing, a major property management and development Not for Profit company on the Gold Coast.

Mrs Mattes is also a pilot and former National President of the Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA). She gained her pilot's licence in order to overcome a fear of flying, and has travelled extensively across Australia in her own light aircraft. Her three-year leadership of the AWPA saw membership build to more than 600 and the introduction of extensive scholarships in association with AirServices Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

For many years, Mrs Mattes also worked behind the scenes assisting her husband, Bill Mattes, the former CEO of the Aviation Safety Foundation Australia, to develop improved aviation safety systems. Mr Mattes is currently the Director of Safety and Quality Management at Queensland Government Air.

Mrs Mattes said she looked forward to working with stakeholders to drive the growth of aviation at Archerfield Airport as Queensland's premier general aviation airport; supporting the work of the Australian Airports Association to develop the general aviation sector across Australia; and looking for further business opportunities for the Archerfield Airport precincts.

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