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Gladstone Aeromedical Transfers

A new identity for a vital community facility

Gladstone Airport Corporation (GAC) has unveiled the new name and identity for its purpose-built aeromedical transfer facility, previously known as the 'Patient Transfer Facility' which will now be known as *Gladstone Aeromedical Transfers (GAT)*.

The new identity marks an important milestone for the facility, which is currently under construction at Gladstone Airport. This facility will provide a dedicated environment for patients requiring aeromedical transfer, their families, medical teams and aeromedical crews.

Developed in response to the significant number of people requiring transfer from the Gladstone Region for medical treatment, the facility will support both airplane and helicopter operations.

Gladstone Airport facilitates approximately 900 aeromedical transfers annually from the Gladstone Region - an average of more than two patients every day.

Gladstone Aeromedical Transfers will provide a functional facility for patient care and stabilisation. Incorporating an undercover ambulance access; dedicated areas designed to provide greater comfort, privacy and dignity for patients and their families, aeromedical crew and ambulance team; during what can be an extremely stressful time.

GAC CEO Mark Cachia said the new name better represented the purpose of the facility and the collaboration that had made the project possible.

"Gladstone Aeromedical Transfers facility is about much more than a building at the airport. It is about supporting our Central Queensland region and the aeromedical services that provide a vital lifeline to our communities, while creating a safer and more comfortable experience for patients and their families at what can be an incredibly difficult time."

"From the beginning, this project has brought together government, industry, health and aeromedical services, community organisations and individuals who recognised the need for a dedicated facility in Gladstone and the important role it will play in supporting aeromedical care across the region."

"The new identity reflects that beautifully – aviation, medical care and community coming together around a shared purpose: supporting patients, families and the aeromedical teams who care for them."

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A new identity – Care. Connection. Movement.

The new Gladstone Aeromedical Transfers logo combines aviation and medical symbolism with a strong focus on connection. Its contemporary design draws inspiration from the caduceus medical symbol and aeromedical aviation, while representing the many community and industry groups that have come together to support the project.

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Construction progress

Construction of the facility continues to progress, with structural works advancing on site. Furniture and internal fit-out selections are also progressing, together with artwork and signage. The project is currently forecasted for completion in February 2027, with a grand opening function event planned for May 2027.





Construction of Gladstone Aeromedical Transfer facility at Gladstone Airport.

A community effort

Gladstone Aeromedical Transfers has been strongly supported by government, industry and the Gladstone community throughout its development.

This support is continuing beyond construction, with contributions towards furniture, whitegoods, artwork and other elements of the facility helping create a welcoming and functional environment for patients and families.

Construction and fit-out will continue over the coming months ahead of the facility becoming operational in 2027.

Mark Cachia said “the facility is being delivered through an airport-led partnership supported by the Federal Government, Gladstone Regional Council, major Gladstone industry partners Rio Tinto, ConocoPhillips the downstream operator of Australia Pacific LNG (APLNG), Santos GLNG and Shell QGC Goal Zero for Gladstone and supported by Betta Electrical, Rotary Club of Gladstone Inc, Crown Furniture and KAWANA. This project is delivered by local businesses including local architect Fab Ideas and builder Lawrie Building Services”.

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