

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Local community helps Airport bloom this spring**

It started with a suggestion by a member of the Twin Waters Residents' Association at a forum in June and today it becomes a reality thanks to a proactive Councillor, enthusiastic forum members and funding from the Sunshine Coast Airport.

Sunshine Coast Airport General Manager, Peter Pallot, said that as a result of a suggestion at the Sunshine Coast Airport's Community and Aviation meeting in June a row of bougainvilleas will be planted on the northern airport fence line, along the David Low Way, that will match the already established plants on the southern fence line.

"Airport management commends the forum member who suggested this improvement and we applaud our local councillor for her positive assistance in driving this successful outcome," Mr Pallot said.

Division 8 Councillor Debbie Blumel said the northern airport fence currently provides very little visual amenity to the drive from the airport to the northern beaches.

"The northern fence line of the airport is quite barren at the moment so when the bougainvilleas are mature, they will cover the wire boundary fence and create a lengthy colourful arbour to soften the landscape around the airport," Cr Blumel said.

"It's been very rewarding to see this project come to fruition in just three months, particularly considering that we were required to gain approval from a number of bodies including the federal Department of Infrastructure and Local Government (DOTARS) to cover a fence that has a security function.

"It's also wonderful that the airport was able to fund the planting of the bougainvilleas as their support has added to the visual amenity for the Maroochy North Shore area," Cr Blumel said.

The Community and Aviation forum meets every three months and its goal is to provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to meet and discuss airport related issues.

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