

## **Mayor Abbot set to unveil \$3.6m Sunshine Coast Airport terminal upgrade**

Sunshine Coast Regional Council Mayor Bob Abbot will unveil the new look \$3.6 million upgrade of the terminal and departure lounge at the Sunshine Coast Airport on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Bob Abbot said the multi million dollar plans would significantly enhance the travelling experience for all of the airport's commuters, visitors and staff with a greater choice of shops and facilities.

"This is a much needed addition for the region's growing airport that plays a vital role in our local economy," Councillor Abbot said.

Sunshine Coast Airport General Manager Peter Pallot said a significant change for the airport is that all shops will be in the departure area that will be accessible to passengers and guests.

Tourism Sunshine Coast Chief Executive Officer Russell Mason said the new plans for the terminal would provide a significant boost for the region.

"The Sunshine Coast Airport's refurbishment plans will certainly support continued growth from our key domestic markets of Sydney and Melbourne and will no doubt provide great benefits for the local tourism industry," Mr Mason said.

### **Ends**

**Event:** Unveiling of new Sunshine Coast Airport terminal upgrade

**Date:** Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Time:** 09.30am to 10.00am

**Location:** Marcoola Room

Sunshine Coast Airport Terminal

Runway Drive Marcoola

**Media opportunity:** Mayor Abbot and SC Airport General Manager Peter Pallot will both be available for interviews.

Images of new retail precincts will also be available.

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