



PERTH AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2020

Aboriginal partnerships and engagement



We respect and recognise the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Perth Airport is located.

The land on which Perth Airport is located forms part of the traditional network of communication routes, meeting places and camping sites of the Noongar people. As the spiritual and Traditional Custodians, the Whadjuk Noongar people maintain a keen interest in the management of airport land as part of the Swan Coastal Plain.

Our Partnership

Perth Airport is committed to building strong and enduring relationships with members of the Noongar community. Perth Airport proactively engages with Traditional Custodians and cultural knowledge holders to promote cultural awareness within the Perth Airport estate and to users of Perth Airport.

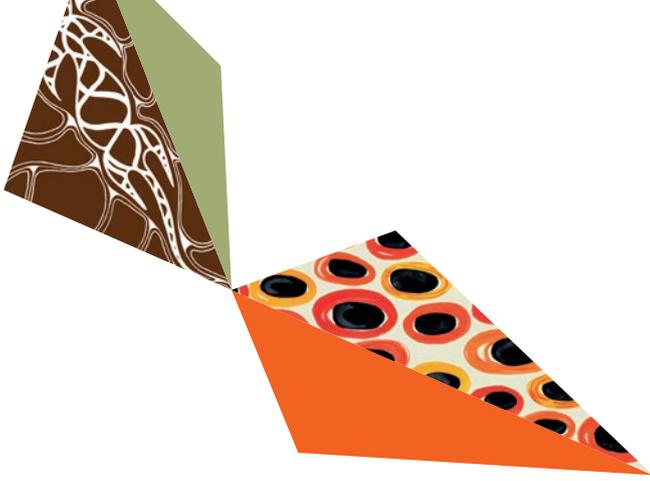
In 2009, a Partnership Agreement was made between Perth Airport, Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal elders who have a long-standing association with the airport estate. The Agreement was made in a spirit of cooperation and commitment to fostering cultural heritage as the development of Perth Airport progresses. Parties to the Agreement meet regularly to discuss airport planning, cultural awareness activities, Aboriginal sponsorship, and tertiary scholarship opportunities.



WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Yay boodja Whadjuk moort, koora moort boordia boodja.
Djenna kooling ngarla, kaatitjin ngarlang kaatitjin.
Quorp djennung boodja, boodja quorp djennung noonuck.
Wunjoo Whadjuk boodja.

This is the land of the Whadjuk people, the Traditional Owners. Walk with us, learn of our cultural beliefs, practices and life. Look after the land and the land will look after you. Welcome to Whadjuk Country.



Heritage and Engagement Policy

The Perth Airport Heritage and Engagement Policy is focused on identifying engagement opportunities and developing a sense of place that recognises the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land. Key projects seek to identify and implement initiatives that integrate a heritage narrative while enriching passenger experience, such as the installations of Welcome to Country messages in Noongar and English in the Terminal 1 International Arrivals Concourse and Terminal 4 in 2019. A cultural audio soundscape is being designed for the Skybridge pedestrian walkway linking the future Airport Central rail station to Terminal 1.

NAIDOC Week celebrations

Each year, Perth Airport celebrates NAIDOC Week in the terminals and across the airport estate. Aboriginal heritage and culture are promoted through activities such as Aboriginal dance performances, cultural awareness presentations for staff, and exhibitions of Indigenous artwork.

Our New Look

In 2018 Perth Airport unveiled a new look, with brand imagery that draws its inspiration from a compass and guides visitors to the wonders of our State. The colours reflect our natural environment - the desert landscapes, the sandy beaches, the ocean, our unique wildflowers – and feature the perspectives of three local Noongar and three Aboriginal artists from different groups across Western Australia.

Heritage Management

Perth Airport continues to manage listed Aboriginal sites in a culturally sensitive manner in accordance with relevant legislation. The Cultural Heritage Management Plan provides a strategy to protect and manage Aboriginal cultural heritage on the Perth Airport estate. The Plan aims to:

- ensure compliance with relevant State and Commonwealth Aboriginal heritage legislation, policy and guidelines,
- outline measures to be taken before, during and after an activity in order to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage in an activity area,
- acknowledge and respect the connection Traditional Custodians have to the land and waters on which Perth Airport operates,
- identify opportunities to meaningfully engage with Traditional Custodians,
- strengthen the relationships with the local Noongar community, and
- promote and recognise heritage across the Perth Airport estate.



Heritage assessments and consultation with the Partnership Agreement Group and other cultural knowledge holders ensures that potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage values from development and ongoing operation of the airport are considered, managed and mitigated where possible. The results obtained from consultations, heritage assessments and subsequent archaeological and ethnographic investigations are used to inform the short and long-term planning, operation and development of the estate.

The next five years

The Perth Airport Master Plan 2020 builds on the existing relationship with the Noongar community and outlines the objective of continuing to work in consultation with Traditional Custodians to identify and implement initiatives that promote Aboriginal culture and reconciliation. Important heritage outcomes that will be completed over the next five years include:

- installing a Welcome to Country message in Noongar and English within Terminal 1 Domestic, Terminal 2 and Terminal 3,
- developing a list of culturally appropriate Noongar words for the naming of new roads within the Perth Airport estate,
- developing and implementing a Heritage Site Land Management Plan for heritage sites within the estate,
- engaging Aboriginal businesses and/or groups to undertake land management works for heritage sites within the airport estate,
- implementing cultural awareness training for all Perth Airport employees, and
- completing the design for an interpretive walking trail that links Munday Swamp, an Aboriginal ceremonial and mythological site, to the Swan River.