

## Western Sydney International Airport.

Mid-week drive.

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

This outing with the Club to the new Western Sydney Airport proved to be very popular, with thirty seven members in attendance. Great to see some new members present, we welcome you to the Club.



Looking around the carpark I could see a wide selection of fine automobiles.... Bob Adby brought along his E-type and Michael Jones was in his Mercedes 450sl. Many others to be seen were David's E55 Mercedes, Peter's Morris Minor, Ken's Ford Falcon, Gary's BMW convertible et alia.





The WSI Airport was named after Nancy-Bird Walton, one of Australia's greatest female aviators.



After many years of indecision as to how and when the project would come to fruition, the work finally commenced in September 2018 at Badgerys Creek, 41 kms west of Sydney. The airport site is located on 1780 hectares or 4400 acres, allowing for expansion when necessary.



The new airport will be open 24/7 when it becomes operational in late 2026 and that is when the first stage will be completed. Apart from passenger terminals, the development will have a new Metro rail line, undercover drop off points, and park areas for relaxation. Nearby a new city called Bradfield will be constructed, with shopping and business areas as part of that precinct.



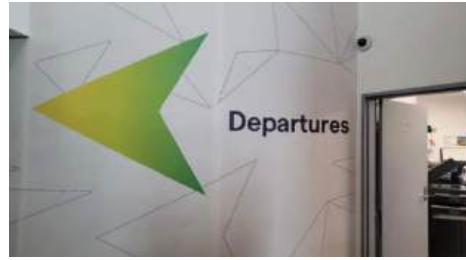
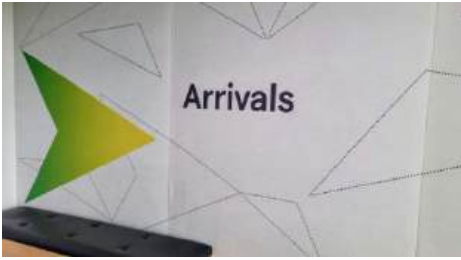


The new airport will have the latest technology, including a **Computerized Instrument Landing System (CILS)** which allows aircraft to land in fog and other difficult conditions. This system has been in use for many years in other major international airports and has proved to be a great safety asset. WSI is expected to rival London's Heathrow and JFK in New York for passenger capacity when completed. The final phase of construction is expected to be completed in 2062. I look forward to seeing the finished product.



Following our WSI adventure, we all proceeded to the nearby St. Hubertus Club, the home of Sydney Cars and Coffee held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, for a very enjoyable lunch. Another great Club outing!





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