



## AIRPORT GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Dubbo City Regional Airport was successful in being recognised at the recent Australian Airports Association Industry Awards 2017 for Innovation and Excellence at the 2017 Australian Airports Association Annual Conference and Gala in Adelaide.

Chair of the Airport Committee Cllr Greg Mohr said it is Council's commitment to providing a first class facility that resulted in Dubbo receiving both an Operations and Technology Award at the event.

"The Australia Airport Association hold an annual conference which enables the industry to meet, network and discuss a range of topics relevant to airport business, development, operations and activities," Cllr Mohr said.

"These awards are competitive on a national scale and Dubbo City Regional Airport was in competition with the rest of Australia's Regional Airports," he said.

"The Airport was recognised operationally for the success of the Aerodrome Reporting Officers' Network Forum and received a second award for the development of a Performance Based Asphalt Mix Design Specification which has been incorporated into the tender document and process for the Runway Strengthening project," Cllr Mohr said.

"The Runway Strengthening and Lighting Upgrade will enable larger aircraft to land without operating under a pavement concession and will open up the airport to further growth," Cllr Mohr said.

"Successful tenderers Fulton Hogan are currently on-site building the temporary Asphalt Plant in anticipation of the commencement of night works scheduled from 15th January 2017.

"The Runway Overlay is expected to take four weeks with the Aerodrome closed at night from 9.00pm to 5.00am and then finalisation of the works, including grooving and line marking to take place between 7 May and 13 June 2018,"

"This closure will only be at night and will not affect flights in any way," he said.

"Progress on the Lighting Upgrade is underway with 80 percent of the lighting conduits now installed and it is pleasing to see this significant capital works project get underway," Cllr Mohr said.

"I would like to commend the council staff both past and present for their significant contribution to these achievements,"

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