

# Many Happy Return Flights!



## Brisbane Airport Corporation: Celebrating 10 years of connecting Queensland with the world.



BAC2010

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) is unwrapping a \$2.2 billion birthday present that will cement Brisbane as Australia's most innovative, sustainable and user-friendly airport in Australia.

BAC is 10 years old this month, and while CEO Koen Rooijmans admits it has been a tough first decade, he always knew Brisbane was the place to be.

"It was obvious even a decade ago that Brisbane had the space, population and potential – not to mention the climate and lifestyle. Blessed with a 24-hour Airport three times the size of Sydney Airport, yet only 10 kilometres from the CBD, our vision is to transform this city airport into an Airport City, generating jobs, investment and tourism," Mr Rooijmans said.

BAC's birthday present to Queensland is a massive spend on airport facilities – all without taxpayer dollars – ensuring Queensland can meet the growth challenges for the next 30 years. This includes nearly \$1 billion for a new runway; around \$1 billion for expanded International and Domestic Terminals, and \$200 million for a new Airport entrance road.

Brisbane last year welcomed more international passengers than Melbourne and is expected to become Australia's second busiest airport within 10 years, reflecting Brisbane's title as one of the world's fastest growing cities.



*Brisbane was the first Australian Airport to welcome the giant A380 in November 2005*

Koen Rooijmans says the company is "redefining the role of the modern airport", with a strong focus on community, sustainability, education and economic growth.

"For example, our Da Vinci Centre is dedicated to R&D, training for cabin crew, engineers and technicians, as well as universities, technical colleges and other activities.

"This is helping ensure Queensland has a sustainable aviation industry and – most importantly – the skills base and work force to drive it."

In fact "sustainability" has been a major theme at Brisbane Airport over the past 10 years, with BAC quietly

adopting new technologies, systems and practices to position Brisbane as Australia's most sustainable airport, delivering massive savings in water, energy and other consumption. For Koen Rooijmans, this may be good environmental practice, but it also makes good business sense.

"Aviation is the world's most vital form of international transport and we work

closely with industry to ensure our collective impacts, including emissions, noise and energy consumption, are sustainable on the ground, in the air and across the Airport and in every part of our business," he said.

With 15,000 people working on the Airport every day, BAC is busy creating office parks, hotels, child care, medical and wellness facilities, convenience centres, entertainment and other features for this booming Airport workforce. A golf course is also under design for Number 1 Airport Drive and with plans for a dedicated train station and public transport interchange, Number 1 Airport Drive has rapidly emerged as a genuine alternative business location.

Koen Rooijmans sees an extraordinary future for Brisbane Airport. "Within 20 years, passenger numbers will double to over 35 million. The Airport workforce will build to around 40,000. "We are on the cusp of a very exciting future, and we look forward to sharing the journey and all its challenges and rewards with our community."