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**BAC still growing strong**

Brisbane Airport continues to grow, with Brisbane Airport Corporation posting a 34 per cent increase in earnings for the September quarter. International passenger numbers surged 31 per cent to 986,000 as Emirates, China Airlines and Pacific Blue added services. Domestic traffic rose 16 per cent to 3.1 million as Virgin Blue and Jetstar developed new routes and increased frequencies. Regional carrier Macair Airlines also increased services into regional Queensland. "It is interesting to note that people are taking more frequent, shorter holidays and that's good news for the Queensland economy," said BAC Managing Director and CEO Koen Rooijmans. Meantime, more than 395,000 overseas visitors arrived in Australia during September marking a record month, according to the Australian Tourism Export Council.



*Macair Airlines has added services to regional Queensland.*



*Brisbane Airport targets cargo growth*

**Cargo market targeted**

Brisbane has the potential to become a leading gateway airport and air cargo hub for Australia, according to Airline and Cargo Manager, Cam Macphee. Unveiling a new Strategic Plan for Air Cargo in Brisbane, Mr Macphee said: "Air cargo is in many ways a barometer of economic growth, and we have the opportunity over the coming decade to transform Brisbane into Australia's leading gateway for air cargo. Brisbane's northern location means we are particularly well-placed to access South East Asia."

**Operation animal airlift**

Eva Air recently undertook the delicate operation of airlifting live koalas from Brisbane to a zoo in Taipei. The sensitive process involved the building of two specially designed cages, which were

then loaded onto a pallet and uplifted onto the main deck. The operation involved the use of a B747 Combi instead of the normal A332. Earlier this month, polar bear Ping Ping also made his way through Brisbane Airport from Seaworld on the Gold Coast back to a refurbished Chinese zoo for a breeding program.



*Eva Air constructs purpose-built cages to transport live koalas*

**Virgin fast tracks check-ins**

Passengers on Brisbane's own airline Virgin Blue will soon be able to check themselves in to airports in less than 60 seconds with new self-service kiosks. Blue Check is a system which allows passengers to check themselves in for their flight, choose their own seat and print their own boarding pass in under a minute. Kiosks are expected to be installed in Adelaide, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne next year.

**BAC welcomes Regional Plan**

BAC has welcomed the South East Regional Development Plan recently launched by the State Government. BAC Executive Manager for Airport Planning Mark Willey said the plan was good for the city, good for the region and good for the State. "It gives us the confidence that the State recognises the need to anticipate, plan and fund critical infrastructure to support the record growth of this important region. BAC welcomes the draft plan and we will continue to work closely with the State to plan for a sustainable future for Queensland."



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