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MEDIA RELEASE

**100 Victorian Secondary School Students Vote Moorabbin Airport's
Second Aviation Careers Day an Outstanding Success**

More than 100 Victorian Secondary students experienced an insight into an aviation career at the second Moorabbin Airport Aviation Careers Day held on Wednesday 13 April.

Moorabbin Airport has always been a place of learning, teaching and education. Over the past two decades more than 11,000 students have trained as pilots through one of the 16 pilot training organisations at Moorabbin Airport. Most now work for the world's major airlines, emergency services, Australian Defence Forces, charter operators or a training organisation.

Moorabbin Airport is the largest pilot training facility in the Asia-Pacific with about 1,000 students graduating each year.

Moorabbin Airport Corporation Chief Executive Officer Paul Ferguson said "airport based flight training organisations continue to offer young people a world's best aviation career pathway with internationally recognised qualifications".

"The Careers Day was structured to allow students to network with pilots and aviation industry professionals; then undertake an interactive airside experience with 20 aircraft and finishing with a guided tour of the Australian National Aviation Museum and its incredible aircraft collection that is based at Moorabbin Airport.

Attractions included a RAAF Roulette, a Navy Squirrel helicopter, two Beechcraft King Airs, fire fighting helicopters and a range of flight training aircraft.

The local Mayor of Kingston, Tamsin Bearsley, addressed the students with an inspiring speech on the importance of education and training to making our communities, cities and country better places to live. The Mayor noted the aviation careers day delivered an important social role of connecting young adults to career opportunities.

The event attracted aviation focused students from Ballarat, Geelong and 10 metropolitan Melbourne schools. A measure of the success of the event was the smiling faces on students and operators. Memorable quotes included:

"I am in aviation heaven"

"I am in awe – I can't believe I am standing so close to the aircraft"

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About Moorabbin Airport Corporation

Moorabbin Airport is located 21 kilometres south east of the Melbourne CBD. The airport provides a combination of aviation and business services. More than 4,000 people work across the 294-hectare site and one-third of jobs are in aviation. With 250,000 aircraft movements annually, the airport is the second busiest in Australia. The site also includes the popular Moorabbin Direct Factory Outlet as well as The Chifley Business Park which is home to many global brands.