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OVERVIEW

AIRPORT SAFETY WEEK 2026 PROGRAM

The Australian Airports Association (AAA) has been running Airport Safety Week annually since 2014, with 2026 marking the 13th consecutive year of the initiative.

Airport Safety Week promotes a positive safety culture across Australian airports through practical resources, webinars, local events and industry collaboration. The program continues to provide airports of all sizes with engaging content that can be adapted to local operations while reinforcing consistent national safety messaging.

Building on the success of the 2025 campaign, Airport Safety Week 2026 will continue to feature:

- Five daily toolbox talks
- Two national webinars
- Daily safety quiz
- National FOD Walk
- Local airport activities including safety expos, barbecues, toolbox sessions and stakeholder engagement
- Integration with the AAA Safety & Emergency Management Forum

The program places greater emphasis on audio visual content, short-form communications and resources tailored to frontline operational staff.

The aim of the Airport Safety Week 2026 program is to:

- Strengthen safety culture across Australian airports.
- Improve collaboration between airport stakeholders.
- Encourage proactive reporting and speaking up.
- Support consistent safety messaging across the industry.
- Promote practical behaviours that reduce operational risk.
- Showcase innovation and technology that supports safer airport operations.
- Increase engagement with frontline operational staff through shorter, more visual and interactive content.



OVERARCHING THEME FOR ASW 2026

YOUR INFLUENCE MATTERS

EVERY ACTION. EVERY CONVERSATION. EVERY AIRPORT

The 2026 theme is “Your Influence Matters: Every Action. Every Conversation. Every Airport”, which builds on last year's theme of “One Airport, One Safety Culture” by recognising that safety culture is created through the actions and behaviours of every individual working at the airport.

Whether someone works for the airport operator, an airline, ground handling company, contractor, maintenance provider or emergency service, everyone has the ability to influence safety.

The approach will focus on:

- Personal accountability
- Speaking up when something doesn't look right
- Cross-operator collaboration
- Shared responsibility
- Learning together
- Supporting new staff
- Making small actions count

The campaign also recognises the growing role of technology and innovation in improving airport safety while reinforcing that people remain at the centre of every safe operation.



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DAILY TOOLBOX TALKS

Monday 12 Oct	Focus	Key message
Your Influence Matters	• Everyone influences safety • Creating positive safety behaviours • Speaking up • Being a positive role model • Building trust and just culture	Safety starts with you. Every action influences someone else.
Tuesday 13 Oct	**Focus**	**Key message**
Better Together	• Cross-operator awareness • Understanding each other's roles • Supporting new employees • Communication across organisations • Building one airport community	Safe airports are built through strong relationships.
Wednesday 14 Oct	**Focus**	**Key message**
Small Actions. Real Consequences. *(National FOD Walk)*	• FOD • Housekeeping • Equipment management • GSE parking • Tool accountability • Bay hygiene	Small lapses can have real consequences.
Thursday 15 Oct	**Focus**	**Key message**
Working Safely in a Dynamic Airport	• Airside works • Method of Work Plans • Runway safety • Vehicle operations • Situational awareness • Wildlife management	Planning, communication and awareness protect everyone.
Friday 16 Oct	**Focus**	**Key message**
Looking Forward	• Continuous improvement • Learning from incidents • AI and innovation • Reporting culture • Every person as a safety leader	The future of airport safety depends on today's decisions.

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DAILY QUIZ

Each toolbox talk will again be supported by a short daily online quiz designed to reinforce the day's key messages.

The quiz will continue to be open to staff from AAA member airports only, with prizes awarded in the week following.

Improvements include:

- Mobile-friendly delivery
- More visual questions
- Short scenario-based questions
- Team participation options

NATIONAL WEBINARS

Webinar 1 Tuesday 13 Oct 2.30pm to 3.30pm	Panel discussion	Panellists
Your Influence Matters: Building an Airport Safety Community	• Cross-operator collaboration • Just culture • Speaking up • Supporting new staff • Building relationships across organisations • Practical examples from airports	• Ground handling representative • CASA • Airline representative • Airport safety manager • External safety expert
Webinar 2 Thursday Oct 15 2.30pm to 3.30pm	Panel discussion	Panellists
Runway safety: runway works, wildlife management and communication	Topics: • Method of Work Plans • Runway safety • Contractor management • Lessons learned • Communication during airside works • Wildlife management • Emerging technology supporting safety	• CASA • Airservices • Airside works contractor • Airline representative • Wildlife management specialist

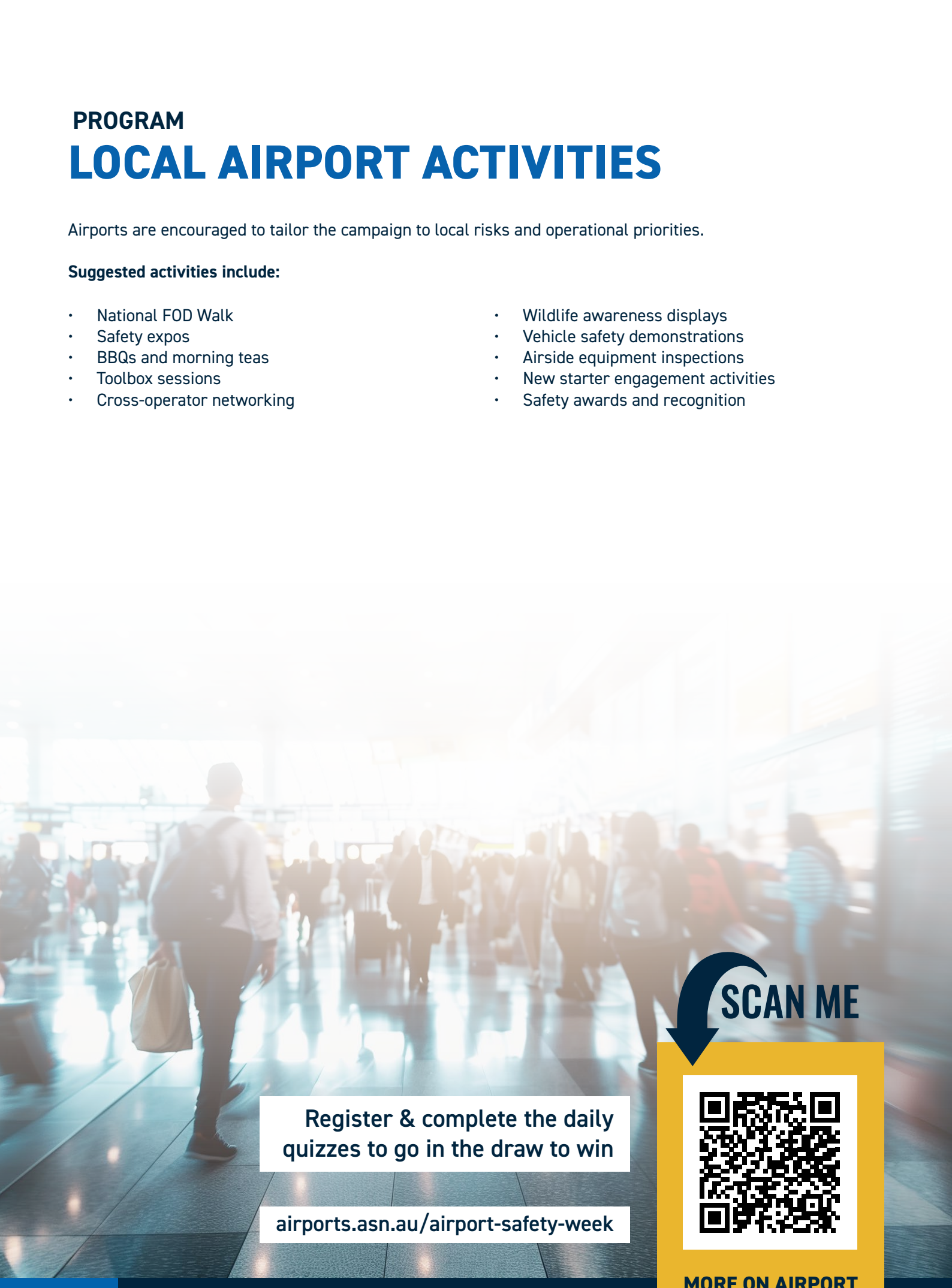
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LOCAL AIRPORT ACTIVITIES

Airports are encouraged to tailor the campaign to local risks and operational priorities.

Suggested activities include:

- National FOD Walk
- Safety expos
- BBQs and morning teas
- Toolbox sessions
- Cross-operator networking
- Wildlife awareness displays
- Vehicle safety demonstrations
- Airside equipment inspections
- New starter engagement activities
- Safety awards and recognition



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