

# Melbourne Airport Planning History



Melbourne Airport has been Victoria's gateway to the world for more than 50 years.

In 1939 the Commonwealth Minister for Defence identified the need for a new airport site for Melbourne. The Tullamarine site was chosen because it offered ample opportunity for long-term growth. The site was reasonably accessible to the city but far enough away from established areas to be able to operate without constraint.

Early plans for Melbourne Airport were based on meeting the long-term needs of international and domestic traffic. Initially, two runways were proposed and eventually constructed. Since the 1960s it has been envisaged that the airport would have four runways.

The first scheduled international flights took place in 1970, followed a year later by the first domestic flight.



## Previous Master Plans



### Melbourne Airport Strategy 1990

- Need for four runways
- Need for new international terminal facilities
- Need for express rail service between the CBD and Melbourne Airport
- Need for a third runway around 2010



### 1998 Master Plan

- Consistent with the Melbourne Airport Strategy
- Four-runway layout planned



### 2003 Master Plan

- Adopted recommendations of previous Master Plan
- Anticipated third runway required within 20 years



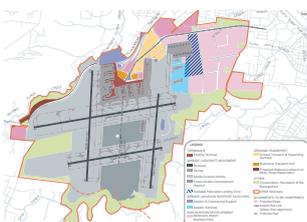
### 2008 Master Plan

- Amendments made to cater for low-cost airlines and changes in use
- Four-runway layout maintained



### 2013 Master Plan

- Incorporated Ground Transport Plan and Environment Strategy into Master Plan
- Preferred third runway orientation (east-west) nominated, with delivery required between 2018 and 2022
- Terminal and airport capacity improvements identified
- Ground transport proposals for elevated loop road and multimodal ground transport hubs



### 2018 Master Plan

- Amendments made based on revised growth forecasts
- Re-confirmed need for third runway for airport capacity
- Continued development of terminal and ground transport improvements
- Ultimate four-runway layout maintained