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New Complex for LifeFlight Heroes

Queensland's emergency helicopter fleet will soon have a new state-of-the-art maintenance and administration facility, thanks to an agreement between Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC) and LifeFlight.

The 5,000m² LifeFlight facility will be the largest hangar complex ever constructed at Archerfield Airport, cementing its place as southeast Queensland's premier emergency aviation hub and strategic maintenance base for general aviation.

The facility will service and maintain LifeFlight Australia's growing fleet of rotary-wing aircraft including AW139, BK117 and B412 helicopters. It will provide hi-tech hangarage for four helicopters at a time, equipped with the latest maintenance equipment and technology, as well as office space.

AAC will construct the \$20 million complex adjacent to the airport's new runway, recently rebuilt as part of AAC's \$22 million Project AIM (Airside Infrastructure Modernisation) that also delivered a new ground lighting system, sophisticated safety features and expanded taxiways and aircraft parking, enhancing Archerfield's ability to cater for a wider range of modern emergency services and corporate aircraft.

AAC General Manager Rod Parry said Archerfield Airport had established itself as one of southeast Queensland's most important emergency services centres.

"Located only 11 kilometres from Brisbane's CBD and close to major hospitals, Archerfield Airport is the ideal location for LifeFlight. The airport also services the Queensland government's PolAir and QGAir operations," he said.

"The new LifeFlight facility marks another milestone in Archerfield's 92-year evolution as a major locus of sustainable general and corporate aviation in Queensland."

LifeFlight Group Head of Aviation Capability Michael Richmond said: "The new base maintenance facility will enable our engineering team to double their current capacity, ensuring our iconic blue and yellow rescue helicopters can fly safely to Queenslanders, wherever and whenever they may need us."

LifeFlight Australia notched up another record-breaking calendar year in 2022 with its fleet of helicopters, air ambulance jets, critical care doctors, flight nurses and flight paramedics helping 6,978 people.

"As southeast Queensland continues to grow, Archerfield's role in aeromedical and emergency services and general aviation will only become more important," Mr Parry said.

Construction of the new facility, by Spaceframe, is slated to begin in July with completion expected in early 2024 when LifeFlight will relocate from its present site at Archerfield Airport.

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Artist's renders of the new complex are available from AAC upon request.