

**Expression of Interest 2024** 

# **Invest Wangaratta**



## Wangaratta

The Rural City of Wangaratta is home to over 29,000 residents and provides employment for around 13,000 workers. Wangaratta provides great liveability combined with opportunities for businesses to grow.

The municipality is truly diverse. As the start of Victoria's high country, Wangaratta is a tourist haven with an enviable food and wine offering, a multitude of tracks and trails to be explored and activities for those seeking adventure or a place to unwind.

Extensive waterways provide a stunning natural environment, important resources for agriculture as well as numerous recreational opportunities.

Productive agriculture land is also a feature which is key to sustaining this unique food and wine region.

With a growing population, diverse economic base, thriving tourism sector and stunning natural environment the Rural City of Wangaratta will continue to deliver business, lifestyle and investment opportunities into the future.



## Wangaratta Aerodrome

The Rural City of Wangaratta has identified the Wangaratta Aerodrome as a critical infrastructure for the municipality and the community. The aerodrome is Council owned and operated, currently serves general aviation (GA) aircraft, emergency services aircraft and occasional visiting Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) aircraft.

Wangaratta Aerodrome (YWGT) is located at 72 Brian Higgins Drive, Laceby.

The aerodrome is located adjacent the Hume Freeway and is approximately 9km south of the Wangaratta Town Centre. The aerodrome has 2 runways. The 18/36 (North-South) runway is sealed, 1,636m long and 30m wide. The 09/27 (East-West) runway is unsealed, 520m long and 18m wide and is suitable for turboprop aircraft only.

Aerodrome facilities include a parallel taxiway apron, terminal facility, four commercial hangars and parking/tie-down areas. An aircraft refuelling facility is also available adjacent to the apron providing AVGAS and Jet A1 fuel. At present the aerodrome does not support any Regular Public Transport services.



## The Opportunity

#### The Vision

Council's vision for the precinct is to have a thriving aviation industry operating from the aerodrome with businesses that provide employment, tourism, technology, education, manufacturing opportunities or a combination of these services that support aviation and the ongoing growth of the precinct.

Future developments for the precinct will complement the vision of the adopted Aerodrome Master Plan.

Expressions of interest are welcome to include (but not limited) to how the terminal building can be repurposed and utilised to include spaces for a business centre, boardrooms, office spaces, aviation museum, kiosk/catering, or new business set up.

Site inspections are welcome via appointment.

### The Terminal

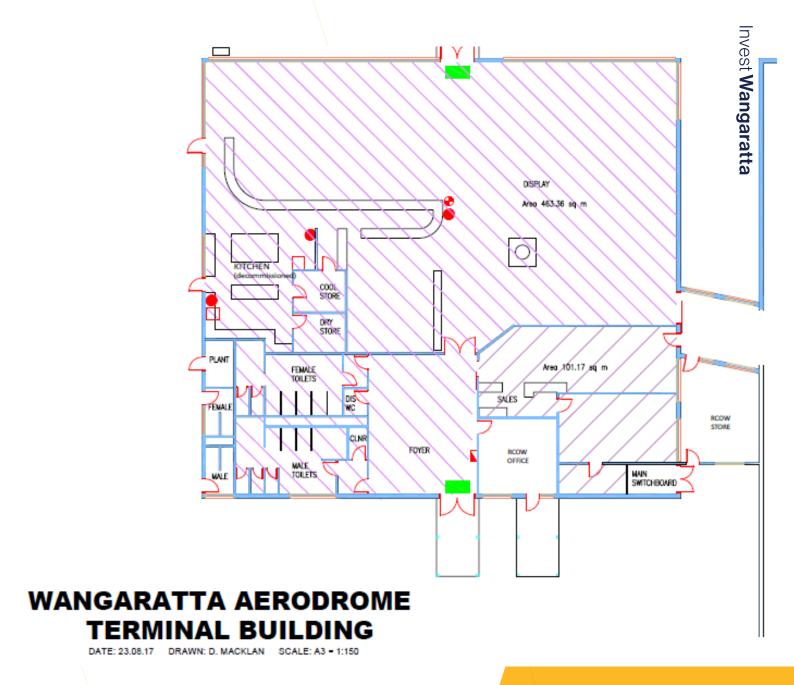
Council is formally seeking Expressions of Interest from parties to commercially lease the terminal building.

The terminal building has previously been used as an aviation museum and coach terminal interchange, workshop space and hosting various groups who have held events and shows relating to the airfield and aviation services.

The building consists of large Display area and a decommissioned commercial Kitchen area of estimated 463.36 sqm, office spaces of estimated 101.17 sqm, with Foyer and Toilet facilities, with access to both the car park and airside from the building. The main area is carpeted with airconditioning and a high roof span. Please see attached current site plan.

It should be noted that any proposal submitted should incorporate the need for the Rural City of Wangaratta to have access to the Aerodromes alarm and fire systems (located in the Foyer), and the office for Councils Aerodrome Reporting Officer & maintance staff.





### **Expression of Interest Request:**

In responding to the EOI respondents are requested to provide the following information and will be evaluated based on:

- 1. A business/operational plan and conceptual designs (for any possible alterations to the building) including terms e.g. lease with indicative offers.
- 2. How the proposal will meet the vision for the aerodrome and complements the Aerodrome Master Plan. How the terminal building that supports the aviation industry and growth of the precinct such as: employment, business/tourism opportunities, technology, education, manufacturing etc
- 3. Outline timeline for the proposal
- 4. Demonstrate the experience of the respondent to deliver the proposed concept and business plan.
- 5. Demonstrate the respondent's experience within aviation industry relevant to the business proposition offered.

Council will form an Assessment Panel to evaluate each submission based on the above assessment criteria. The Panel will score each EOI submission and short list EOI submissions to make recommendations to the Council.

## **EOI** Enquiries

Please direct all enquiries to:

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| 2. ACN and ABN:  |    |         |      |   |
| 3. Registered office address:                                    |    |         |      |   |
| 4. Postal address:   |    |         |      |   |
| 5. Nominated contact person:                                     |    |         |      |   |
| 6. Telephone:  |    |         |      |   |
| 7. Email address:  |    | <u></u> |      |   |
| 8 EOI submission attached?                                       |    |         |      |   |
| 9. Authorised Signature / Date:                                  |    |         |      |   |
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| Expressions of Interest close <b>Thursday 13 June 2024, 5pm.</b> |    |         |      |   |
| To lodge, email: economicdevelopment@wangaratta.vic.gov.au       |    |         |      |   |

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