

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Airport Link Information Centre – 10,000 visitors and photography exhibition on display**

This month, the Airport Link Information Centre at Lutwyche welcomed its 10,000<sup>th</sup> visitor after more than three years of operation.

Steven Reeves of Gordon Park entered the centre in early August to find out more information about the Airport Link project. Little did he know he was about to be surprised with a site tour of the tunnels for himself and three friends as a prize for being the centre's 10,000<sup>th</sup> visitor.

"I couldn't believe it when I was told I was the 10,000<sup>th</sup> visitor. I'm really looking forward to the site tour. This project is huge and I think it's great that we'll get a chance to go into the tunnels to see how it all connects up underground," Steven said.

Thiess John Holland Project Director Gordon Ralph said the Information Centre is an excellent resource for people wanting to find out more information about the project including construction activities, traffic changes, tunnelling techniques, final design and community benefits.

"Now is a great time to visit the Information Centre. The project is just over ten months from completion and we currently have an exhibition on display featuring photos taken by staff working on the project," Mr Ralph said.

"The photography competition was opened in April and we received more than 550 entries from across the project team," he said.

"This is a great project, with over 10,000 local residents interested in how it's being built and over 4,300 workers proud to be building it in Brisbane. "

The winner of the photography competition was Adam Mullens from the project's traffic crew.

"Working on the project allows us to get access to areas the community rarely sees and as part of the traffic crew I'm lucky enough to see all the amazing construction that's happening across the entire project," Adam said.

Since the Airport Link Information Centre opened in 2008, an average of over 60 people have visited each week.

"In addition to the Information Centre and the many community meetings that are held, over the past three years more than 900,000 community notifications have been delivered to local residents and 1,960 people are registered to receive email and SMS project updates," Mr Ralph said.

"With just over ten months until completion, the project will continue to provide information to the local community about the final phase of construction and fit-out, ready for a mid-2012 opening."



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The projects are now more than 80% complete with nearly 15 kilometres of tunnels and ramps excavated between Bowen Hills and Toombul.

In excess of 20 million hours have been worked to date and the projects have surpassed their expected peak employment bringing the jobs total to more than 4,300. The projects are creating 12,000 direct and indirect jobs.

The project, which is being designed and constructed by Thiess John Holland, along with the Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) and the Airport Roundabout Upgrade, is part of a massive \$4.8 billion infrastructure investment on Brisbane's Northside.

### Community Fast Facts

In 2011...

- More than 120 doorknocking sessions undertaken
- Over 30 community gatherings held

Since the project started...

- 10,000 visitors to the Information Centre
- More than 900,000 notifications distributed
- 1,960 people registered to receive email and SMS updates
- More than \$70,000 raised for local schools and charities

The Visitor Information Centre is located at 543 Lutwyche Road, Lutwyche (next to the Commonwealth Bank at the Centro Lutwyche Shopping Centre). Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

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