

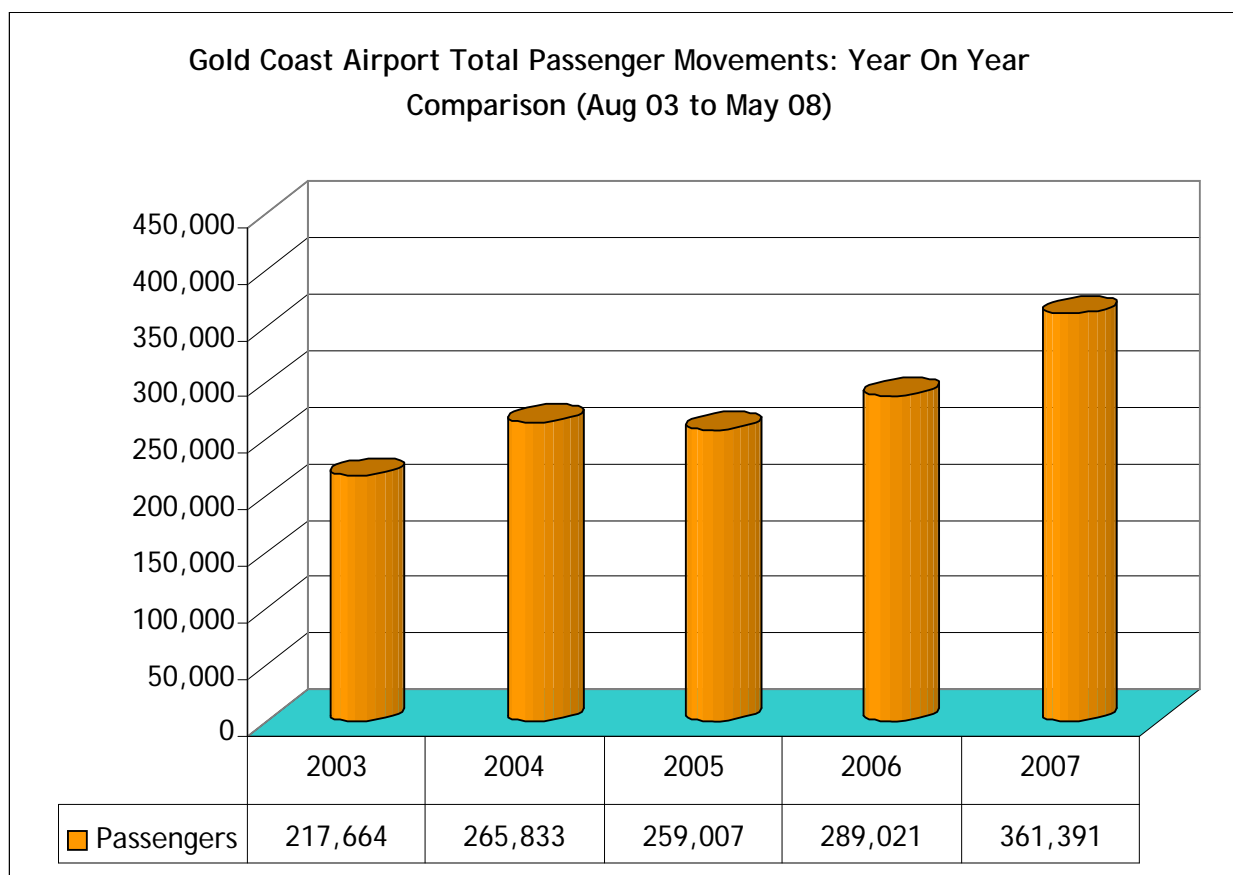
## Tourism and Aviation Updates

- ➔ **Jetstar** will be the latest low cost international carrier to fly into **Gold Coast Airport** following the official announcement of the Gold Coast - Japan service on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. From 1 October 2008 Jetstar will change it's current daily Sydney-Osaka-Brisbane service to operate via the Gold Coast in lieu of Brisbane. Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer, Paul Donovan said the announcement was exciting and symbolic of the future of tourism on the Gold Coast. "This announcement is a logical step forward for the region in light of recent figures showing the vast majority of inbound Japanese passengers".
  
- ➔ **Gold Coast Airport celebrates a decade of outstanding growth** and significant achievements as a major contributor to the Gold Coast region's growth and success on 28<sup>th</sup> May. It was ten years ago, on Thursday 28 May 1998, that the Federal Government finalised the sale of what was then Coolangatta Airport. "Gold Coast Airport is very aware that its success is attributable to the support and understanding of its many stakeholders" said Dennis Chant, Managing Director of Gold Coast Airport and Queensland Airports Limited - the owner of the Gold Coast facility.
  
- ➔ **GOLD Coast Airport** has celebrated the 1st anniversary of the opening of the runway extension with a 'Breakfast on the Tarmac', hosted by Gold Coast radio station 102.9 Hot Tomato, in the first airside event since the runway extension opened. Chief Operating Officer Paul Donovan said the 'unique' celebration was an opportunity to welcome the benefits the extended runway has brought to the Gold Coast. "The runway extension has brought the world to the Gold Coast with more than 340 flights per week to ten destinations throughout Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia".
  
- ➔ **Gold Coast Airport's** new international carrier is **Norfolk Air**. The new service, commencing October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008, will use a Boeing 737-300 which offers both Economy and Premium Economy seating. Gold Coast Airport Chief Operating Officer Paul Donovan said the addition of Norfolk Air capped of a successful month for the airport.
  
- ➔ The strong position of **Gold Coast Airport** as Australia's largest regional airport will not be negatively affected by the announcement from Qantas to cancel its Gold Coast-Sydney flights from August. Qantas accounts for just two daily flights operating through Gold Coast Airport. Gold Coast Airport General Manager, Mr Paul Donovan, said the Sydney-Gold Coast route continued to perform as the fourth busiest sector in the country. "With the Sydney-Gold Coast route carrying more than 2 million passengers per year, the Qantas announcement gives other carriers the opportunity to increase their activity to and from the Gold Coast.

### GCA Total Air Transport Figures May 2008

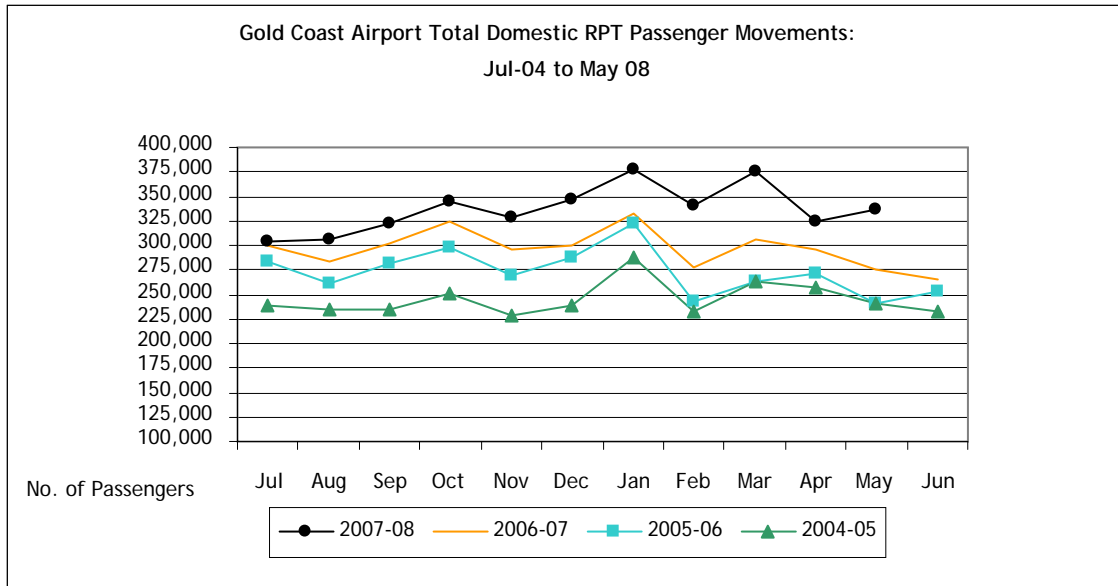
For the month of May 2008, Gold Coast Airport recorded:

- ➔ total passengers equal to 361,391
- ➔ total capacity of 479,824 seats
- ➔ total average load factor of 75.3%
  
- ➔ Gold Coast Airport total passenger traffic month-on-month for May 2008 increased 25% on May 2007. The average annual growth of consecutive May months from 2003 to 2008 was 13.5%.
  
- ➔ For the previous 12 months from June 2007 to May 2008, cumulative passenger traffic reached 4,225,076. Compared to the previous 12 months, an 12.9% rise in passenger movements was recorded. Seat capacity remained steady over the period.



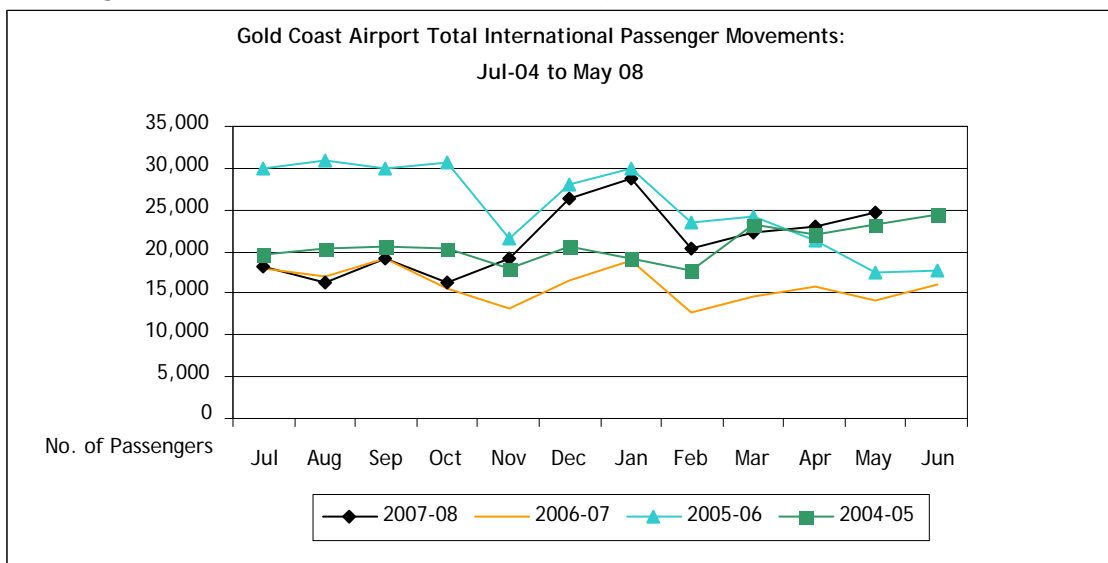
### GCA Total Domestic RPT Passenger Movements: Jul 2004 to May 2008

→ For the previous 12 months from June 2007 to May 2008 cumulative domestic passengers were 3,974,014 compared to the previous year and 12% rise in passenger movements was recorded.



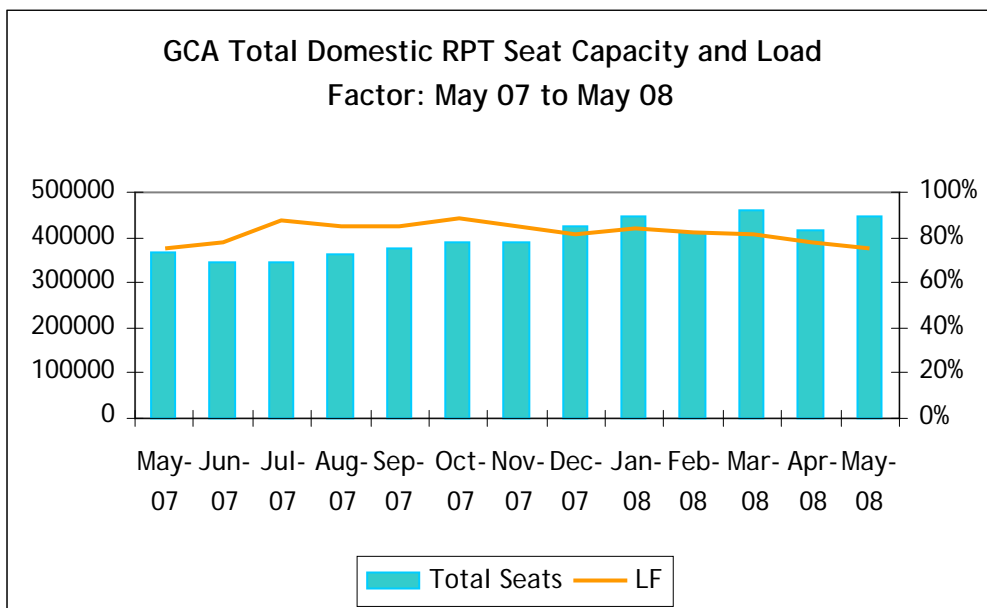
### GCA Total International Passenger Movements: July 2004 to May 2008

→ International passenger traffic for May 2008 was 24,757. Over the previous twelve months (May 2007 to May 2008) Gold Coast Airport saw a total of 251,062 international passengers, 29.7% more than in the previous year.



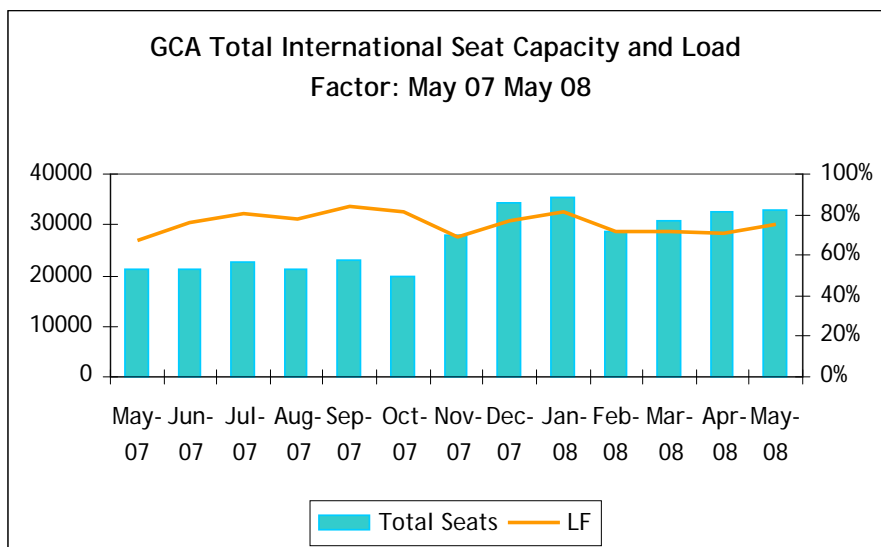
### GCA Total Domestic Capacity and Load Factor: Year Ending May 2008

Total domestic seat capacity was equal to 447,058 for May 2008 and the domestic load factor was 75.3%. For the twelve month period ending May 2008, the number of total domestic seats was equal to 4,816,429 and the average load factor recorded was 82.5%.



### GCA Total International Capacity and Load Factor: Year Ending May 2008

For May 2008 total international seat capacity was 32,766. The load factor for the same month was 75.5%. The number of total international seats for the twelve month period ending May 2008 was 330,990 and the average load factor was 75.8%.



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Gold Coast Airport air transport figures are sourced internally unless otherwise stated.

## Notes

- Total passenger, capacity and load factor figures refer to inbound flights plus outbound flights. Domestic RPT, international and regional airlines are included in those total figures.
- Domestic RPT and international air transport figures do not include regional airlines.
- The term "domestic RPT" refers to domestic regular passenger traffic.
- The term "load factor" refers to passenger occupancy of each flight on average.