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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Parkdale Gift - Moorabbin Airport Athletics a Run(a)way Success**

Moorabbin Airport celebrated the athletic talents of three indigenous athletes as they ran practice sprints on the terminal apron at a launch event for next Saturday's Parkdale Gift.

Alex, Solly and Quarny displayed just how fast the athletes are from Mowanjum, WA (2.5hrs north east of Broome) to more than 50 airport spectators. The trio were confident, affable and naturally gifted young men who are accompanied by Mowanjum community Elder, Ranita.

The Parkdale Gift has been recreated thanks to the vision, extraordinary efforts and organisational talents of Tim Mason (Parkdale Gift President). A former athlete and Stawell Gift competitor, Tim said "the day will be a unique experience for spectators, athletes & participants and will show case local and international sports people. A "Come Try Program" with prizes and giveaways will enable hands on community involvement."

Moorabbin Airport Corporation (MAC) Chief Executive Officer, Paul Ferguson said "events like the Parkdale Gift make our community stronger and are another opportunity for our metropolitan airports to bring people together."

The Parkdale Gift will showcase professional running, tennis and boxing on Saturday 24 March at Gerry Green Reserve, Parkdale, commencing from 8.00am.

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**About Moorabbin Airport**

"Australia's leading flight training airport located 21km south east of the CBD. Each year 1,200 students are trained by 16 flight training schools in the largest general aviation cluster in the state. Our focus is delivering airport services and infrastructure to support safety and responsible aviation practices.

Moorabbin Airport delivered the most aviation activity in Australia at Jun 17 and Nov 17. 250 businesses, 4,500 jobs and is 5% of the City of Kingston's workforce are based on this state significant site. Each year more than 6 million people visit Moorabbin Airport and its popular destinations including the Australian National Aviation Museum, Direct Factory Outlet, Costco and Chifley Business Park.

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