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My Mayoral Statement this week revolves around the Gladstone Airport which passed a significant milestone on Sunday 17th April with the opening of the Redeveloped runway and the terminal building.

The redeveloped terminal has been named by Gladstone Regional Council in honour of former Mayor, the late George Creed OAM and Council Chief Executive Officer, Graeme Kanofski PSM.

The name will be the Creed/Kanofski Terminal. Between them, George and Graeme had a combined association of more than 50 years with Gladstone Airport, culminating with the redevelopment project.

The newly named Creed/Kanofski Terminal was opened by Mrs Leonie Creed.

Cr Creed was Mayor of Gladstone Regional Council at the time the decision was taken to commit to the redevelopment of Gladstone Airport and had a passion and understanding of aviation. Cr Creed retired prematurely from office on 21 September 2010 due to ill health and passed away on 29 November 2010.

Graeme Kanofski PSM was Chief Executive Officer of the Gladstone Airport for 30 years and his experience in leading a team of airport and engineering experts ensured that the redevelopment of the airport runway and terminal could be completed without interruption to functional airline services. For a while, Graeme lived and breathed Airport reconstruction, and I might add – loved every minute of it. Congratulations to everyone involved in the project from Rod Sullivan down to our own Councillor Clyde Cameron.

Combined with the opening we had our second carrier fly in on Monday 18th, Strategic Airlines. This will give our resident what they have been asking for – a choice.