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CAIRNS AIRPORT WELCOMES JR/DUTY FREE

Cairns Airport welcomes JR/Duty free to the International Terminal, as they commence tomorrow as the airport's new duty free store operators.

Cairns Airport GM Commercial, Robert Evans, said the arrival of JR/Duty Free marked the start of a new era for duty free shopping at Cairns Airport.

"As the \$15M upgrade of the International Terminal Departure Lounge progresses we have created an exciting new walk-through duty free store," Mr Evans said.

"JR/Duty Free will operate both the departures and arrivals duty free stores and undertake a total refit of each of these retail areas."

"The refits will create an exciting new look and feel for the stores with the Departure Lounge store scheduled for completion by July 2012."

"The refresh in the International Departure Lounge continues with another new retailer, Australian Made, opening last week and a range of food and beverage proposals under consideration.

Cairns Airport is currently ranked as Australia's seventh busiest for international passengers with direct flights to and from Auckland, Tokyo, Osaka, Hong Kong, Guam, Port Moresby and to Singapore, via Darwin.

In the past financial year international passenger numbers at Cairns Airport increased by 19.5 per cent or 105,000 compared to the previous year for a total of approximately 670,000.