

# MEL makes three for Air Canada

IT'S not every day passengers at Melbourne Airport get to play on an "ice rink" and take selfies with burly hockey players and friendly Mounties, but then an Air Canada inaugural is always a special occasion.

With the launch of its new Melbourne-Vancouver route, operating three times a week using a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Air Canada now offers year-round non-stop services to Canada from three Australian ports.

The new route, which complements AC's daily Sydney and Brisbane services, is further cementing Vancouver as a fast, friendly and convenient year-round gateway to North America, with Air Canada offering connections to more than 120 destinations across Canada and the United States.

Australian flights are specifically timed to optimise connectivity to the airline's extensive US network, which includes popular cities such as New York, Chicago, Boston and Las Vegas.

Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a four-star ranking from independent research firm Skytrax, which has also named Air Canada the Best Airline in North America for six of the last eight years.

For more information visit [www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com).



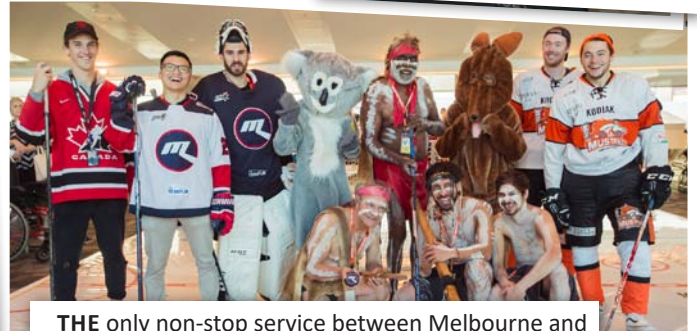
A TRADITIONAL warm welcome in Melbourne.



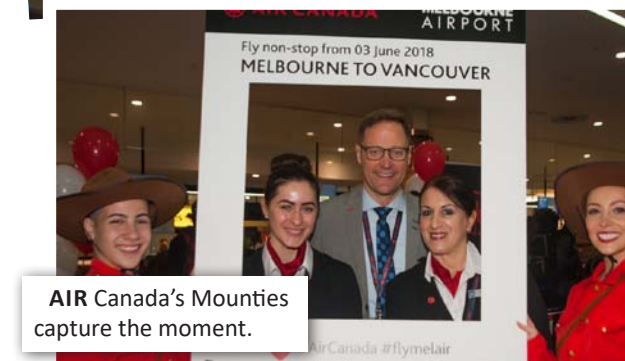
THE friendliest faces on the force!



A GREAT partnership: Vic Naughton, general manager Australia & New Zealand, Air Canada, and Ryan Both, head of commercial aviation, Melbourne Airport.



THE only non-stop service between Melbourne and Vancouver creates a unique cultural connection.



AIR Canada's Mounties capture the moment.



PLAYERS from Melbourne Mustangs & Melbourne Ice helped celebrate Air Canada's launch.