



Main Photo Above> Moving away from more traditional lounge environments, the new fitout reflects a classic yet contemporary design by using rock maple veneer and distinctive furniture selection. Right Photo> Architectural joinery is seen in the reception.

# ANSETT GOLDEN

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Providing an unparalleled level of comfort and convenience for the busy traveller, Ansett's new Brisbane Golden Wing Club Lounge is designed to provide world class facilities for the business traveller.

The refurbishment, an extension and enhancement of the existing Golden Wing Club Lounge originally opened in 1988, was to address future traffic needs and provide peak capacity for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"The Lounge was refurbished in response to our customers' needs," said Ansett lounge manager, Benise Atherton. "Brisbane is a very important airport for Ansett and it was important for us to improve the quality and presentation of our lounge environment – increasing general lounge seating and improving our business facilities achieved both of these objectives."

Schiavello's fitout and architectural joinery team was appointed to ensure delivery of construction, working closely with Ansett project manager, Rob Nosedo and GSA Architect's principal designer, Maria Sotiropoulos.

"It was a difficult job. The key challenges were to achieve a superior quality fitout within a very stringent time frame. And, most importantly, completing all construction works whilst maintaining an operational lounge with as little disruption to passengers and staff as possible," said Rob Nosedo. "Schiavello placed a daily emphasis on ensuring the impact of works was minimised. The majority of work was performed out of hours, after 10 pm."



#### PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Location:** Brisbane Airport

**Client:** Ansett Australia – Benise Atherton, Rob Nosedá

**Design:** GSA Architects – Maria Sotiropoulos, Maurice Mandalinic, Louise Metcalfe.

**Schiavello Qld Fitout:** Neil Pollard, Duncan Ramsay, John Johnson, Mark Ellison

**Area:** 1200m<sup>2</sup>

Brisbane's updated Ansett Golden Wing Club Lounge reflects the airline's corporate branding: an expression of fun, energy and innovation. Moving away from more traditional lounge environments, Ansett have opted for a new club environment to better reflect the needs of the contemporary Australian business culture.

Schiavello architectural joinery can be seen in the lounge's beautifully appointed facilities including new reception area, meeting rooms, managers' offices and updated bar facilities.

"The lounge now reflects Ansett's new corporate image – it reflects our brand expression through an emphasis on innovation, difference, contrast and juxtaposition, and views our customers as individuals with choices," said Benise Atherton.

"Faced with a challenging brief of updating a disjointed lounge we decided to reconfigure and lower the ceilings creating a unified and intimate space for the lounge," said Maria Sotiropoulos. "In conjunction with the composition of varying lighting effects, the warmth of rock maple veneer and distinctive furniture selection, we have achieved a classic yet contemporary design."

"Completion of this project has demonstrated a commitment to our customers and demonstrates the importance of our lounge facility," said Benise Atherton. "The lounge is also an integral aspect of our brand expression so there is inherent value for Ansett in the refurbishment."