

Media alert

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Airservices welcomes the Australian Olympic team

Airservices air traffic controllers and aviation fire fighters have welcomed home the Australian Olympic team after the conclusion of the 2012 London Olympics.

Call-signed 'Qantas 6058', the specially painted Qantas 747-400, featuring a boxing kangaroo, touched down on Sydney's Runway 34L shortly after 7.00am, having flown in from London via Bangkok.

The occasion was marked with a special welcome radio transmission by the tower controller.

"Qantas 6058, Airservices Sydney Tower welcomes home the Australian Olympic team after a terrific effort in London," the controller said.

On landing, the aircraft was also treated to a traditional 'water arch salute' by Airservices aviation fire fighters involving two ultra-large Mk8 fire vehicles throwing water over a distance of more than 80 metres as the aircraft passed beneath.

The water arch salute is used around the world for ceremonial purposes to mark a significant event.

Vision, photos and audio of the arrival are available for download from our newsroom at newsroom.airservicesaustralia.com (registration required).

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