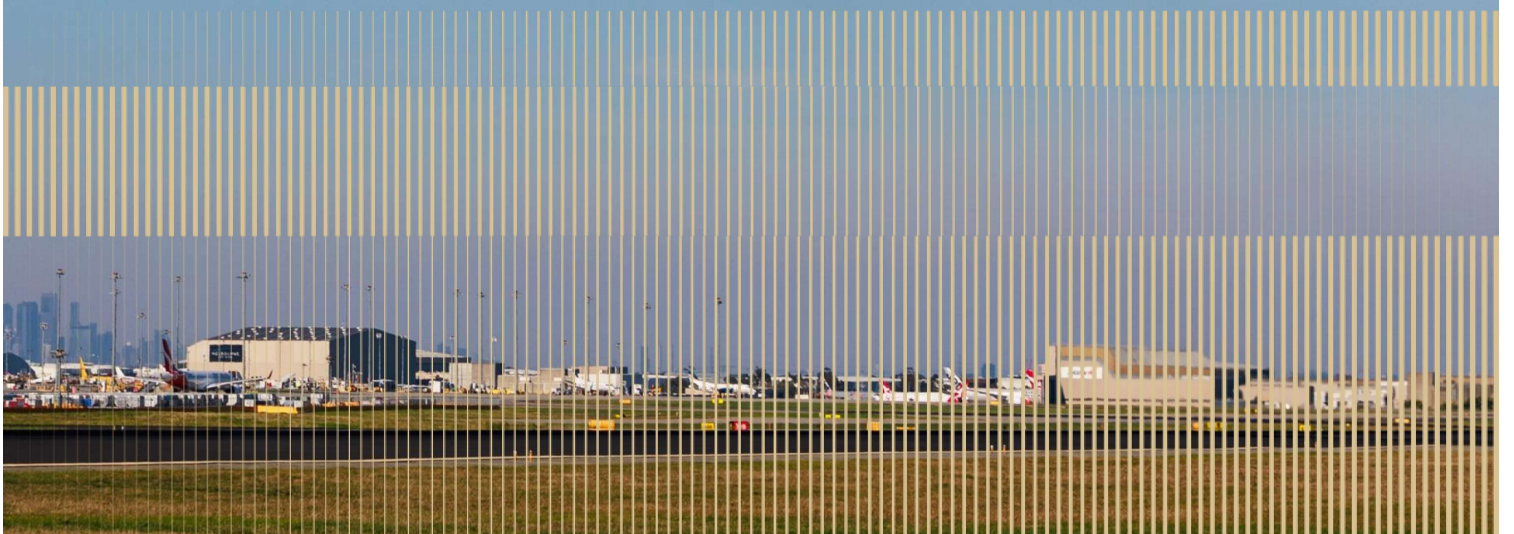


2025 Annual Report

Community Aviation
Consultation Group



1. Overview

The Melbourne Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACGMA) works collaboratively to achieve broad community engagement on airport planning, development and operations, and their impact. It provides advice regarding communication, consultation and engagement to Melbourne Airport and other stakeholders.

2025 Members

Kim Jordan	Independent Chair
Fred Ackerman	Community
Maggie Baron	Community
David Cleland	Community
Matt Faubel	Community
Margaret Giudice ¹	Community
Emma Langoulant	Community
²	Community [?]
Jane Waldock	Community
Fonda Zahopoulos	Community
Elaine Brogan ³	Community
Veronica Tang ⁴	Community
Liz Beattie	Victorian Trades Hall
Justin Burgess	Brimbank Council
James McNulty	Hume City Council
Stephen Pykett ⁵	Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Lydia Sorenson ⁶	Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Ashley Minniti ⁷	Maribyrnong City Council
Rory MacDonald ⁸	Maribyrnong City Council
Steve Finlay	Melton City Council
Petrus Barry	Moonee Valley City Council

Regular meeting participants

- Melbourne Airport
- Victorian Department of Planning and Transport
- Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts, Airports Branch
- Airservices Australia

Guest participants attended from time to time, as reflected in the meeting minutes.

¹ Member until end of 2025

² Member until 2025

³ Member from November 2025

⁴ Member from November 2025

⁵ Member until November 2024

⁶ Member from May 2025

⁷ Member until February 2025

⁸ Member from November 2025

Support staff

Secretariat support was provided by Melbourne Airport.

Acknowledgements

CACG holds its meetings at Melbourne Airport. We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and pay our respects to Elders past and present. Melbourne Airport is committed to the ongoing process of reconciliation and understanding the Indigenous heritage of the land on which it operates.

I offer my sincere thanks to our CACG community members, all of whom donate their time, not only to attend meetings but in their thoughtful consideration of CACG matters as they arise between meetings. I also thank representatives of the local government areas surrounding the airport, representatives of state and federal government, and the Melbourne Airport team, all of whom contribute to making CACG a valuable part of the airport's community engagement.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the sad and untimely death of Victor Ng on 28 October, following a sudden illness. Victor joined CACG in 2023. His professional and personal experience enriched our discussions and strengthened our shared purpose. His thoughtful contributions and warm presence meant he was a highly respected and valued member of the group.

Kim Jordan

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2. 2025 in summary

Meeting agendas followed a standard format with reports from Melbourne Airport, Airservices Australia and where relevant from the federal and state government representatives and guests.

Items which took most attention included:

- Government responses to the Aviation White Paper and the Senate Noise Inquiry, and the publication of draft CACG Guidelines for comment
- Ongoing activity related to the 3rd runway planning
- Matters regularly monitored, including terminal works, environment and sustainability, and improvements to passenger and commuter experience including accessibility.

Meetings and other activities

CACG holds at least four meetings a year. During 2025 two extra meetings were held to discuss the Community Health Study and its Terms of Reference (ToR), which is a condition of the third runway approval.

- As part of delivering the third runway, Melbourne Airport is required to carry out an independent study into the health impacts of aircraft noise on communities surrounding Melbourne Airport. It will collect data before the runway opens and for 20 years after the new runway begins operations.
- The study, its ToR and CACG's involvement was discussed in depth with CACG members at meetings in January and July. Once the independent health study experts from Deakin and Liverpool universities were appointed to develop the draft ToR, they briefed the CACG in July.

In addition, there were out of session email exchanges to develop questions for meeting presenters and consider changes to agenda items.

Membership

A selection process for new members was conducted from August and concluded in November. In line with the revised Terms of Reference, the selection committee comprised the Chair, Maggie Baron representing community CACG members, and Ed Martin representing Melbourne Airport. Several applications were received following advertising in Star Weekly (multiple publications) and on the Melbourne Airport website.

Performance measurement – member attendance

The Terms of Reference call for members to attend at least 75 per cent of meetings.

Most members attended over 80 per cent of meetings. One member was unable to attend more than 20 per cent of meetings and did not reapply for membership.

Performance measurement – member survey

2025 saw CACG's second annual self-assessment survey. To provide continuity it had the same questions as in 2024, plus one to cover a change in CACG guidelines that suggests greater member involvement in setting meeting agendas.

The Survey is in three parts, as shown below. It is conducted online and results are not identified. Compared to 2024 there was a slight reduction in the number of responses, and in the number of free-text comments.

How well has CACGMA conducted itself?	My own performance	The Chair's performance
17 questions. Responses were: 6 excellent; 11 satisfactory. Potential improvement included: Members' preparation for meetings (this may reflect the complexity of material covered, and/or the settling in of new members) Clarify the role of local government members. Establishing more channels for community members to engage with the wider community.	12 questions. Responses were: 10 excellent; 2 satisfactory. Potential improvement included: Awareness of what is expected of members. Again this may reflect new members, but also the requirement for CACG in relation to the M3R approval conditions.	8 questions. Responses were: 7 excellent 1 satisfactory. Potential improvement included: With the increased membership numbers, keeping a good eye on group interaction to continue providing a productive environment.

As in 2024, the responses were primarily 'Excellent' for members' own performance and that of the Chair.

- Responses to how CACGMA as a whole has operated provided mostly 'Satisfactory' responses. There is a call to clarify the role and input of local government members, with a preference that communication becomes more two-way.
- Some caution was expressed about the growing size of the group and the need to provide time for all to participate.
- The agenda has expanded over time, meaning presentations need to be condensed so there is adequate time for question and answer time.

Community interaction

Many of our members are well connected in their communities, including through school, professional and social channels.

CACG members' details are listed on the Melbourne Airport CACG web page. Community members are able to contact the member most likely to represent their interests or concerns. During 2025 this avenue of contact was not used often. Community members have also been instrumental in providing advice to the Melbourne Airport engagement team regarding their networks to engage hard to reach pockets on community including families, young people and older people, for consultation on third runway project conditions, such as the noise amelioration project.

The minutes of CACG meetings are published on the Melbourne Airport CACG web page.

CACG members are always welcome to attend Melbourne Airport's community engagement activities.

Melbourne Airport has an information sheet about CACG which is available at community pop-up events and consultation drop-ins.

3. Outlook For 2026

2026 will be another busy year for CACG. In particular:

- Further consultation and updates on third runway conditions including
 - Noise Sharing
 - Noise Amelioration
 - Eastern Extension Project
 - Community Health Study
- Involvement in Public Exhibition for the airport's Master Plan 2027
- Understanding the timeline and process for flight path design



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