

MELBOURNE AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP

Minutes – Tuesday 19th May 2015, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Banksia Gardens Community Services, 71-81 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows

Present:	Darrell Treloar	Independent Chair
	Susan Jennison	Community
	David O'Connor	Community
	Mateja Rautner	Community
	Frank Rivoli	Community
	Deanna Van Rooy	Community
	John Ginivan	Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning
	Leanne Deans	Noise Abatement Committee
	Cr Adem Atmaca	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	Michael Sharpe	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council

Also in attendance were:

Sarah Renner	Melbourne Airport
Carly Dixon	Melbourne Airport
Trent Kneebush	Melbourne Airport
Pamela Graham	Melbourne Airport
Elizabeth Joldeski	Melbourne Airport
Kris Perkovic	Melbourne Airport
Melanie Hearne	Melbourne Airport
Anna Gillett	Melbourne Airport
Caroline Doherty	Melbourne Airport
Paula Bradshaw	Melbourne Airport
Tim Abberton	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman's Office
Kylie Hobday	Airservices Australia
Neil Hall	Airservices Australia
Marcelo Alves	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Jesse Gillard	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

Apologies:

Henry Bezuidenhout	Moonee Valley City Council
Chris Woodruff	Melbourne Airport
Jim Gard'ner	Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning
Bob Baggio	Melton City Council
Elissa Keenan	Airservices Australia

Number of public in attendance: 20

1. Welcome and apologies – Darrell Treloar, Chair

The Chair welcomed CACG members to the May meeting, making note of the following:

- John Ginivan, who is substituting for Jim Gardner
- Liz Joldeski, the new Manager Stakeholder & Government Relations, Melbourne Airport, who replaces Jo Powell in providing support to the CACG.
- Kylie Hobday, Airservices Australia, who replaces Simon Cousins, and is the Melbourne Airservices Australia contact for the CACG going forward.

The Chair also welcomed members of the public and thanked them for taking an interest in the CACG and Melbourne Airport. He explained, the format of the meeting is best described as a meeting of the CACG members with the public in attendance. The CACG intends to open as many of its meetings as possible to the public; however, from time to time it may be necessary to meet in closed session, for example when commercial in confidence matters are being discussed. An opportunity will be provided for questions from the public during a Q&A session but emphasising that the meeting should not be seen as a town hall style public meeting.

Apologies were noted, including that received from Chris Woodruff, CEO of Melbourne Airport. The Chair acknowledged the CEO's resignation and imminent departure and expressed appreciation on behalf of CACG for his support over the years. It was moved to write a letter of appreciation to Chris Woodruff, CEO, Melbourne Airport.

Action: The Chair to send a letter of appreciation to the outgoing CEO, Chris Woodruff.

The Chair noted that Robert Walters tendered his resignation from CACG.

The Chair also invited and noted other items for discussion under other business later in the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 17th February 2015

The Chair handed out a replacement page (page 11) to the minutes which included an amendment to item 8.5, which was accepted for inclusion. Frank Rivoli also noted that the request to discuss curfews still needs to be addressed. It was agreed to add this item for discussion under "other business".

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2015 (as amended) be confirmed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

3. Public questions/submissions

The Chair explained that 30 minutes is allocated in the agenda for public questions, advising if all the questions could not be responded to in the allotted time, they would be held over until the end of the meeting, time permitting. He advised if any questions couldn't be answered by the end of the meeting, written responses to the questions will be included in the meeting minutes.

1. a) Hume Residents Action Group (Ian Johnson) to Airservices Australia: *Request Airservices to consider making the noise complaint form available in printed form and have it made available to the public at the Westfield and Gladstone Park Shopping Centres service desk and council offices. The printed complaint form will provide access to a government service for those who do not have access to the internet for communication. It is likely there would be many older Australian in this category within the community surrounding the airport.*

Kylie Hobday confirmed that on-line completion was the main way that residents can lodge their complaints as this is the best way to administer the system across Australia. However, she noted the community's concerns and will check on the ability to print and distribute the form in the future. Kylie Hobday encouraged the community to continue to call or put forward complaints in writing without unnecessarily filling out the form.

Action: Airservices Australia to consider option of printing complaint forms and making them available and provide an update at the August CACG meeting.

b) Hume Residents Action Group (Ian Johnson) to Melbourne Airport: *The measures in place to protect our communities from aircraft pollution are not working, many living on the east side of the airport have reported smelling aircraft fumes, causing potential impact to their health and well-being. The odours have been so strong in cases that have necessitated those affected to go indoors. Who is responsible for monitoring the air quality within our streets? What action is Melbourne Airport and the airlines prepared to take to avoid polluting our environment?*

Sarah Renner noted the concern and advised that Melbourne Airport is undertaking air quality monitoring studies at present as part of the technical studies for the Runway Development Program. Further update on the studies will be provided by Pamela Graham at item 5.

c) Hume Residents Action Group (Ian Johnson) to Melbourne Airport: *Melbourne Airport need to be aware of the presence of asbestos within our schools and homes, we fear the vibration effect from the increase frequency of aircraft movements over our homes from the existing and proposed future third runway will have an adverse affect on the asbestos stability and long term will impact on the health of our children. The asbestos existence poses a significant health risk which needs to be included in the environment impact statement for the proposed third runway. To date, Melbourne Airport has not provided an adequate public response on this issue.*

Sarah Renner noted the concerns and confirmed that these issues in relation to health and health impacts will be fully addressed by Melbourne Airport during the technical studies phase for the Runway Development Program. In terms of specific concerns regarding asbestos and vibrations, Sarah Renner indicated she was unaware of any links between asbestos and flight movements but would take it on notice to investigate other health studies that may have addressed this point.

Action: Sarah Renner to advise of any further available information on health studies and asbestos.

2. a) Apollo Yianni to Melbourne Airport: *What about air quality for the people who live under the flight path, does the airport authority take any responsibility for my health, and of my childrens?*

Similar to the previous question, Sarah Renner advised that air quality monitoring is a key area that will be fully investigated by Melbourne Airport as part of the technical studies for the Runway Development Program.

b) Apollo Yianni to Melbourne Airport: *What about noise level, I do not like to be woken up at all hours of the night and day. Is the airport authority going to pay to have my home noise proofed?*

Sarah Renner acknowledged the concern and noted that airports are noisy by nature and this does have an impact on some of those that live close to the airport. Payment and compensation are not in the plans for sound proofing.

c) Apollo Yianni to Melbourne Airport: *East Keilor sub-station the biggest in Australia, supplies 80% of Victoria's power supplies. You can sometimes smell jet fumes in the air, and under the right conditions, you will get denotation (static discharge etc). Is the airport authority aware of this fact? What is the airport doing to prevent this possible disaster?*

Sarah Renner advised that this question will be taken on notice to ensure we provide an accurate answer on the technical risk regarding aircraft fumes and detonation.

Action: Sarah Renner to advise of technical risk regarding aircraft fumes and detonation.

3. a) Robyn Taylor to Melbourne Airport: *What action has taken place as a result of the motion relating to a curfew from 11pm – 6 am at Melbourne Airport taken at the last meeting of (the CACG) residents in Keilor Park?*

The Chair clarified that there was no such mention of a motion relating to the curfew and the group did not resolve to take any action. In recognition of the question and Susan Jennison's concerns, the Chair noted that the item will be discussed as a forward agenda item for CACG.

Action: Curfew discussion to be placed on forward agenda.

b) Robyn Taylor to Melbourne Airport: *When a member of the community has an issue with aircraft noise – does the Ombudsman or one of his staff actually go out to site and measure the noise volume – and if the noise is over 100 decibels, what action does the Ombudsman take to rectify the issue?*

The Chair noted that this issue will be addressed by Tim Abberton, Senior Adviser from the ANO's Office, at item 6.

4. Dennis Veriero – *How will the airport handle the potential asbestos issue in the communities underlying the proposed 3rd runway? And also the learning issue for children's education with low flying aircraft?*

Sarah Renner noted the concerns and confirmed that these issues in relation to health and health impacts will be fully addressed by Melbourne Airport during the technical studies phase for the runway development program. In terms of specific concerns regarding asbestos and vibrations, Sarah Renner indicated that she was unaware of any links between asbestos and flight movements but would take it on notice to investigate other health studies that may have addressed this point.

Action: Sarah Renner to advise of any further available information on health studies and asbestos.

4. Runway Development Program update – Pam Graham, Melbourne Airport.

Pamela Graham provided an update on the Runway Development Program focusing on progress with the feasibility studies, an update on the ecology (flora and fauna) study and the engagement process, which will be implemented going forward. The Chair thanked Ms Graham. Members of the CACG were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation.

There was some discussion on the ecology (flora and fauna) studies and Frank Rivoli questioned the finding that most of the protected species being looked for were not found in the study area. Deanna Van Rooy noted that the study area may not cover the entire area affected because one of the birds that wasn't found in the study area frequents her children's school at certain times of the year and that school is in Gladstone Park. Deanna Van Rooy will clarify the bird species for a response by Melbourne Airport.

In relation to the stakeholder engagement program, suggestions were made to have sessions and forums at Hume City Council and a focus on targeting residents that will be affected by the 3rd runway. As per Pamela Graham's presentation, Melbourne Airport is launching a comprehensive engagement program to raise awareness on activities and developments at the airport including the 3rd runway. Shopping Centre sessions have been locked in for Broadmeadows for June/July followed by Airport West and Gladstone Park.

Leanne Deans recommended that fact sheets / information could be provided for CALD communities given the large number of residents from diverse non-English speaking backgrounds.

Action: Melbourne Airport to clarify bird species issue at Gladstone Park School, consider strategies to reach CALD communities and ensure engagement appropriately targets residents that will be affected.

5. Aircraft Noise Ombudsman: Review of Airservices Noise Complaint and Information Service

Tim Abberton, of the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman's office, provided a presentation to the CACG that included an overview of the complaint report process. The Chair thanked Tim Abberton for his presentation and asked members to put forward questions.

CACG members expressed concern that it doesn't appear that the Ombudsman can actually take much action, and a couple of attendees felt that the new way complaints are being measured would disadvantage them.

Susan Jennison was particularly aggrieved that reports are being published by Airservices that devalue houses in the area by talking about the excessive noise (in reference to the Ombudsman's presentation). In response to a question on the driver behind the property packs, Neil Hall (Airservices Australia) confirmed that the information is intended to serve as a practical guide for those that are looking to buy into a particular area.

Neil Hall will follow up to advise CACG on the statistics regarding how many people have accessed and downloaded these reports.

Action: Neil Hall to follow up to advise CACG on the statistics regarding how many people have accessed and downloaded these reports.

Tim Abberton also answered Robyn Talyor's question advising that if there are any concerns from the community in relation to Airservices not willing to take onsite noise monitoring, residents can contact the ANO for investigation. It is likely however that given aircraft noise is managed through certification of aircraft types, and not by setting maximum noise levels, the value of any monitoring

would in those circumstances be limited. The ANO's aim is to continually seek for noise improvements regardless of noise readings at a specific site.

6. Reports

6.1 Work plan – status of actions. The Chair provided an overview explaining that a major review will be undertaken to update the actions table. The Chair also noted a number of items that will be attended to, including reallocation of some tasks to more appropriate areas.

This report was **NOTED**.

Action: The Chair and Liz Joldeski to review and update the actions table for the next meeting.

6.2 Noise Abatement Committee – Leanne Deans. Leanne Deans provided an overview of the Noise Abatement Committee meeting held on 18th May 2015, including an update on smart tracking.

This report was **NOTED**.

6.3 Planning Coordination Forum – Sarah Renner, Melbourne Airport. Sarah Renner provided an update on the last PCF which was held on 14th May 2015.

The Victorian Government update focussed on the environs strategy and new guidelines that will provide more information to the community on noise impacts. The Commonwealth Government update provided a progress report on the review of CACGs and the Department is still waiting to receive the final report from the consultants.

Planning matters discussed at PCF included two current safeguarding issues including the Child Care Centre in Mickleham Road and proposed amendments to the Diggers Rest section 173 agreement (s173).

Melbourne Airport is strongly opposed to the removal of conditions from the existing s173 as this would enable six times the number of dwellings under the flight paths of the existing east-west runway, reducing the lot sizes from 2,000 to 300 square metres. Melbourne Airport has provided a submission to Melton Council seeking maintenance of the s173 conditions. John Ginivan also expressed the Victorian Government's strong in-principle support for Melbourne Airport on this matter.

An update was provided on the Model Aircraft Club – the club can remain operational until the 3rd runway is operational. The club would then need CASA approval to continue, which is unlikely to be granted. Melbourne Airport will liaise with the club on this matter.

This report was **NOTED**.

6.4 Airservices Australia

Kylie Hobday provided a presentation on the Airservices Australia noise information report for Q1, noting amongst other things that complainants for Q1 2015 were 74 (up from 52 in Q3 2014). During Quarter 1 2015 Melbourne basin operations were affected by Australia Day celebrations, World Cup Cricket and the Grand Prix. These events increase the amount of helicopter operations within the area (related to media coverage).

Susan Jennison requested an update from Airservices Australia on the number of flights between 11pm – 6am noting that it used to be 43 and would like to know if this has increased or not. In addition, David O'Connor sought an update on what percentage of flights fly over Diggers Rest at night. Kylie Hobday indicated that she will take these questions on notice and follow up separately.

Action: Kylie Hobday to provide update on number of flights recorded by Airservices Australia between 11pm – 6 am.

Action: Kylie Hobday to provide information on the number of night flights over Diggers Rest.

6.5 Melbourne Airport

Sarah Renner provided an update on Melbourne Airport projects including an overview of the passenger growth numbers advising the CACG that total passenger growth is up 4% to 31.7 million, with international passengers up 8% to 8 million and domestic passengers up 2% to 23.5 million.

Project updates were provided on the transformation occurring at Melbourne Airport to cater for this growing demand including progress with the new terminal 4, transport hub, Airport Drive extension, widening of the Tullamarine freeway, airfield expansions etc. Sarah Renner also reported on the increasing air exports and imports advising that Melbourne is Australia's leading air freight exporter.

Frank Rivoli commented on the growth in passenger numbers noting that aircraft, and people fly out of the state and this is money that goes out of the economy. Mr Rivoli suggested that any economic analysis of the benefits accruing from Melbourne Airport operations should include lost opportunity costs in addition to the economic benefit generated by the airport. He noted that the economic impact study should take account of both sides of the equation. Frank Rivoli also queried whether the Toll and TNT developments would result in additional flights from Melbourne Airport. Sarah Renner confirmed that these developments will not result in the additional flights.

6.6 Chairman

Membership - The Chair noted that the CACG should hold off on the replacement of Robert Walters until the next meeting and after the outcome of the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's review of CACGs is known, and proposed a letter be sent to Mr Walters extending thanks for his contribution.

It was **agreed** that:

- a. clause 3 of the Terms of Reference be amended by deleting the words, "One nominee of the Board of Airline Representatives" and replacing them with, "One nominee of Virgin Airlines".
- b. the nomination of Captain Darren Gray be noted
- c. a letter of appreciation be sent to Robert Walters thanking him for his contribution to the CACG.

Action: Amend Terms of Reference, circulate the revised document to CACG members and update on the CACG web-site.

Action: The Chair to send a letter of appreciation to Mr Walters.

Strategic Planning Workshop - The Chairman suggested that a follow up session be set to discuss and prioritise the issues the CACG discussed at the March strategy day session. A half-day session was recommended on the same day as the next CACG meeting (in August) to progress these issues.

Action: Half-day strategy session to be arranged for 2:00pm on the day of the next CACG meeting and at the same venue.

Meeting with the Shadow Minister for Planning - The Chairman also noted that he is meeting with the Planning Minister's Adviser, Mr Andrew Herrington, later that week and will provide an update to CACG at the next meeting.

Regulatory Streamlining Package - The CACG also agreed to write a submission to DIRD on the regulatory streamlining package discussion paper noting the differences from the previous paper and restating the CACG's views.

Action: Chair to write submission to the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development on the *Airports Act 1996*: Regulatory Streamlining Package

7 Other business

Susan Jennison requested that the curfew be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for full discussion. The Chair noted that this is one of the issues that was identified for further work at the strategy session held in March and, as noted in his report, the manner in which this will occur is still to be determined.

Frank Rivoli sought to have some questions tabled for the consideration of Airservices Australia. The questions were received and referred to Airservices Australia for their attention.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next CACG meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 18th August at Diggers Rest Community Hall, Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve, Plumpton Road Diggers Rest.

NOTE: Subsequent to the CACG meeting, Melbourne Airport advised that the meeting venue has changed due to unavailability of the Diggers Rest Community Hall. **The next CACG will take place at Jack McKenzie Community Centre, Green Street, Bulla, on 18th August, commencing at 6pm.**

Community Aviation Consultation Group: Actions, May 2015

Actions Summary			
Meeting	Item	Lead	Status
18 February 2014	Airservices to investigate departures from Runway 16 between 12.00 midnight and 4.00am.	Kylie Hobday/Neil Hall	
19 August 2014	Melbourne Airport to facilitate a conversation between Airservices, Susan Jennison and David O'Connor regarding local community involvement with the aviation heritage project.	Liz Joldeski	
19 August 2014	Victorian Government to provide copy of Master Plan and Major Development Plan discussion paper submission to the CACG.	Jim Gardner.	
18 November 2014	Melbourne Airport to look at additional opportunities for community meetings it can convene in 2015 and report back to the group.	Liz Joldeski	Discussed in conjunction with the March 2015 strategy session.
18 November 2014	Airservices to provide a demonstration of <i>Volans</i> at a future meeting.	Kylie Hobday/Neil Hall	
17 February 2015	Airservices Australia to investigate Sydney Airport reporting based on aircraft type.	Neil Hall	
17 February 2015	Airservices Australia to provide an update on number of complaints in Keilor.	Neil Hall	
17 February 2015	Update to be provided on outcomes of the Federal Government's review into CACG consultation processes.	Rod Burgess	
17 February 2015	Airservices Australia to check on part use of runway 16 and advise CACG	Neil Hall	
17 February 2015	Melbourne Airport to advise on status of Environmental Committee	Sarah Renner	
19 May 2015	Airservices Australia to consider option of printing complaint forms and making them available and provide an update at the	Kylie Hobday	

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	August CACG meeting		
19 May 2015	Melbourne Airport to advise of any further available information on health studies and asbestos	Sarah Renner	
19 May 2015	Melbourne Airport to advise of technical risk regarding aircraft fumes and detonation	Sarah Renner	
19 May 2015	Curfew discussion to be placed on forward agenda	Sarah Renner	
19 May 2015	Melbourne Airport to clarify bird species at Gladstone Park School.	Pamela Graham	
19 May 2015	Melbourne Airport to consider strategies to reach CALD communities and ensure engagement appropriately targets residents that will be affected.	Liz Joldeski	
19 May 2015	Airservices Australia to follow up to advise CACG on the statistics regarding how many people have downloaded and accessed Airservices property packs.	Kylie Hobday/ Neil Hall	
19 May 2015	The Chair and Liz Joldeski to review and update the actions table for the next meeting.	Chair / Liz Joldeski	
19 May 2015	Kylie Hobday to provide update on number of flights recorded by Airservices Australia between 11pm and 6 am.	Kylie Hobday	
19 May 2015	Kylie Hobday to provide information on the number of flights over Diggers Rest.	Kylie Hobday	
19 May 2015	Amend Terms of Reference, circulate the revised document to CACG members and update on the CACG website	Liz Joldeski	
19 May 2015	The Chair to send a letter of appreciation to Mr Walters.	Chair	
19 May 2015	Half-day strategy session to be arranged for 2.00pm on the day of the next CACG meeting and at the same venue.	Chair	
19 May 2015	Chair to write submission to the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development on the <i>Airports Act 1996</i> : Regulatory Streamlining Package	Chair	