

MELBOURNE AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP
Minutes, Pre-meeting—Tuesday 17th May 2016, 4pm–6pm
Ultima Function Centre, corner Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keilor

Present:	Darrell Treloar	Independent Chair
	David O'Connor	Community
	Susan Jennison OAM	Community
	Frank Rivoli	Community
	Mateja Rautner	Community
	Capt. Darren Gray	Pilot, Virgin Australia
	Leanne Deans	Noise Abatement Committee
	Michael Sharp	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	Adem Atmaca	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	David Kirkland	Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
	Liz Beattie	Victorian Trades Hall Council (proxy for Luke Hilakari)

Also in attendance were:

Neil Hall	Airservices Australia
Marcelo Alves	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Cris Cano	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Tim Gill	Senior Aviation Consultant, To70 Aviation
Carly Dixon	Melbourne Airport
Pamela Graham	Melbourne Airport
Kerr Forbes	Melbourne Airport
Michael Jarvis	Melbourne Airport
Anna Gillett	Melbourne Airport
Trent Kneebush	Melbourne Airport
Melanie Hearne	Melbourne Airport
Caroline Doherty	Melbourne Airport
Kris Perkovic	Melbourne Airport
Pamela Talevska	Melbourne Airport
Helen Love	Melbourne Airport

Apologies:

Bob Baggio

Melton City Council

Nick Seselja

Airservices Australia

1. Welcome and introductions—Darrell Treloar, Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Captain Darren Gray, who was attending his first meeting as the Virgin Airlines / pilot representative.

2. Apologies

The Chair noted the members that had provided apologies (as above).

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 16 February 2016

The Chair referred to the minutes from the CACG pre-meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 from 4pm to 6pm at the Diggers Rest Community Hall, 48 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest.

Liz Beattie, Victorian Trades Hall Council, requested an amendment on page 3, section C 'Discussion', paragraph 2 of the minutes, replacing 'general' with 'potential'

- 'general impact of airport operations on community health.'
- potential impact of airport operations on community health.

It was **AGREED** that the above amendment and minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 be confirmed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

4. Runway Development Program Update—Pamela Graham, Melbourne Airport

Pamela Graham provided a progress report on the Runway Development Program (presentation attached with the minutes).

This report was **NOTED**.

5. Reports

5.1 Work plan: status of actions—Anna Gillett, Melbourne Airport

Anna Gillett provided an update on the status of items listed in the status report.

This report was **NOTED** and completed items will be deleted from future reports.

5.2 Noise Abatement Committee—Leanne Deans

Leanne Deans provided an overview of the Noise Abatement Committee meeting held on 16 May 2016. Quarter 1 2016 complainants were registered as being from the following municipalities:

- Brimbank: 47 complainants
- Hume: 10 complainants

- Melton: 10 complainants
- Moonee Valley: 5 complainants

The data was discussed and a question was raised as to whether there is less opportunity to lodge complaints due to the Noise Complaints and Information Service now only being open from 9am to 5pm. Airservices has provided feedback to the NCIS regarding this and will also refer any concerns to the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

This report was **NOTED**.

5.3 Planning Coordination Forum—Melanie Hearne, Melbourne Airport

Melanie Hearne provided an overview of the Planning Coordination Forum meeting held on 12 May 2016.

This report was **NOTED**.

5.4 Airservices Australia—Neil Hall

Neil Hall presented the Airservices Australia Report (attached with minutes).

Key items included the following:

- Keilor noise monitor update: installation of two temporary noise monitors at Horseshoe Bend Road, Keilor and Norwood Drive, Keilor East.
- Noise information reports: will be moving online from July, with more real-time information instead of end of quarter reports. Information will be provided on runway use, types of aircraft, noise monitors, flight paths etc.

This report was **NOTED**.

5.5 Melbourne Airport Report—Carly Dixon

Carly Dixon presented the Melbourne Airport report. Key items included the following:

- URBNSURF Melbourne: Australia's first man-made surf park, located on Watson Drive adjacent to Essendon Football Club. Community was briefed on the project at a meeting on 6 April and nearby residents received letters before and after meeting. Management also met with the Melbourne Airport Club to notify them of the surf park development.
- Planning Rezoning of 32a Green Gully Road, Keilor and Eliza Street, Keilor Park: Melbourne Airport will be making submissions opposing the rezoning of two Department of Education sites from Public Use Zone 2 (Education) to General Residential Zone as it will create additional dwellings subject to aircraft noise.
- Melbourne Airport staff announcements: Pamela Graham, Manager RDP, is retiring in June and will be succeeded by Kerr Forbes as the RDP Program Director. Melbourne Airport's new Planning Executive Michael Jarvis will replace Sarah Renner. Both Kerr and Michael will attend CACG meetings.
- Update on Melbourne Airport Jetbase MDP: The Jetbase project includes the construction of a new purpose-built jet hangar and prestige passenger terminal with associated infrastructure. This precinct already has private jet facilities—this is an upgrade to the current site. Public exhibition period closes Wednesday 25 May 2016.

Frank Rivoli, Community, written question (addressed as part of the Melbourne Airport report):

"The Melbourne Jet Base Draft MDP states 'There will be no helicopter operations associated with the project'. This is misleading when Melbourne Airport is clearly promoting growth to helicopter services."

Carly Dixon advised the Jetbase is not a helicopter facility but for private jets. There is a helipad at the Mercedes Benz facility, which is included in the airport's aircraft movement forecasts.

Frank Rivoli, Community, written question (addressed as part of the Melbourne Airport report):

"Why is Melbourne Airport facilitating growth of General Aviation services at Melbourne Airport when it is inconsistent with the Master Plan 2013, section 7?"

Carly Dixon advised the Melbourne Airport 2013 Master Plan included forecasts for the jetbase precinct as it already has a number of aircraft movements annually, which have been captured in forecasts and importantly the ANEF.

This report was **NOTED**.

5.6 Chair's Report

The Chair highlighted key elements of his written report:

- David Kirkland, of DELWP, will be filling in for John Ginivan. John Ginivan will be assisting with the Wye River rebuilding efforts following the Christmas bushfires.
- Anna Gillett is the new Melbourne Airport Head of Government and Stakeholder Engagement, replacing Elizabeth Joldeski.

This report was **NOTED**.

6 Priority Issue: Aircraft Noise abatement

As agreed by the CACG, the May and August CACG meetings will feature presentations from expert speakers on the topic of 'aircraft noise abatement', covering the following subject areas:

1. Understanding Aircraft Noise (May CACG meeting)
 - a. Why aircraft fly as and where they do —Captain Darren Gray, Virgin Australia
 - b. How is aircraft noise generated? / Measuring aircraft noise – Tim Gill, To70 Senior Aviation consultant
2. Minimising Aircraft Noise (August)
 - a. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) approach to managing aircraft noise
 - b. Noise Abatement Procedures* / Complaint handling

**Note: A presentation from Airservices' Neil Hall on Noise Abatement procedures was deferred until the August CACG meeting.*

6.1 Presentation: Captain Darren Gray—Relief Regional Operations Manager, Virgin Australia

The Chair introduced Captain Darren Gray. He noted that Darren commenced flying training in 1993, obtained his commercial flying licence in 1996 and has worked in a number of roles, including as an aerial survey pilot and with the Australian Coast Watch (now Border Force). He joined Virgin Airlines in 2003.

Darren provided a detailed presentation on *Aircraft Terminal Operations (Why aircraft fly as and where they do)*. The presentation is attached with these minutes.

6.2 Presentation: Tim Gill— Senior Aviation Consultant, To70 Aviation

The Chair introduced Timothy Gill, a senior aviation consultant with To70 Aviation, which is recognised as a leading research and consulting firm providing services to the aviation sector. He noted Tim is a graduate of the London School of Economics and has held positions with NATS (UK equivalent of Airservices) and with British Airways as Manager Corporate Responsibility. He is also a recreational pilot.

Tim presented on *how is aircraft noise generated and measured*. The presentation is attached with these minutes.

The Chair thanked Darren and Tim for their presentations and taking questions.

7 Other business

7.1 Terms of Reference

Discussion to amend the Terms of Reference was deferred until the Federal Government's response to the Orima review of CACGs and PCFs is known.

7.2 Editing / recording of minutes - Susan Jennison, Community (written question submitted ahead of the meeting)

It was suggested the recording of meeting proceedings be announced prior to each meeting and clarification was sought on what happens to recordings following the meeting/s.

It was **NOTED** the recordings are deleted as soon as the minutes have been prepared and **AGREED** that the Chair announce at the commencement of both the pre-meeting and open meetings that proceedings are being recorded for the purpose of taking minutes. Further to this, Melbourne Airport, as CACG meeting organiser, will take advice regarding the recording of minutes, to ensure proper process is being followed.

7.3 Listings of CACG attendees - Susan Jennison, Community (written question submitted ahead of the meeting)

Susan Jennison wanted to know if community members could access the CACG attendee list, seeking clarification on whether the list can be for CACG members' use and not just

Melbourne Airport use. She said having access to the list would assist CACG members with engagement efforts.

The matter was discussed and concerns were expressed regarding privacy, in particular, making privately held information available to parties outside of the immediate event organiser.

ACTION: Melbourne Airport will seek further advice on this matter and the outcome will be reported to the next meeting.

7.4 RDP construction sequencing - Frank Rivoli, Community (written question submitted ahead of the meeting)

Frank Rivoli questioned why Melbourne Airport is pursuing a plan to include both the construction of a new third east-west runway and the extension to the existing east-west runway into one MDP when, in his opinion, the Master Plan 2013 specifically stated the extension works would be implemented after the third runway was operational and not run concurrently?

Pam Graham advised the MDP is for the Runway Development Program, which includes both the proposed new east-west runway and proposed extension to the existing east-west runway. There are significant inter-relationships, which require both construction projects to be considered together. That is why it is a 'program' of works, and the MDP will reflect this integrated approach. From an impact assessment point of view, this approach provides the community with the best picture of the future changes and impacts.

The timing of construction of the program's components is still being worked through, and has not yet been finalised. Construction phasing (or sequencing) is a very complicated matter requiring consideration of a range of safety, operational, engineering and commercial factors. Melbourne Airport will implement the program in a way that best meets all of these objectives.

Regarding the question that the *Master Plan 2013 specifically stated the extension works would be implemented after the third runway was operational and not run concurrently*, Carly Dixon noted she could not find this information and invited an offline discussion with Frank Rivoli into where he believes this is mentioned in the Master Plan.

7.5 Pre-existing land use rights - Frank Rivoli, Community (written question submitted ahead of the meeting)

Frank Rivoli noted the VCAT Attwood decision brings into question the enforceability of building restrictions placed on properties covered by the MAEO, schedule 1, which is having an impact on property values and asked how Melbourne Airport proposes to address this issue for the pre-existing properties to come under the proposed third runway flight path, which have had retrospective building restrictions imposed that affect pre-existing rights of use.

Carly Dixon advised that the Attwood Child Care Centre was a discretionary permit application, where existing use rights applied and the applicant could and did seek to extend an existing facility. In the example of a proposed dwelling (to the rear of an existing dwelling in the MAEO1) that is assessed on the legislation at the time. Currently, if an application was received, it would be refused.

Planning in Victoria is prescriptive, therefore no retrospective controls would apply for properties that may be included in the Melbourne Airport Environs Overlay in future years. Dwelling applications are assessed on the legislation that applies at the time.

During discussion, the question as to whether Melbourne Airport is trying to create a legal precedent for future decisions by opposing everything in the overlay was raised. Trent Kneebush advised a fundamental principle in planning is to treat each application on its merits, as each application is different. "Each time a proposal or application comes before us, we assess the planning control, the context, the noise contours and the planning policy that applies and then form an opinion. We object to some proposals, we don't object to others, but we always make a considered decision on each application's merits."

7.6 Various - David O'Connor, Community

David O'Connor proposed the following items for consideration:

- a. Could a copy of the following article be made available to members:
Safeguarding airports: the challenge for Melbourne Airport, published in Planning News, August 2015, Volume 41, No.7.

ACTION: Copy to be circulated to CACG members.

- b. Could CACG extend a guest speaker invitation to RMIT planning expert Michael Buxton.

ACTION: Professor Michael Buxton to be invited to make a presentation to a future pre-meeting of the CACG when the subject of 'Curfews and Noise Sharing' is considered.

- c. To better engage our community on safeguarding and other relevant issues, can Melbourne Airport provide a supervised airside tour allowing community members to invite residents that would benefit from such a tour?

ACTION: Melbourne Airport to arrange an inspection tour and invite community members to nominate people with an interest in doing the tour.

The Chair closed the meeting by highlighting Pamela Graham's efforts and contribution to the CACG, and wished her well in retirement.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Next meeting: to be held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 from 4pm–6pm at the Gladstone Park Senior Citizens Centre, corner Carrick Drive and Elmhurst Road, Gladstone Park.

Community Aviation Consultation Group: Action Items Report, May 2016

Mtg	Subject	Lead	Status	Action
2011 Work Plan	Airport Rail Link.			The CACG continues to support this project but it does not represent an action and it is suggested it be removed from future status reports.
2011 Work Plan	4 Warehouse Major Development Plans.	Melbourne Airport	Draft MDPs are currently being developed for two of the four warehouse sites—sites 1 and 2. MDPs for sites 3 and 4 will be considered at a later time.	Melbourne Airport to keep CACG informed of progress. (The CACG made a submission regarding the Preliminary Draft MDPs on 18 February 2015).
19 Aug 14	University of Canberra Aviation Heritage Project.	Melbourne Airport	Melbourne Airport to facilitate a conversation between Airservices, Susan Jennison and David O'Connor regarding local community involvement with the Aviation Heritage Project.	Melbourne Airport will update CACG on the status of this project at the August meeting.
17 Feb 15	Update on findings of the Federal Government's review into CACG consultation processes.	DIRD	No further progress.	Presentation on the review findings to be made at a future meeting.
19 May 2015	CALD community engagement on the RDP.	Melbourne Airport	Melbourne Airport considering several CALD community engagement options.	RDP CALD community engagement to be discussed at a future CACG meeting.
17 Nov 2015	Trial of new meeting format	Chair		Review new meeting format trial in November 2016.
17 Nov 2015	Priorities listed in the CACG work program to be addressed at future meetings.	Chair	Runway Development Program and aircraft noise abatement currently being addressed.	The following are listed for future attention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health • Curfews and noise sharing • Inappropriate development • Ground transport.
17 November	Consideration of changes to the CACG Terms of	Chair	Deferred until the Federal Government's response to the Orima review is known.	No further action.

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2015	Reference, suggested by Leanne Deans, to be listed on the February 2016 pre-meeting agenda.			
16 February 2016	Victorian government safeguarding measures.	DELWP		A more detailed presentation on Victorian Government safeguarding measures will be included in the future CACG consideration of 'inappropriate development'.
16 February 2016	Noise complaints in Greenvale for January 2016.	Airservices		Airservices to provide update at August meeting.
17 May 2016	Article to be made available to members: <i>Safeguarding airports: the challenge for Melbourne Airport, published in Planning News, August 2015</i>	Melbourne Airport		Completed: Copy of the article circulated with minutes of May 2016 CACG meeting.
17 May 2016	CACG to extend invitation to RMIT planning expert, Professor Michael Buxton, to speak at a future pre-meeting when 'curfews and noise sharing' are listed on the agenda.	Chair		Invitation to be extended — date and time to be determined.
17 May 2016	Arrange airside tour for CACG community members' specially invited residents.	Melbourne Airport		Melbourne Airport will organise airside tour in consultation with CACG community members. Date and time to be advised.