

MELBOURNE AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP
Minutes – Tuesday 19 November 2013, 6:00-8:00pm
Jack McKenzie Community Centre, Green St, Bulla.

Present:	Darrell Treloar	Independent Chair
	Susan Jennison	Community
	Robert Walters	Community
	Brian Boyd	Victorian Trades Hall Council
	Catherine Hunichen	Noise Abatement Committee
	Cr Adem Atmaca	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council
	Jane Monk	Victorian Department of Planning, Transport and Local Infrastructure
	Domenic Isola	Australian Mayoral Aviation Council

Also in attendance were:

Anna Gillett	Melbourne Airport
Bryan Thompson	Melbourne Airport
Jo Powell	Melbourne Airport
Michael Prebeg	Melbourne Airport
Melanie Hearne	Melbourne Airport
Marcelo Alves	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Yeong-Han Cheong	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Sarah Tink	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Grace Daniel	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Simon Cousins	Airservices Australia
Neil Hall	Airservices Australia
Robert Abboud	Public Transport Victoria

Apologies:

Jim Gard'ner	Victorian Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure
David O'Connor	Community
Mateja Rautner	Community
Rod Burgess	Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
Trent Kneebush	Melbourne Airport
Carly Dixon	Melbourne Airport
Sarah Renner	Melbourne Airport
Chris Woodruff	Melbourne Airport

Number of public in attendance: 13

1. Introductions – Darrell Treloar, Chair

The Chair welcomed attendees. He thanked and acknowledged the members of the public in attendance.

The Chair invited and noted other items for discussion under Other Business later in the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 20 August 2013 – Darrell Treloar, Chair

Prior to the meeting Jim Gard'ner suggested an amendment to the response given by him to the fourth public question regarding the MAEO. Revised minutes incorporating this change were circulated.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2013 be amended as suggested and confirmed as an accurate representation of the meeting.

3. Public questions / submissions

A number of written questions were received from people in the gallery.

1. *Sam Cetrola – Questioned the representation of community members in the Melbourne Airport CACG from Gladstone Park and Westmeadows. He is concerned that no one is representing people that will directly be affected by future plans of the airport. He questioned the criteria of appointment and also asked about holding a meeting in Gladstone Park?*

When the CACG was formed in 2011 it was decided that a community member from each of the east, west and south of the airport be appointed to provide community input on issues around Melbourne Airport. In early 2012, the number of community member positions was increased and expression of interests for the new positions invited. In November 2012 two new members, Mateja Rautner and Robert Walters were appointed. No one from the east was appointed, as there was no suitable applicant for the position. The Terms of Reference were amended at the last meeting and advertisements for new community members, including from Gladstone Park or surrounding areas, were placed in local newspapers and on the CACG web-site. The selection criteria for appointment of community members includes diversity of geographic representation. A meeting venue in Gladstone Park will be considered.

2. *Frank Rivoli – Will Melbourne Airport release the community survey report? He understands that 430 phone calls were made but is unsure who was contacted. He gave examples of the Essendon CACG survey with mail outs sent to residents. How can we see more transparency in the process and will the document be released including feedback and recorded consultation from the community?*

Melbourne Airport has received the *SGS Economics and Planning* results. The survey was conducted with proper technology and used primary and secondary sources of data through a scientific methodology. This was presented at the Melbourne Airport CACG meeting held in August 2012. The survey of results are also be reported in the Master Plan and on the Social & Economic Master Plan fact sheet.

3. *Frank Rivoli – Will take offs on the proposed third runway over Gladstone Park be ruled out? Will the curfew-free status be reviewed?*

No, the proposed third runway will be used for both arrivals and departures over Gladstone Park. The curfew-free status will not be reviewed and this has been addressed in the Master

Plan. This is supported by Plan Melbourne and mentioned in state policy documents.

4. *Alan McKenzie – Why are the advertisements of the CACG meetings not published in Council newsletters to ratepayers or communicated to land holders? It is currently advertised in the local paper but this is not read.*

The CACG will take this suggestion on board. The CACG welcomes suggestions and contributions from the community.

5. *Ron Lovell – Why does the airport development increase including freight, retail, property etc... and try to control what residents and the community do outside their boundaries?*

Planning control for development of land outside of Melbourne Airport is subject to state legislation. Melbourne Airport is state significant infrastructure. Melbourne Airport is not a planning authority but a referral authority that is asked for opinion. It has a necessary referral status in statutory provisions to make an assessment of the appropriateness of land development within ANEF contour areas and to comment on proposals.

All developments on the airport must be consistent with the approved Master Plan and some go through a Major Development Plan (MDP) process as required by the Federal government.

4. Master Plan update – Bryan Thompson

Bryan Thompson gave a presentation including an update and overview of the Master Plan process.

Melbourne Airport's Master Plan is an important document outlining our vision and strategic intent over the next 20 years. Melbourne Airport welcomed stakeholder and community input as we developed the Master Plan document. This consultation commenced 18 months prior to the required 60 business day public exhibition period.

The vision outlined in the Draft Master Plan incorporates feedback we received through the engagement process that included 32 public meetings and information sessions, over 100 briefings, advertisements, social media activity, and the development of factsheets, a website and an interactive noise tool.

A critical part of the Master Plan process was the formal public exhibition period which ran from 20 May to 21 August 2013. During this time, 86 submissions were received from the local community, governments (Local, State and Commonwealth levels) and industry.

The main themes raised in the submissions include:

- Ground transport – getting in and out of the airport needs to be improved; better public transport and a rail link needs to be introduced;
- Aircraft and flight path effects – impacts of aircraft including noise, pollution, health, night flights and safety;
- Third runway – support and opposition for the proposed east-west runway;
- Alternative airports – development of other Victoria airports;
- Master Plan process – feedback on the consultation process;
- Airport safeguarding – land-use planning around the airport;
- Environment – water, biodiversity, greenhouse gas emissions, Environment Strategy;
- Social and Economic impacts – positive and negative impacts on the local community; and

- Ongoing implementation and consultation – will be an important consideration as projects within the Master Plan are developed.

The public exhibition period was a formal consultation process, designed for people to provide feedback and formally express their views on the detail in the Master Plan. Therefore, as expected, some of the submissions expressed concern. At the same time, a number of submissions were supportive and there were also a number of neutral submissions.

In accordance with the Airports Act 1996, Melbourne Airport has considered all submissions in reviewing the Preliminary Draft Master Plan. We have ensured that the issues raised have, where appropriate, been addressed in the Draft Master Plan.

Melbourne Airport has now submitted the Draft Master Plan, including all of the submissions received, to the Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development for his consideration. Once approved, the Master Plan will be published.

Thank you to all who have been involved in the process.

Members of the CACG were offered the opportunity to ask questions regarding the presentation.

1. **Catherine Hunichen** – *Asked for further detail of the list of changes made since the Preliminary Draft of the Master Plan?*

There was a change made to zoning whereby the activity centre was broken into two zones; part designated a special use zone and the activity centre to remain for the rest of the site. There were no other significant changes.

2. **Susan Jennison** – *Questioned when it can be read?*

This information is not currently available to the public but will be published when the Master Plan is approved. This is consistent with the act.

Questioned when people who make a submission get a letter of response back from the airport?

The act requires that the submissions are collated and submitted to minister. We have replied to those who have made a submission (some letters are still going out) with a broad outline and overview of the Airport's response. The Minister is currently reviewing submissions.

3. **Brian Boyd** – *Questioned if the new Commonwealth Minister is across the Master Plan?*

Yes, the Commonwealth government officers responsible for reviewing and recommending the Master Plan have remained consistent throughout. While developing the document the then Shadow Minister, the Hon Warren Truss MP was also briefed and made aware of it.

5. **Neil Hall, Airservices Australia – Air Traffic Control**

Neil Hall gave a presentation of Air traffic control. He is an Air Traffic Control Line Manager at Airservices. His presentation provided an overview of Airservices operations and included an explanation of Melbourne Airport runways and usage.

The Noise and Flight Path Monitoring System (NFPMS) Report, including breakdown of runway use by month (see pages 34 to 40) can be viewed at <http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/Melbourne-2013-2nd-Quarter.pdf>

Airservices welcomes feedback and has launched its latest commitment to aircraft noise management that can be viewed at - http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/Aircraft_Noise_Management_WEB.pdf

Industry website - <http://aircraftnoise.com.au/>

The Chair thanked Neil for his presentation and attendance this evening.



Melbourne Traffic
Management.pdf

6. Robert Abboud, Public Transport Victoria - Melbourne Airport Rail Link Study

Robert Abboud gave a presentation of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link Study. He is a Manager of Project Planning at PTV. His presentation provided an overview of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link Study since 2011 consistent with the Master Plan. The PowerPoint presentation shown by Robert Abboud can be viewed below.



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The Network development plan can be viewed at <http://ptv.vic.gov.au/about-ptv/ptv-data-and-reports/network-development-plan-metropolitan-rail/>

The Chair thanked Robert for his presentation and attendance this evening.

Strategy 2 – Community Engagement, Draft Communications and Engagement Plan

Following the finalisation of the CACG Terms of Reference, the CACG Communications and Engagement Plan had been developed. This was an outcome of the Strategy Day held earlier in the year.

It was **AGREED** that:

- a. the table on page 3 be amended by including a further bullet point in the 'Details' column where it relates to Printed Media, as follows:
 - *Liaise with local councils regarding the inclusion of information about the CACG in their newsletters to residents*
- b. *the amended draft Communications and Engagement Plan be adopted*

7. Report

7.1.1 Work plan – status of actions.

Jo Powell spoke to the status of actions on the work plan. The proposed Warehouse was highlighted. APAM wants to be “market ready” for new tenant opportunities as they emerge in the Melbourne Airport Business Park. Large industrial warehouses over approx. 25,000m² cost upwards of \$20m and therefore trigger the MDP process. This is consistent with business park growth throughout the Master Plans.

The proposed warehouse development will comprise:

- Warehouse up to a maximum developable floor area of 80,000 square metres.
- Office / administration area (two storeys) up to 5200 square metres.
- Car parking provision of approximately 800 spaces.
- Access to the site will be primarily via Sky Road from South Centre Road with secondary access from the proposed Link Road realignment.

The MDP has assessed the potential impacts of the proposal, including flora and fauna, heritage and traffic impacts:

- The development will not affect any known sites of Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal heritage.
- The development will not have any implications under the EPBC Act relating to listed threatened flora, fauna and ecological communities.
- The proposed warehouse can be incorporated into the business park without changes to the surrounding road network.
- The proposal will not result in adverse amenity impacts on any residential properties or other sensitive land uses.

Melbourne Airport will seek a reduced 30 day consultation period, as the development is consistent with the long-term strategy. This approach was supported and no objections raised.

Simon Cousins discussed Airservices’ work advising that the noise reports are on the Airservices website, including details of aircraft movements and noise. Airservices are working with the airport to improve future reports. Airservices is also liaising at the Noise Abatement Committee in terms of future reporting, with a view to ensuring the information is easy for representatives to understand. Over 60 noise improvement suggestions from across Australia, including from the community, aircraft noise ombudsman and Airservices staff, are currently being reviewed.

7.1.2. - Noise Abatement Committee -

Jo Powell and Catherine Hunichen spoke to the report. A number of noise complaints are currently being looked at more closely. Local government is making a number of changes to planning schemes and Catherine Hunichen confirmed that Brimbank is looking to introduce new zones in 2014.

The report was **NOTED**.

7.2.3. CACG History –

Jo Powell explained that the sub-group working on this has proposed two streams – a visual photo collection and a historic narrative. A web based photo library now live on Melbourne Airport website and can be viewed at <http://melbourneairport.com.au/About-Melbourne-Airport/media/photo-gallery.html?gallery=historical-photos>

The historical narrative to accompany the photo gallery is open for community to contribute towards.

Susan Jennison - *Questioned about a thematic heritage study and asked if a professional historian could be involved in the exercise?*

Resources are not available to do this. The Melbourne Airport environment team is undertaking work already and we will wait until they are finished.

The report was **NOTED**.

7.1.4. Membership –

The Chairman discussed current appointment vacancies and that the CACG is currently advertising for new members in the local papers and on the Melbourne Airport/CACG website at <http://melbourneairport.com.au/CACG>

The report was **NOTED**.

7.1.5. CACG Chair's meeting -

Discussion of Brisbane Airport "Above and Beyond" noise information document which can be viewed at http://www.bne.com.au/sites/all/files/content/files/BAC_AboveAndBeyond_23112012.pdf
Presentation on CACG survey results - Interesting observations of perceptions of various groups.

The report was **NOTED**.

8. Other Business –

8.1. 2014/15 Meeting Dates -

It was **AGREED** that:

- a. the proposed meeting dates and venues for 2014 and 2015 be adopted; and
- b. the possibility of hold a CACG meeting in the Gladstone Park area be explored.

8.2. Waypoint 2013, Airservices Australia annual consultation forum

CASA have agreed to have someone speak at a future CACG meeting as a special guest but don't have sufficient resources to assign an officer to regularly attend CACG meetings.

The report was **NOTED**.

9. Plan Melbourne Update – Jane Monk, Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure

Jane Monk gave a presentation of Plan Melbourne. She is the Director, Planning Statutory Services for the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure. She provided an overview of the Plan Melbourne report including the future of Melbourne and links and vision for the future. The was released in October and can be viewed at <http://www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au/Plan-Melbourne>

There is an opportunity for community to submit final comments until 6 December 2013.

Melbourne Airport will be making submission. Mateja Rautner proposed by email ahead of the meeting that the CACG also make a submission.

It was **AGREED** that the CACG make a submission.

Further comments from CACG members are welcome to be submitted to Jo Powell or Darrell Treloar for consideration in the submission on behalf of the CACG.

Other items for discussion:

***Susan Jennison** – asked about when the Mercedes Benz Helicopter service will commence?*

From a Melbourne Airport perspective, the operation is ready to go. The operation will commence once the offices on South Bank have been finalized. This is anticipated to be in the next 4-6 weeks.

***Susan Jennison** – asked if Melbourne Airport can provide research about any correlation between the incidence of people with cardiovascular disease and people living near airports?*

No commitment has been made to looking at cardiovascular disease. As part of the Master Plan, environmental and social studies looked at health in general and will assess it more fully when the MDP for the 3rd runway is being prepared. Furthermore, Melbourne Airport has installed an air quality monitoring system on site.

***Susan Jennison** – asked for an up to date figure on nighttime flights as she has recorded increased aircraft between 11pm – 6am at night.*

ACTION – Simon Cousins to bring more info to next meeting.

ACTION – Bryan Thompson to present forecast growth activity at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:18 pm.

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday 18 February 2013 at the Diggers Rest Community Hall, Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest.

Hard copies of the new Airservices brochure were made available. This can be viewed online at http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/Aircraft_Noise_Management_WEB.pdf

Actions Summary			
Meeting	Item	Lead	Status
19/11/2013	Bring night flight information to next meeting	Simon Cousins	
19/11/2013	Present forecast growth activity at next meeting	Bryan Thompson	
19/11/2013	To invite CASA member to present	Jo Powell	