

# ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP

## Draft Minutes of Meeting

**Time:** 4:00pm                      **Date:** 4 March 2015

**Venue:** Acacia Ridge & Districts Community Centre, Acacia Ridge

**Recorded By:** Sheryl de Bruyn (AAC Aviation Planning & Policy Manager)

**Present:**

Ray Perry	Chair
Heather Mattes	Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC GM)
Lynne Ball	Neighborhood Watch Oxley / Resident
Helen Gannon	Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development
John Maxwell	Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development
Peta Harwood	Brisbane City Council
Laurence Beraldo	Royal Qld Aero Club & Airline Academy of Australia
Peter Russo	Member for Sunnybank
Adam Allanson	ORIMA Research

**Apologies:**

Cr Milton Dick	Councillor for Richlands
Bordan Blahy	Resident
Ian Tait	Aviation Insurance
George Lane	Airservices Australia, Archerfield Tower
Cr Steve Griffiths	Councillor for Moorooka
Neil Hall	Airservices Australia
Nick Seselja	Airservices Australia – Community Relations Advisor

**Absent:**

Graham Perrett MP	Federal Member for Moreton
Lucas Tisdall	Flight One
Robert Tompkins	Resident
Robyn Wooster	Artic Library
Greg Wyatt	DTMR – Integrated Transport Planning
Ann Williams	Acacia Ridge Ladies Bowling Club
Madonna Sticklen	Walter Taylor South Action Group (WTSAG)
Trish Cattermole	Acacia Ridge & Districts Community Centre
Barry Sommerlad	Tennyson Resident Group
Warren Fields	Principal, Our Lady of Fatima School
Ellyn Howes	Resident AVEO Durack Retirement
Dawn Lawrence	Resident AVEO Durack Retirement
Teresa Clark	Resident
Trish Pammenter	Resident
Sylvia Cassels	Resident
Russell Dwyer	CASA

## AGENDA

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| 1. Opening  | Chair       |
| 2. Apologies  | Chair       |
| 3. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes 5 Nov 2014              | Chair       |
| 3.1. Confirmation of Minutes  |             |
| 3.2. Business arising from Minutes                                  |             |
| 4. Correspondence Received  | Chair       |
| 5. Short Term Noise Monitoring Report Review (Oxley & Acacia Ridge) | Airservices |
| 6. Airport Update   | AAC GM      |
| 6.1. Introducing Heather Mattes, GM Archerfield Airport             |             |
| 6.2. Administrative Appeals Tribunal Status                         |             |
| 6.3. Airport business   |             |
| 7. Department Update  | Ms Gannon   |
| 8. General Business   | All         |
| 9. Next Meeting Dates – 8 July 2015; 4 November 2015                |             |
| 10. Closure   | Chair       |

## **Item 1 - Opening**

- 1.1 The Chair, Ray Perry (Ray) opened the meeting at 4.15pm and welcomed everyone. Ray thanked Bordan Blahy for standing in as Chair at the November 2014 meeting.

## **Item 2 – Apologies**

- 2.1 A number of apologies were received and have been recorded above.

## **Item 3 – Confirmation of Minutes**

- 3.1 Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Peta Harwood (Peta) and seconded by Helen Gannon (Helen).
- 3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - 3.2.1 *Item 6 Temporary Noise Monitor Locations*: No response was available to the question of why the locations were chosen for the temporary noise monitors and this item was deferred to the next CACG meeting.
  - 3.2.2 *Webtrack Presentation*: Airservices Australia had offered to do a presentation on Webtrack at the November 2014 CACG meeting, however, it had subsequently been arranged that this take place at the July 2015 CACG meeting instead.

## **Item 4 – Correspondence Received**

No correspondence received.

## **Item 5 – Short Term Noise Monitoring Report Review (Oxley & Acacia Ridge)**

An Airservices Australia representative was not available to report back on this item and it was deferred to the July 2015 CACG meeting.

## **Item 6 – Airport Update**

- 6.1. Introducing Heather Mattes, GM Archerfield Airport: Heather Mattes (Heather) introduced herself as Archerfield Airport's new, and first female, General Manager, having been in the role for 5 weeks. Heather noted that she has extensive experience in aviation, property, safety management, operations, business and asset management. Heather spoke about her background including her role as Chief Operating Officer for Horizon Housing, General Manager Property, Assets and Projects for Sydney Ports Corporation, Commercial Manager Transport and Assets at Brisbane Airport, previously worked for BHP Billiton, Victorian Government, Ansett Air New Zealand, Colliers and Kelly & Co Solicitors. Heather continued on to say that she had learned to fly a small aircraft to overcome her fear of flying and enable her to join her pilot friends. Heather bought her own aircraft and has enjoyed flying all over Australia as a private pilot. Heather added that she was the National President of the Australian Women Pilots Association (AWPA) for 3 years and was a close friend of the late Nancy Bird, famous aviatrix and founding member of AWPA.

Heather conveyed her support for Archerfield Airport's vision to be the premier General Aviation centre and her ability to bring a lot of skills to the business to help develop the airport and its stakeholders. Heather said there are many opportunities available to the airport which she is keen to pursue and that she will along the way engage with all stakeholders to achieve the vision. Heather said she saw her role as ambassador for the airport and is keen to work with the community to build strong relationships. An example of this is her recent efforts to open empty hangars for operators to store their light aircraft during bad weather conditions.

- 6.2 Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) case started in August 2012. The hearing was held in November 2014 finishing on the 27 November 2014 and AAC has subsequently submitted written submissions. Helen Gannon added that the Director's hearing which was scheduled for today concluded that no more submissions are permitted and that a decision is expected in two months' time.
- 6.3 Airport Storm Damage - the damage to airport property caused by the November 2014 storm cell event which saw winds up to 140km per hour resulted in damage reaching \$500,000. The biggest challenge to completing the repairs to the large number of hangar doors, is the availability of suppliers to do the work.

#### Airport Business:

New directional signage has been installed

The external upgrade of the cafe was completed in March

Major works on Hangar 6 for Careflight maintenance is expected to be completed in March. This operation will bring big benefits to Archerfield Airport.

AAC is also talking to RQAC about developing the site they occupy for flight training.

Heather reported on the restructuring of Queensland Government Air to include EMQ, Police, Polair, Fire, VIP/Government and Convict operations based at Brisbane and Archerfield Airports. The CEO is Craig Phasey.

Basair have taken the lease of Building 9 after a major upgrade for the new student accommodation and training on site including 40 bedrooms, a kitchen, lounge and a viewing platform.

Ground Based Noise - Only 3 ground-based noise complaints have been received in the last three years.

Lynne Ball (community resident) commented that she is pleased to see a fresh approach to developing the airport and Laurence Beraldo (RQAC/Airline Academy) added that he looks forward to working with Heather Mattes.

### **Item 7 – Departmental Update**

Helen Gannon reported that the Department is reviewing the five year Master Plan cycle to examine whether a one-plan-fits-all approach is appropriate for all airports, taking into account the significant costs involved. The review is also considering the processes for major development plans (MDPs), including the triggers that require an airport to produce an MDP. The Department released an initial discussion paper last year. The Deputy Prime Minister has now agreed to take the review further and the Department will develop a new discussion paper for consultation - this will be available on the Department's website. This consultation period will be shorter because it is the second paper on the review. Helen added that longer Master Plan cycles can lead to difficulty for an airport in maintaining consistency with its Master Plan and also that the cycle of the Master Plan affects the cycle of the Airport Environment Strategy which is part of the Master Plan. Heather agreed that it makes sense to have different rules for different sized airports and that a longer cycle would be preferable due to the costs involved.

Helen noted that the State Governments are now looking at requiring Master Plans which are broad-based but serve a purpose. Peta commented that she believed the maximum cycle should be 10 years. Heather added that for some developments a Major Airport Development Plan is required.

Helen reported back on the Government's safety review which saw 37 recommendations, 32 of which were accepted by the Government, 4 require further investigation and 1 was declined.

Helen noted that the new CEO of CASA – Mark Skidmore - has started in the role and has stressed the need for better communication between CASA and industry. Helen added that although Australia has a good safety system, it is about improving it. Ray offered to approach Mark Skidmore to attend the next CACG meeting – the fact that a high-level person attends would go down well with the community.

*Review of CACGs and PCFs:* Adam Allanson of ORIMA Research gave a presentation on this project which he reported is to review the effectiveness of these groups, determine how well they are supported, whether they facilitate meaningful consultation, how effective the chairmen and secretarial arrangements are, the nature, efficacy and extent of CACG membership.

Adam noted that the review was the result of recommendations made by the Economic Regulation of Airport Services report published by the Productivity Commission in 2011. The review commenced in January 2015 and the report, which will make recommendations about future consultative arrangements, is due to the Department by the end of 2015.

Adam added that the review will be largely based on consultation with stakeholders and includes an on-line survey of CACG & PCF participants and other stakeholders, attending 12 CACG & PCF meetings and interviewing all CACG and PCF chairs and other stakeholders. Adam added that the surveys and interviews are voluntary and confidential with individual responses seen only by the ORIMA research team.

Adam overviewed the contents of the survey which seeks to identify whether the CACG is working effectively, achieving its purpose, effectively complements other community consultation mechanisms used by the airports, has established an effective dialogue between the airport, community and local authorities and how to improve community consultation on airport operational issues.

In response to a question raised, Adam advised that the data collected is analysed, a report is developed and the data then destroyed. A further question was raised relating to how long the data is kept and how it is destroyed. Adam will revert with this information.

### **Item 8 – General Business**

Lynne Ball commented that she is happy with what she has heard at the meeting and where things are heading. Peter Russo MP said that he is new in the role and that the meeting has been a good opportunity to see how the group works and that he now has a contact to approach.

Lynne Ball asked how the CACG identified the community groups for the committee. Heather replied that there is a Terms of Reference which lists those roles as part of the committee and noted that this probably needs to be reviewed and said that her mandate is to find out who wants to be involved and that she would be in touch with Lynne about this. Helen added that it is important to get the community representatives involved and a source for this information can be the local member. Peter noted that he is looking at developing his own forums and may invite Heather to talk at these. Peter is thinking of putting something to that effect on his website and will consult with Heather about the wording before he does so.

Heather thanked Ray and Sheryl, the Department and the Acacia Ridge Neighbourhood Centre and others for their contribution to the meeting.

**Item 9 - Closure and Next Meeting**

- 9.1 The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.20pm.
- 9.2 Next CACG meeting is scheduled for 4pm on 8 July 2015.