

# ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP

## Final Minutes of Meeting

**Time:** 4:00pm **Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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

**Recorded By:** Kristin Meadows (PA AAC)

**Present:**

Ray Perry	Chair
Corrie Metz	Archerfield Airport Corporation (GM AAC)
Ian Tait	Aviation Insurance
Lucas Tisdall	Flight One
Helen Gannon	Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development
John Maxwell	Dept of Infrastructure & Regional Development
Robert Dalziel	Resident
Robert Tompkins	Resident
Jamie Reid	Airservices – Senior Advisor Community Relations
Jason Hinter	Airservices – Community Relations
George Lane	Airservices – Tower Services
Greg Wyatt	DTMR – Integrated Transport Planning
Lynne Ball	Neighbourhood Watch Oxley / Resident
Peter Russo	Labour Party Candidate for Sunnybank
Mark Stewart MP	Member for Sunnybank

**Apologies:**

Bordan Blahy	Resident
Cr Milton Dick	Councilor for Richlands
Cr Steve Griffiths	Councilor for Moorooka
Trish Cattermole	Acacia Ridge & Districts Community Centre

**Absent:**

Graham Perrett MP	Federal Member for Moreton
Eileen Paterson	BCC, City Planning & Economic Dev Branch
George Aitchinson	BCC, City Planning & Economic Dev Branch
Ann Williams	Acacia Ridge Ladies Bowling Club
Bryan Nicolson	Community Relations, Airservices Australia
Andrew Curthoys	Actg Exec Director - Infrastructure & Reg. Futures Planning
Randall Fletcher	DTMR
Robert Tompkins	Resident
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
Russell Dwyer	CASA
Laurence Beraldo	RQAC
Robyn Wooster	Artic Library
Norm Jones	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development

# AGENDA

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| 1. Opening                                  | Chairman  |
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| 3. Confirmation of Minutes                  | Chairman  |
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| 6.1. Regular Passenger Transport Services   |           |
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| 6.5. Careflight                             |           |
| 6.6. Queensland Police Service              |           |
| 6.7. Local Runway Safety Team               |           |
| 6.8. Planning Co-ordination Forum           |           |
| 7. Department Update                        | Ms Gannon |
| 8. General Business                         | All       |
| 9. Closure and Next Meeting                 | Chairman  |

## **Item 1 - Opening**

- 1.1 The Chair, Ray Perry opened the meeting at 4.19pm and welcomed everyone.

## **Item 2 – Apologies**

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

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

- 3.1 It was noted that due to a lightning strike which affected Archerfield Airport Corporation computers, the final Minutes from the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were not available at the last meeting and were presented for approval. Robert Dalziel advised that he did not accept the previous minutes as being true and correct considering the omission of a discussion item not included in the minutes. Corrie Metz advised Mr. Dalziel to email his concerns to AAC in regards to the minutes for amendment. The minutes will be provided again at the next meeting for confirmation.
- 3.2 The minutes from the previous meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were presented to the meeting for confirmation. Lucas Tisdall moved the motion to accept the minutes as true and correct and Corrie Metz seconded that motion. The minutes were accepted and approved.

## **Item 4 – Business Arising from the Minutes**

- 4.1 **Letter re flight path changes:** The Chairman noted that the draft letter, developed by Bordan Blahy, has been finalized in consultation with Bordan and sent under the Chairman's signature on behalf of the CACG. One letter was sent to Airservices Australia and the other to CASA. We are now waiting response to this correspondence.
- 4.2 **Anzac Day:** AAC sent an email to all airport operators asking them to respect Anzac Day by restricting operations on that day. Corrie Metz advised he received feedback from Lucas Tisdall from Flight One and Laurence Beraldo from the RQAC Group to advise that they had a specific request for a fly-past on the day. Other than that, Mr. Metz advised that operators were mindful and restricted operations. The Chair, on behalf of the CACG, advised that he would like to express his thanks to the operators who recognized the importance of Anzac Day and followed the request.
- 4.3 **Mobile Noise Monitoring Equipment:** Short term noise monitoring equipment was installed recently by Airservices in two private residents in Oxley and Acacia Ridge following recommendations made by the community. They were installed and captured data for a period between the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. The purpose was to provide a technical summary of aircraft noise and operational data for Oxley and Acacia Ridge.

Jamie Reid from Airservices provided two reports, one for Oxley and one for Acacia Ridge, which detailed the findings of the short term monitoring program. Robert Dalziel expressed his concern that the monitoring equipment was not situated at his residential property. He advised that his property is located further above sea level than where the equipment was located, and would experience more aircraft noise, therefore providing a more accurate account of aircraft noise levels. Mrs Reid advised that he should forward his requests to Airservices.

Robert Tompkins advised that he was the resident who had noise monitoring conducted from his residence in Acacia Ridge. He speculated that perhaps the noises which were not able to be identified specifically as aircraft in the Acacia Ridge report may have been ground traffic related to the local speedway which was held during the monitoring time.

The Chair enquired as to whether Airservices knew if there was noise monitoring in regards to ground traffic. Mrs Reid advised that she was not aware. The Chair advised that perhaps in time, when noise monitoring becomes more sophisticated, that an overlay of sources of noise will assist in monitoring and managing noise.

Mrs Reid detailed a variety of the data collected in each report and concluded by advising that the correlation summary for all movements in both areas are considered an average result based on the reviews of fixed noise monitoring terminals nationally.

Both reports and further information on short term noise monitoring can be found on the following Airservices website link -

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/monitoring-aircraft-noise/short-term-monitoring-program/>

## **Item 5 – Correspondence**

- 5.1 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014: AAC sent an email to all airport operators asking them to respect Anzac Day by restricting operations on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
- 5.2 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014: A letter regarding a flight path review for Archerfield Airport was sent simultaneously to CASA and Airservices from the Chairman of the CACG.

## **Item 6 – Airport Update**

- 6.1 **Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) Services:** Corrie Metz advised that he has been negotiating with two different companies for RPT services at Archerfield Airport. One of the companies has now gone into liquidation and the discussions with that company, Vincent Aviation, have now concluded. The other company has gone quiet and it is believed that they are doing some further studies into RPT operations. Mr. Metz advised that at the moment there are no further negotiations with any company regarding RPT operations. However, RPT operations is still an option in the future.
- 6.2 **Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT):** The Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development who approved the Archerfield Airport Master Plan has been challenged in the AAT for the approval of the plan. AAC has joined the Minister in this action. The action is ongoing with a hearing date set for the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2014.
- 6.3 **New Flying School:** AAC has recently welcomed the arrival of a new flight school to Archerfield Airport. They have temporarily moved into a building with Aviation Insurance on the top floor to begin their first course involving 3 students. This flying school is expected to increase its operation at Archerfield.
- 6.4 **Aviation Student Accommodation Complex (ASAC):** One of the biggest projects at Archerfield Airport for 2014 is the development of the ASAC. The complex will have 40 single rooms, a commercial kitchen, a recreation room and an observation deck. It will be completed in September.

- 6.5 **Careflight:** Careflight is currently based at Archerfield Airport and has outgrown its current facility. The Careflight maintenance operation is being moved to a larger hangar that is undergoing refurbishment. Careflight does similar work to Emergency Management Queensland with their helicopters. Careflight provides flights for people requiring urgent medical attention, which inevitably saves lives. They play an important part in our community, so Mr. Metz advised that AAC welcomes the opportunity to be of assistance to such an amazing community organization. When asked where it will be located on airport grounds, Mr. Metz advised that the hangar is on Grenier drive, close to where the terminal building is located.

Robert Dalziel asked whether or not this will be a facility introduced at Archerfield which will have aircraft run their engines for hours on end. Mr. Metz advised that it is a maintenance facility so they will be required to test their engines, but it will not be for hours on end. Mr. Dalziel enquired whether AAC will be restricting their noise with silencers or perhaps have Careflight run their engines inside a shed. Mr. Metz advised that it is not possible to silence the helicopters or to run an engine in a closed building, so it will be done in the open air on a pad for running those types of engines in the middle of the airfield. Mr. Dalziel asked why it was possible for the other facilities to test their engines inside buildings on airport grounds down near the front and AAC not expect Careflight to do the same in order to reduce the noise they will create. Mr. Metz advised that there is no aircraft on airport grounds that run their engines inside a shed or a building. When Mr. Dalziel asked why, in that case, he could not currently hear the aircraft conduct engine testing at Archerfield, Mr. Metz advised that it is because all the current testing is done on the designated pad in the middle of the airfield and Careflight will conduct their testing in the same place on airport grounds. Mr. Dalziel asked where this particular pad was referenced in the Master Plan and Mr. Metz advised that there is a photograph in the Master Plan of the pad which is located in the center of the airfield next to the Automated Weather Station. Mr. Dalziel asked if he should expect to hear noise from this maintenance facility. Mr. Metz advised that is certainly possible.

- 6.6 **Queensland Police Service (QPS):** Mr. Metz advised that a QPS helicopter is now based at Archerfield Airport. The facility was officially opened by Minister Jack Dempsey on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. This is the second police helicopter for the South East Queensland region and the facility will serve the people of the Brisbane region. It will be available to run day and night as required.
- 6.7 **Local Runway Safety Team (LRST):** AAC held a LRST meeting last month in conjunction with the AAC Safety Management System meeting. Issues such as minimizing noise and addressing safety concerns in regards to operations on airport grounds was taken on board by the participants.
- 6.8 **Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF):** AAC recently established a PCF which involves members from 3 levels of the government together with AAC. This meeting addresses planning issues that relate to the airport and the surrounding area as well as master planning.

## **Item 7 – Department Update**

- 7.1 **Aviation Safety Review:** Helen Gannon advised that the Minister had asked for a review of aviation safety and submissions closed at the end of January. Ms Gannon advised that the Review received approximately 270 submissions, and the Review panel delivered its final report to the Minister in May. That report was released to the public on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2014. The report is located on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website. The report outlines 37 recommendations which broadly cover the culture of CASA and the relationship it holds with its operators. It also discusses the appointment of an additional Transport Safety Bureau Commissioner, sharing safety data and improving arrangements of co-ordination across the aviation agencies, the finalization of the reform program that CASA has been working on, guidance on principles for future regulatory change and strategic planning through state planning and programs. The report was released for public comment, which does not normally occur, so the

general public were actually able to put comment on the recommendations of the report. The opportunity to comment closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and the Department is currently working on what their response will be. Ms. Gannon advised she will keep the CACG informed on this report.

- 7.2 **Disability Access:** The Department has been doing some work regarding disability access to aviation. All airlines and major airports have a Disability Access Plan which have been in place for some period of time, so the department is currently reviewing these plans.
- 7.3 **Annual Meeting of the Chairs of CACG's:** There are 19 CACG's across Australia and each year the Department hosts a forum for the chairs of those groups to come together. The meeting is held in September and this year the meeting will be held in Canberra. The Chair of the Archerfield Airport CACG will attend and be given the opportunity to address any issues or concerns on a broader level.

### **Item 8 – General Business**

- 9.1 Ray Perry advised that he will be attending the annual CACG forum held in Canberra in September this year as the Chairman of the Archerfield Airport CACG. Mr. Perry advised that if anybody has any comments or views that they would like to taken to the forum for discussion, please feel free to approach him for further assistance.
- 9.2 **Airservices Australia Presentation:** Jamie Reid provided a presentation which gave an update on Airservices. In regards to noise monitoring, the following was noted –
- A new 5 year noise monitoring contract was established on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014
  - Airservices have the most comprehensive noise monitoring system in the world
  - Airservices are increasing the number of airports where monitoring is possible
  - Airservices are increasing the coverage to an 80km radius
  - Short term monitoring is now called 'temporary monitoring'
  - There is a new program called Web Trak 'My Neighbourhood'

Mrs Reid advised that Airservices publish an Aircraft Noise Information Report each quarter for major urban areas. Airservices provide continual improvement to these reports. Some recent improvements include -

- Complaint data includes the 3 previous quarters
- a change to bar graphs and a new map format to make them more understandable
- each report now includes a 3 year average of statistics

The reports include information and analysis on aircraft movements, noise monitoring and complaint issues and replace the previously produced Complaint Enquiry Reports. The key points to note for Archerfield Airport outlined in the Q1 report for 2014 are –

- Circuit operations constituted nearly 2/3's of all operation at Archerfield Airport
- Fluctuations in movement numbers reflected weather conditions and training school calendars

- There were 32 complaints attributed to Archerfield Airport that came from a range of suburbs with no concentration over a single or small number of suburbs
- The main issue was helicopter activity
- There were also complaints regarding circuit training and the level of flying that light aircraft were flying over various suburbs.

Mrs Reid provided the following web address for everyone to access the quarterly reports –

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/publications/noise-reports/noise-reports/>

9.3 **G20:** Mr. Metz was asked to provide an update on the upcoming G20. He advised that during the 3 days of the G20, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014, there are strict rules in place that must be followed. Flying will not be allowed unless the following is adhered to –

- A flight plan must be lodged for every flight, including circuit training
- The aircraft must have a transponder
- There will only be 1 runway in use at Archerfield Airport (10L/28R)
- Circuit training is to be conducted away from the city (left hand circuits for 28R and right hand circuits for 10L)
- There are restricted areas over the city that will be no go zone
- Flights can only be conducted during tower hours
- Tower hours will be extended to 2100hrs

9.4 **Questions and Answers:** Numerous questions were asked in relation to a few aircraft incidents relating to Archerfield Airport and the flight paths that are currently in place. Mr. Metz, George Lane and Lucas Tisdall were able to provide feedback and the information requested through the discussion. Mr. Metz was asked to follow up on the testing of the Careflight helicopters to see if there is anything that can be done to restrict their noise.

### **Item 9 - Closure and Next Meeting**

10.1 The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.25pm.

10.2 The next CACG meeting is set for the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 4pm. The CACG meeting will be held at the Acacia Ridge & Districts Community Centre, Acacia Ridge. Following that, the Open Forum CACG meeting will be held at 5pm.