



Archerfield Airport Corporation

**ARCHERFIELD AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Time:** 4:00pm

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013

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

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

<b>Present:</b>	Ray Perry	Chairman
	Corrie Metz	Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC GM)
	Sheryl de Bruyn	Archerfield Airport Corporation (AAC APPM)
	Bordan Blahy	Resident
	Ian Tait	Aviation Insurance
	Lucas Tisdall	Flight One
	Graham Perrett MP	Federal Member for Moreton
	Helen Gannon	Department of Infrastructure & Transport
	Alexandra Pamment	Department of Infrastructure & Transport
	Robert Dalziel	Resident
	Bryan Nicolson	Community Relations, Airservices Australia
	Robert Tomkins	Resident
	George Lane	Air Traffic Control

<b>Apologies:</b>	Madonna Sticklen	Walter Taylor South Action Group (WTSAG)
	Lynne Ball	Neighborhood Watch Oxley / Resident
	Robyn Wooster	Artic Library
	Trish Cattermole	Acacia Ridge & Districts Community Centre

## AGENDA

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|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1)  | Introduction                                           | Chairman    |
| 2)  | Apologies                                              | Chairman    |
| 3)  | Confirmation of Minutes                                | Chairman    |
| 4)  | Business Arising from the Minutes                      | Chairman    |
| 5)  | Correspondence Received                                | Chairman    |
| 6)  | Departmental Update                                    | DoIT        |
| 7)  | Airport Update                                         | AAC GM      |
| 8)  | Presentation on Circuits & ATC                         | George Lane |
| 9)  | Issues for Open Forum                                  | All         |
| 10) | General Business                                       | All         |
| 11) | Closure and Next Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 | Chairman    |

### **Item 1 - Opening**

- 1.1 The Chair, Ray Perry opened the meeting at 4pm 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 a few changes were made to the Minutes to correct the emphasis on certain points. The corrected Minutes from the previous meeting was proposed by Ian Tait and seconded by Robert Tomkins.

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

- 4.1 Corrie Metz met with Alyssa Jenkins, the Candidate for the Greens for the seat of Moreton, took her on a tour of the airport and invited her to attend the CACG as an observer. She hasn't taken this offer up.
- 4.2 DoIT has provided an overview of Airport Master Plans guidance which is on AAC's website. Corrie acknowledged that the item should be highlighter better on the website to make it easier to find.
- 4.3 With regard to progress made with Airservices Australia (AsA) regarding mobile noise monitoring units, Bryan Nicolson advised that the next rotation of units, due in September this year, AsA will place the unit close to the circuits at Archerfield Airport. Bordan Blahy and Robert Tomkins to provide input to Bryan Nicolson after meeting.

The Chairman noted that he was not happy with the national approach to monitoring noise. Nicolson noted that the same standard of calibration applies to all monitors.

- 4.4 Corrie Metz noted that he has raised with the Local Runway Safety Team (LRST) the need to be considerate of neighbours when flying. The response was that although they will be mindful of flying 'neighborhood friendly', the wind and weather conditions will be primary influencers of their flying activity.

### **Item 5 – Correspondence Received**

- 5.1 Robert Dalziel's letter, which was tabled for consideration at the last meeting, was discussed. Robert Dalziel pointed out that the letter from AAC indicated that small aircraft and jets should not be operated together. Corrie Metz replied that the remark in the letter should be taken in context and that it referred to Brisbane Airport and related to large passenger jets.

## Item 6 – Departmental Update

- 6.1 Helen Gannon advised that she didn't have a lot to report other than that since Kevin Rudd took leadership, Albanese is still the Minister and is also the Deputy PM. He is also responsible for the National Broadband Network program. Consequently, aviation is not high on the agenda at the moment. Helen Gannon reported that Brisbane Airport is starting their master plan process now and that it is due in 2014. Helen Gannon also noted that Alex Pamment is leaving the Department to work at the Office of Transport Security (OTS) and thanked her for her contribution. The Chairman gave Alex his thanks on behalf of the Committee.

## Item 7 – Airport Update

Corrie Metz provided the following updates –

- 7.1 Certification & RPT: Corrie Metz informed the group that Archerfield Airport, previously a registered airport, applied to CASA for certification which was granted with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Corrie explained that certification was required for RPT operations and was not a huge step for the airport because most of the requirements for this level of license were already in place. The requirements included a more robust Safety Management System, certain documentation to be in place and more. CASA's assessment included an inspection to make sure that technically everything was ok. In response to a query, Corrie Metz added that CASA are not required to do public consultation before approving certification but that their role was purely to ensure the airport is safe and complies with MOS 139 standards. Corrie confirmed that no physical changes were made to the airport for certification.
- 7.2 Corrie Metz noted that certification is required if the airport operates closed charters with more than 30 seats and/or RPT.
- 7.3 Corrie Metz pointed out that before entertaining RPT services, AAC have undertaken to do public consultation and that the Master Plan has always provided for RPT services.
- 7.4 Corrie Metz advised that he has had enquiries from a number of RPT operators. The most likely one will operate a small turbo-prop which is relatively modern and not necessarily as noisy. This operator has a good employment plan which is to employ staff living within a 5km radius of the airport and is happy to participate in a meeting with CACG members. Once the arrangement is firm, Corrie Metz will advise CACG and call a special meeting which the operator will attend.
- 7.5 Graham Perrett asked whether the operator operates from other airports so that he can do some background homework on how he has previously handled public consultation. Corrie Metz noted that not all airports are required to have public consultation.
- 7.6 FIFO: Corrie Metz advised that, although FIFO has generally slowed down as a result of a slow-down in mining activity, a lot of FIFO still occurs at Archerfield Airport - mainly King Airs and Metros. A number of FIFO enquiries are as a result of problems being experienced by Brisbane Airport.

- 7.7 Careflight: Corrie Metz informed the meeting that Careflight has recently started operating from Archerfield Airport, concentrating on heavy maintenance of Learjet and their helicopter fleet. Corrie added that there are not a lot of movements associated with this operation and that all engine testing will be done at the engine running test pad provided on the airfield.

### **Item 8 – Presentation on Circuits and ATC**

- 8.1 George Lane, ATC Tower Manager, noted that he has been the Tower Manager at Archerfield Airport for 20 years. He continued to say that originally operations were regulated for safety purpose and in the early 1980s GAAP was introduced.
- 8.2 George Lane noted that there are 4 inbound tracks (in at 1500ft) and 4 outbound tracks (out at 1000ft) leaving a 500ft separation to ensure safety. Most aircraft are up to 1000ft within 2 miles of the airport.
- 8.3 With regard to circuits, George Lane advised that operations include –
- Training, which involves touch and go activity with aircraft leaving and returning within about 6-7 minutes.
  - Itinerant aircraft going to other areas to train.
  - Helicopter activity.
  - Charter operations.
- 8.4 With regard to runway selection, George Lane commented as follows:
- ATC tries to keep to 28R/10L as the main runway because for 30 years ERSA (En Route Supplement Australia – an aeronautical information publication) has noted this as the preferred runway in zero wind conditions and that this runway saves operators from having to taxi 15 minutes for take-off which can sometimes cause problems with aircraft plugs.
  - The selection of runways is weather-related. This includes wind and the rising/setting sun. What people hear depends on the selection of the runway.
  - When the grass strips are unserviceable, more activity occurs on the main runway.
  - When pilots report in at reporting point, ATC directs their approach and selects the runway.
- 8.5 In answer to a view that training aircraft used to go the South and now go to the North and the theory that the change had occurred when the airport changed to private ownership, George lane confirmed that nothing has changed over the years and that ATC follow the same procedures they did before private ownership. It was pointed out that ATC is commonwealth owned and is not directed by the airport.

- 8.6 George Lane advised that movement numbers have almost halved since 1980 and that, despite the reduction in movements, there is still a need for two runways because movements come in peaks and troughs and are unpredictable and ATC needs to be able to process aircraft safely. Bordan Blahy noted that he would prefer a more even distribution of aircraft.
- 8.7 In response to a question on managing an increased number of operations, George Lane advised that, following a risk assessment, ATC limits aircraft to 7 in the air at one time.
- 8.8 George Lane advised that he can only comment on activity during ATC hours which are between 7am to 5pm. A lot of operators prefer flying during ATC hours. ATC only closes on Christmas Day when CTAF applies (CTAF – Common Traffic Advisory Frequency – pilot-to-pilot communications and procedures used during non-tower hours).
- 8.9 Mr Robert Dalziel advised that his health was being affected by what he perceived were changes in operation and the airport's lack of understanding of his concerns. The Chairman acknowledged that he had no reason to disbelieve Mr Dalziel when he advised that his health was being affected.
- 8.10 Mr Dalziel raised the name of Kevin Hooper, a previous State Member, who Mr Dalziel believed had made a law preventing all aircraft from arriving or departing from or to south over Mortimer Road. Both the Tower Manager and the Airport Manager advised that there was no validity to that claim.
- 8.11 George Lane finalized his presentation by inviting anyone from the meeting to visit the Tower. Lucas Tisdall suggested that his group work with the Tower to put geometry in place. George Lane agreed to discuss this further with Lucas Tisdall.

### **Item 9 – Issues for the Open Forum**

- 9.1 Ray Perry commented that the last open forum was very robust and suggested that the format was not quite right. Ray suggested that for the next open forum, the first part of the meeting is made available for everyone to ask their questions for an hour or so. Ray Perry will direct the questions to specialists in the field. Approximately 15 minutes after that to be allowed for people who do not want to raise their questions in public. These people will address their queries directly to the specialists who will be available at different points in the room.
- 9.2 The meeting responded as follows –
- attendees who have questions are given a number as they enter the meeting and in this way questions will be addressed in an orderly manner.
  - Provide an information sheet to attendees as they arrive which may answer some questions.
  - The CACG meeting is held at a different venue to the open forum to avoid general public joining in with the CACG members as occurred at the last open forum.
- 9.3 With regard to topics for the open forum, Graham Perrett MP advised that two of his constituents had raised the point of property de-valuation around the airport and he

suggested that it may help to inform people that new aircraft are less noisy and that the numbers have almost halved over the years.

#### **Item 10 – General Business**

- 10.1 Anzac Day Operations: Bordan Blahy noted that there are a number of memorial services held near the airport on Anzac Day and that aircraft noise interfered with the services. Lucas Tisdall said he could ground aircraft if he had definite times. Graham undertook to provide a list of service times to Corrie Metz who would circulate the information to operators.
- 10.2 Bordan Blahy raised the idea of a Fly Neighbourly Agreement which creates awareness and a reminder for pilots to be considerate of neighbours. Corrie Metz confirmed that this concept has been raised at the latest LRST meeting and that operators' response was that they will do their best but the same reasons for runway selection applies as indicated by George Lane in his presentation. Bordan Blahy suggested such an agreement be implemented with the announcement of RPT services.
- 10.3 Bordan raised the point that, according to AAC's website, CASA says that aircraft should follow high volume areas, such as freeways. Discussion about the possibility of changing flight paths to achieve this followed. Bryan Nicolson advised that if a request was sent to AsA it would be considered but added that it is not easy to change flight paths – the danger is that the problem will move elsewhere. The AAC GM and CACG Chairman agreed to sign off an approach from the CACG to AsA.

#### **Item 11 - Closure and Next Meeting**

- 11.1 The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.00pm.
- 11.2 Next CACG meeting is set for 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 4:00pm to 4.30pm at the Acacia Ridge & Districts Community Centre. The open meeting will follow from 5pm at the Souths Sports Club, Brandon Park, Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge.