

## **Community Aviation Consultation Group**

Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 15 March 2017

**Meeting:** 4.00 - 6.00pm

Venue: Acacia Ridge and Districts Community Centre

	Topic	Actions
1.0	Open & Welcome  The Chair opened the meeting at 4.00pm and welcomed everyone.	
2.0	Apologies & Apologies See Attached Sheets	
3.0	Adoption of minutes of previous meeting  Moved - Ian Tait Seconded - Lynne Ball	
4.0	Matters Arising from previous minutes  Airservices presentation attached to the minutes sent in Dec 16 2016.	
	Bordan Blahy said at last meeting letter to CASA and Airservices from 3 years ago was going to be re-sent. Heather Mattes advised there was a response from Airservices and CASA advised they will chase up the response by next meeting.	Heather Mattes to email CASA & Airservices Australia for a response to letter dated 20 June 2014.
4.1	Heather Mattes to email Airservices presentation of 2 Nov 16 to the CACG committee.	Presentation was emailed 20 March 17.



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5.0	Correspondence  • Letter from the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman regarding appointment of new Ombudsman Narelle Bell.	
	<ul> <li>Letter from a resident regarding low flying plane on Sunday 5 March – aircraft was doing some forced landing practice in a navigation area.</li> </ul>	Heather Mattes advised resident pilots can go down to 500 feet over vacant land areas.
	Keith Barnes was complaining about low flying over Acacia Ridge.	This was the bush firefighting helicopters which comes in from September to November annually, however they stayed a bit longer due to the Stradbroke Island fires. The Rural Fire Service (RFS) engaged the aircraft operators and AAC has again requested RFS ensure operators are aware of noise sensitive areas and not to fly over them where possible. RFS advised operators had all new pilots this year and they would ensure all operators and contracts with operators were changed to take into account the Fly Neighbourly Policy and local Noise Sensitive areas.
	<ul> <li>Chair, Jan Taylor received a letter from Australian Senate regarding The Bill Transport and Legislation Committee. The Bill seeks to amend the Master Plans for Airports and AAC made a submission before by 6 March 2017.</li> </ul>	
	Noise Complaints from NCIS regarding early morning circuit training.	The pilot has been tracked down and has responded to NCIS confirming that this was an unusual time and irregular occurrences for currency training. The pilot was not aware of the Fly Neighbourly Policy.  1. December 2016 - majority of the complaints were about the bush fire helicopters.  2. February 2017 – 12 complaints, none of these were helicopters they were



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		fixed wing. 1 low flying plane doing circuits.
•	Elizabeth Eichmann & Steven Eichmann made a complaint to Airservices Australia regarding late night and early morning circuits between 12 – 18 November between hrs 12.30am and 1.30am.  Heather Mattes asked if this was the complaint to Airservices on 17 February 2017?  Steven advised most recent complaints to Airservices have been investigated and was not the complaint from 17 February 2017.  Elizabeth advised she is not complaining about the Emergency Helicopters at all.	George Lane advised the Tower is only active from 7.00am to 5.00pm – Airservices are responsible for the time frame of the complaint.  - That sort of complaint should go to Airservices as the Tower doesn't have any jurisdiction over that time.
•	Graham Perrett MP wants to clarify that the pilot was not doing anything illegal and whether there is anything in the leases or sub-leases regarding a curfew to restrict them to the hours of the tower? Can the pilots legally fly at 3.00am and is there such a thing as social flying?  Graham Perrett asked is it possible for the landlord to say to new tenants no flights between 12.00am and 5.00am that could be contractual with tenants.  Graham acknowledges people coming in from other parts of the country are not bound by that. This could be incorporated in AAC leases in the future. Heather Mattes advised this is not encouraged from AAC. AAC would rather manage the problem. Graham Perrett said curfews are enforced at other airports around Australia and it is enforced through legislation rather than through a lease agreement with the tenant.	Heather Mattes advised that many pilots were not tenant, that there is no curfew, tenants are asked to be respectful of the noise sensitive areas and times and adhere to the Fly Neighbourly Policy code of conduct. Rafael from Basair said new students are advised of noise sensitive areas and times. This was a one off, Basair have identified the student involved and have spoken to them. This is not a usual occurrence and will not happen again although students flying to get their hours up higher to continue training.  AAC encourages pilots, operators and the schools all the time about being mindful of noise.  George Land said AAC is an open airport and aircraft come in from all over and they may not be aware of sensitive areas.
•	Complaints Management: Bordan Blahy asked Heather if the complaints from residents are recorded by Airservices (ASA) or is that in addition to Airservices records. Bordan wants to understand true statistics regarding complaints and whether Airservices records are true statistics. Airservices again reiterated, they only record complaints made direct to Airservices.	Heather Mattes advised that AAC and Airservices receive and process complaints although Jenny Welch. ASA advised they do not record complaints made directly to AAC. Some airports refer complaints to Airservices requesting a response.



**Archerfield** Airport Corporation Jan Taylor recommended that people who contact AAC should be advised to also contact ASA. Heather Mattes advised that anyone contacting AAC about an issue it is investigated and the person is advised to register complaint with ASA also. Jan Taylor stated that the community will have a true reflection of how many complaints are actually out there if AAC and ASA record. 6.0 Airservices Update by Jenny Welch Presentation attached Anonymous complaints are not recorded unless they give information. 7.0 **Archerfield Airport Update by Heather Mattes** 2017-2037 Master Plan: Consultation for the Archerfield Airport Master Plan finished on 17 Feb 2017 receiving 5 submissions. AAC is currently preparing response and the executive Summary for the Ministers office. **Transition Logistics Estate**: Works commenced on Transition Logistics Estate entrance off Boundary Road for the construction of median strips, turning lanes both in and out of estate, lighting and landscaping. This is being funded by AAC with some contribution by Orora to their site entrance works. **Ipswich Motorway Upgrade**: AAC has been briefed by the State Government regarding the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade funded by Federal & State Government for \$400 million. The contract will be awarded in the coming months 1. This will affect the entry access to the western end of the airport with changes to Boundary Road and Randolph Street. 2. Granard Road will be upgraded to 6 lanes. 3. Raising bridges over Oxley Creek area 4. New Ramps Randolph Street 5. New Traffic lights at Suscatand Street intersection 6. Can view information on TMR website



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- Oxley Creek Revitalisation Project: Heather has
  written to Oxley Creek Revitalisation Project Group
  appointed by Brisbane City Council to discuss the
  \$100M expansion / redevelopment of the banks of
  Oxley Creek to Brisbane River. OCM wrote back
  saying they are getting set up at this point and will
  meet with AAC in the future.
- Avalon Airshow: Heather attended Avalon Airshow in Melbourne. AAC had a site at the trade show on the Qld Government stand, along with other Qld aviation industries. Some good results held with international delegates and other businesses.
- Heather acknowledged Genise Benz, Friends of God's Acre on her receiving her Australia Day Award in recognition for her selfless and untiring contribution to the local community. Congratulations to Genise.
   In June every year FOGA have their annual open day and it is highly recommended to visit.

## 8.0 Department of Infrastructure & Regional Development (DIRD)

- Major changes to the Airports Act going on at the moment. If legislation is passed AAC and some other airports will go to an 8 year master plan cycle as opposed to a 5 year cycle. Only major airports (excluding Adelaide and Hobart) will remain on a 5 year cycle.
- Major development plans currently have a monetary level of above \$20million and this will be moved to \$35million.
  - The Bill was introduced to Parliament late last year. It was reheard early this year it was referred to a committee, this is a normal process.
  - 2. The Senate & Rural Committee will examine the Bill in more detail. With the recent crash at Essendon the issue of airport developments has more prominent. Jan Taylor, amongst others was invited to make a submission to the committee. This closed on 6 March. The committee have the right to public hearings should they choose.
  - 3. Airport planning issues are of interest to the communities around airports. No time frames as it is a Parliamentary process.
  - Current Act still stands AAC has just finished a Master Plan consultation and are due to submit.
- Aviation Access Forum chaired by DIRD brings together the Disability Sector to look at aviation access



**Archerfield** Airport Corporation areas more broadly. They met couple of times a year last meeting Nov 16 2016. 1. Looking at carriage of assistant animals in aircraft cabins 2. What constitutes as an assistant animals 3. Works around disability standards to accessible public transport, including the carriage of mobility aids Review 2015 of the Planning Coordination Forums for 3 levels of government found groups were operating effectively. 1. The Federal Government has accepted three recommendations. 2. The fourth recommendation is specific to Sydney Airport Community Forum this is a political group represents all members of parliament around Sydney Airport focusing on noise. New Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, Narelle Bell commenced 8 February 2017. DIRD mandates disability access but not what type of access is used. Questions Helen Gannon advised that the 3 levels of government are Council, Borden Blahy asked does the 3 levels of government State & Federal and that CACG override / intergrade with CACG meetings are represented by Brisbane City Council, the Federal and State Member and at a bureaucratic level departments such as DIRD 9.0 **Basair Presentation** 10.0 **CACG Induction Package** Package handed out at meeting.

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Meeting Closed 6pm.

Next meeting 26th July 2017