

MELBOURNE AIRPORT



COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP (CACG)

Meeting minutes — Tuesday 23 August 2022, 10am-1pm

Quest Melbourne Airport

Present

| Name | Representing | |
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| Kim Jordan | | Independent Chair |
| Fred Ackerman | Community | Taylors Lakes |
| David Cleland | Community | Greenvale |
| Susan Jennison | Community | Community |
| Henry Lam | Community | Sydenham |
| Jane Waldock | Community | Planning & transport experience |
| Maggie Baron | Community | Transport & environment experience |
| Fonda Zahopoulos | Community | Moonee Ponds |
| Michael Canny | Community | Business owner, airport precinct |
| Liz Beattie | Victorian Trades Hall Council | Project Officer |
| Catherine Hunichen | Brimbank City Council | Principal Strategic Planner |
| Petrus Barry | Moonee Valley City Council | Manager Planning and Building |
| Stephen Pykett | Macedon Ranges Shire Council | Manager Economic Development and Visitor Economy |
| Andrew Lund | Melbourne Airport | Head of Communications and Engagement |
| Rosie Offord | Melbourne Airport | Head of Master Planning |
| Laura Brannigan | Melbourne Airport | Manager Major Planning Project Approvals |
| Natali Klasevski | Melbourne Airport | Government Relations Manager |
| Monika Schott | Melbourne Airport | Engagement Manager |
| Tim Gill | Airservices Australia | Community Engagement Senior Advisor |
| Hannah Johnson | Airservices Australia | |
| Michael Joost | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts | Assistant Director Vic/Tas Airports and Economic Regulation |

| Name | Representing | |
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| Liam Stocker | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts | Regulatory Officer |

Apologies

| Name | Representing | Role |
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| Matt Faubel | Community | East Melbourne |
| Margaret Giudice | Community | Keilor Downs |
| Irene Stokes | Community | Keilor |
| Jim Laussen | Community | School principal |
| Steve Finlay | Melton City Council | Statutory Planning Coordinator |
| Adrian Turner | Airservices Australia | |

1. Introduction

- Kim welcomed all to the meeting. She acknowledged the Traditional Owners of Country, the Wurundjeri people, and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.
- Welcomed Hannah from Airservices.
- Monika gave an introduction on her experience.
- Previous minutes were accepted with no amendments.
- Action items to address: Natali on Hume and Laura on master plan and M3R approvals processes.
- No late items added to agenda.

Natali: Letter from Hume about new appointments. New executive of planning, Rachel Dapiran

- Wrote congratulatory letters to new execs as airport has relationships across Hume.
- Hoping to have Hume representative at the next CACG meeting.
- Had jobs fair in Hume: over 300 job seekers and 14 contractors attended with job opportunities.

2. Airport Updates

A. Melbourne Airport operations update, Andrew Lund

- Provided an overview of annual passenger numbers for FY22. Just under 13 million over all. More than 80% of those passengers flew in the last six months of the financial year. International passenger numbers in July were up 25% on June. Reflects increasing international capacity.
- Turnaround is impressive given the airport reported what was possibly its lowest ever international numbers in September 2021.

- Anzac Day, Easter and Grand Prix travel lifted domestic numbers in April. International numbers are slowly increasing.
- Domestic capacity increase has come with operational challenges. Qantas and Virgin have now reduced their flying program in an effort to improve operational reliability. Schedules will likely increase as employee numbers increase. Lack of ground handlers and illness are the key factors affecting domestic performance.
- Air Asia coming back to Melbourne Airport from November. Qatar increasing second Melbourne Doha service. New Qatar service will operate with a tag to Canberra- previously operated through Sydney.
- Liz Beattie asked what is happening with Indian and Chinese Airlines. Andrew said Indian flights have been performing well. Mainland China remains effectively closed because of quarantine requirements, so flights not anticipated to return in great numbers any time soon. Getting Air Asia into Melbourne is important as it also has big reach into India- provides one stop travel to many second-tier Indian cities via Kuala Lumpur.
- El Al's CEO has indicated that with the lifting of Saudi airspace restrictions the airline is looking at commencing flights into Australia and potentially Melbourne. Would be significant for Melbourne's Jewish community and also provide another option for travel to Europe.
- Domestic: Jetstar took delivery of their first new Airbus A321NEO (New Engine Option) aircraft with increased fuel efficiency and reduced noise. 18 arriving in next few years, half coming to Melbourne. Initially flying to Cairns and the Gold Coast but ultimately to places like Bali, which will open up new options for the airline's Boeing 787s.
- Rex has launched flights between Melbourne and Devonport while QantasLink has suspended flights between Melbourne and Mt Gambier and Wagga Wagga.
- New terminal 3-4 link opened earlier this month providing Virgin Australia passengers with an easier security screening experience. Virgin passengers from T3 now pass through T4 security. Virgin lounge now after security. Relieves a pinch point at security.
- New passenger amenities have opened in T4, including facilities for companion animals.
- The airport had two power outages in May. Team working on action plan should that scenario happen again.
- Still have a lack of ground handling employees causing delays and lost luggage.
- Lorie Argus became CEO on 1 July. Chief of Infrastructure, Simon Gandy, finished due to restructuring.
- Rosie Offord is taking maternity leave, with Laura Brannigan taking on her role as Head of Master Planning.
- Hume jobs fair held recently to connect locals with job opportunities was well attended and considered a success.
- First community newsletter went out August; any feedback welcome for next newsletters.
- Three community events scheduled for the remainder of the year. Taylors Lakes on 23 October, Melton on 5 November and Sunbury Road Viewing Area on 17 December.
- Runway overlay works: every 10 years need to re-lay tarmac. Closure periods from November: see presentation for details. Working with Airservices to manage flights and use of runways.

B. MP22 Public and runway design, Rosie Offord

- Spoke about asphalt achievements in response to David Cleland's question on how our runways cope in the heat, relative to overlay project. (Credit to Louisa Pang, Airfield Infrastructure Asset Manager, for the information.)
- With reference to the upcoming runway overlay works, MA will be using recycled asphalt, which will reduce carbon emissions by around 50%. Much R&D internationally, not so much in Australia. The overlay works provide the opportunity to experiment with new technologies which can then be applied to bigger works.
- Question: If England is experiencing these heat problems, with climate change, Australia will too?
- Rosie explained overlay works are conducted every ten years, and the specifications for material can change to take into account climate change, different aircraft and other changes.
- Question: have the specification figures changed since the last overlay? Rosie will find details.
- Tim: Sydney Airport uses sunscreen on their taxiways to help reduce heat.

C. Melbourne's third runway, Laura Brannigan

- Laura provided an update on the planning process for the 2022 Master Plan and third runway project.
- At conclusion of public exhibition, the online 'Virtual Visitor Centre' had facilitated:
 - Total portal sessions: 96,060
 - Unique visitors: 64,924Submissions received: 2,814 (total may vary slightly through final data processing)
 - MP22: 713
 - M3R: 2,101
- Prevalent 'themes' and sentiments (informally presented) were:
 - Noise (objections to existing and forecast – including calls for curfew)
 - Impacts related to noise – primarily health (including sleep disruption, stress, air quality concerns) and social (outdoor enjoyment, childhood development)
 - Requests for further information about noise attenuation (often with reference to former Sydney and Adelaide programs)
 - Concern about presumed property value decreases
 - Commercial support for expansion of airport and resulting economic benefits that flow on to tourism and industry growth
 - 'Pollution' and climate crisis

APAM is currently working through 'due regard' of all submissions, including some alterations to plans where submissions have justified amendment (examples include future use of east-west runway, and airport operation/expansion within the context of political and social climate change influences).

- CACG submission: speaks to both MP and MDP through 70 statements/questions. Elements speak to a combination of MP22 and M3R MDP matters. These will be addressed by each program appropriately.
- Approvals processes:
 - Master Plan 2022 submission:

- Draft MP22
- Supplementary Report
- To be submitted no later than 7 Sep (for 50 days statutory review period)
- Expecting to secure approval from Minister King around late November
- M3R Major Development Plan submission (following approval of MP22):
 - Draft M3R MDP
 - Supplementary Report
 - Expect to submit first quarter of 2023 (50+30 day statutory review period for DITRDCA and DCCEEW advice)
 - Decision date TBD

Q&A:

- Liz: public needs to be well informed over Christmas when everything shuts down.
 - Michael replied: Advocate for Minister King to make an announcement of some kind through media. APAM also reviewed to put on website.
 - Laura: Not submitting MDP until at least January (allowing for summer break).
 - Minister for Infrastructure can ‘stop the clock’ and request further input from APAM during approval consideration periods. Minister may also place conditions on either approval (this is not abnormal - eg. Brisbane required to make regular updates to community).
- Catherine: When using the website to upload docs and inform community, will APAM advise/explain any changes to plans?
 - Laura: APAM has committed to publish MP and MDP and supplementary reports after approval is granted – will include description of changes adopted resulting from public engagement.

Examples:

- Future and continuing use of the runway – shortening the east-west runway doesn’t mean it won’t be used. Community requested more information about use in M3R context. Updates will be presented in Draft M3R MDP and discussed in supplementary report. Shall also be carried into future detailed airspace design process.
- Preliminary Draft M3R MDP addressed Climate Change in context of potential impact upon airport. Community feedback requires greater context from airport about contribution to climate change, and within context of government commitments and societal expectations.

3. Guest presentations

A. Federal government priorities, Michael Joost

- Michael provided an update on federal government changes and future priorities.
- Part of the government commitments include an aviation white paper, women in aviation, National Airport Safeguarding Framework, legislation review, MP and MDP process.
- EPBC fulfilment to inform Minister King to help make an informed decision on MP and MDP.
- Both MP and MDP are in draft stage and follow a legislated process.
- Process includes experts across government and agencies reviewing documents across Australia, e.g. airport safeguarding, noise, transport statistics, road and rail specialists.

- Looking carefully at all submissions, reading all in drafts of MP and MDP. Melbourne Airport has to demonstrate addressing all comments received from public.
- Michael and his team then provide advice to the Minister based on the review of draft MP.
- Minister King can approve documents, refuse them for legitimate basis, neither approve nor refuse to approve after 50 business days = automatic approval. There is a requirement to make the documents available online and many areas across agencies and government need to be informed.
- The MP and MDP are completely separate documents and processes. The MP must occur first, then the MDP can follow as a completely separate process.
- Aware of the Christmas shut down, so won't have submissions and work on those occurring during that time.
- Aviation safety, broader state and national economy, community expectations are taken into consideration to inform Minister King's decision.
- Noise attenuation programs may be considered as Minister King has a big focus on noise.
- Main focus of aviation white paper: the economic reforms needed to improve productivity across the sector, sustainability, better mechanisms for consultation. The Department is setting up resources to undertake the white paper. Extensive consultation will be undertaken.
- Aviation round table happening at the Jobs and Skills summit today with Sydney Airport, other airports and aviation industry.
- Michael spoke about drones in connection to the white paper.
- Aviation sustainability important too, to head to a zero net emissions target.
- Dept establishing a climate change area within the department.
- White paper process will provide opportunities for community to feed into it, to bring any interest into the review to help reshape the legislation.
- Michael highlighted the women in aviation initiative. Swinburne program, women in aviation expos. Started in 2020. Directly engaged 18000 students and teachers.
- A few events are receiving funding under the initiative.
- Michael will provide more details on future events. Liz and David suggested west of Melbourne could host something.
- Building a sustainable pipeline of workforce skills to address shortages.
- Airports Act has components that are expiring over the next few years. These include who can own airports, management of airports, airport competition and leasing with tenants, building controls, protection of air space, airport development.
- Stage 1a underway: ownership, cutting red tape, duplication, inconsistencies and reporting, lessening the regulatory burden.
- Act changes are a long process.
- NASF: National Airports safeguarding framework – implementation review – recommendations
- Question: How does the broader community know this work is happening? It's published on the Department's website. The review is mainly for industry.

B. Report, Tim Gill, Airservices Australia

- Tim gave an update of tower and operations, noise monitors and noise complaints.
- Air traffic movements went down post 2019 with covid but are recovering to be almost reaching 2019 movements.

- Jane asked what the breakdown is of how people are getting to and from airport. Andrew and Laura will come back with some details.
- Tim outlined details of complaints- main issues related to standard flight path movements.
- Significant are the 51 new complainants, particularly Kingsville.
- Potentially more noise being heard as we've had low numbers of aircraft movements during covid lockdowns.
- New *Aircraft in your Neighbourhood* noise tool launched:
<https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/> Tim is happy to show CACG how to use it at a meeting. Has a web tracking, flight disturbance, etc. Working to simplify it to make it more useable. Tim encouraged everyone to have a look and play with it.

4. Other business

- Catherine Hunichen has resigned from Brimbank and CACG.
 - The Chair, members and airport representatives commended Catherine for her excellent work in representing Brimbank on CACG. All wished her well for the future.
- General agreement that the Quest Melbourne Airport was a great venue- thanks to Michael.
- Reiterated that Hume representative should be an officer level and not a councillor.
- Chair requested that future visual presentations be prepared with regard to the viewing audience. Many of the slides presented have too much information in very small font.

5. Next meeting

November 22, 2022, 10am – 1pm at Quest Melbourne Airport.

6. Close

Kim thanked everyone for making the effort to attend in person. It was a much more engaging meeting.

Meeting closed 12.45pm

7. Summary of actions

| Date | Action requested | Responsible person | Deadline | Closed, or action taken if different to the request |
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| 23/08 | Ground transport update | Andrew Lund | November 22 | |
| 23/08 | Feedback on aircraft in your neighbourhood https://aircraftnoise.airservicesaustralia.com/ | ALL | November 22 | |
| 23/08 | Advise on changes in performance requirements for asphalt since last runway overlay | Rosie/Laura | November 22 | |
| 23/08 | Further information on consultation process for the new White Paper | Michael Joost | November 22 | |

8. Attachments

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