

MINUTES of the MOORABBIN AIRPORT COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP

57th Meeting: 16th September 2011

Venue: Moorabbin Airport Management Centre
66 Bundora Parade, Moorabbin Airport, Mentone.

PRESENT:	REPRESENTING:	
Mr David Hall	Chairperson	DH
Mr Phil McConnell	MAC	PMcC
Mr Paul Ferguson	MAC	PF
Mr Charles Di Petta	MAC	CdP
Mr Tony Aiezza	MAC	TA
Ms Sue Long	MAC	SL
Mr Jim Wolfe	Department of Infrastructure and Transport	JW
Ms Leonie Harrocks	Department of Infrastructure and Transport	LH
Mr Noel Pullen	Office of the Federal Member for Hotham – Simon Crean MP	NP
Ms Monica Bladier	Office of the Federal Member for Isaacs – Mark Dreyfus MP	MB
Ms Angie Gledhill	Representing Lorraine Wreford – Member for Mordialloc	AG
Cr Ron Brownlees	City of Kingston	RB
Cr Rosemary West	City of Kingston	RW
Ms Rachel Hornsby	City of Kingston	RH
Cr Lewis Dundas	City of Kingston	LD
Cr Peter Brown	City of Greater Dandenong	PB
Mr Paul Sleep	Airservices Australia	PS
Mr Mark Cenin	Airservices Australia	MC
Mr Tom Uren	MARA/ Mordialloc Village Committee	TU
Mr Bruce Reynolds	Dingley Heatherton Village (DHV)	BR
Mr Paul Phillips	Dingley Village Community Association	PP
Mr Geoff Harris	Oxford Aviation	GH
Mr Stuart Rushton	RVAC	SR
Mr Joe Biviano	Dingley Village Community Association	JB
APOLOGIES:		
Mr Adam Sullivan	Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport	AS
Ms Katie Conn	Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport	KC
Mr Brett Newman	Professional Helicopter Services	BN
Mr Steve Galjar	Melbourne Flight Training	SG
Ms Lorraine Wreford	State Member for Mordialloc	LW
Ms Adrienne Fleming	Tristar Aviation	AF
Mr. Gary Smythe	MFS	GS
Mr Mark Darragh	MFS	MD
Mr Jeremy Parkinson	Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport	JP
Mr Graeme Rogers	Office of Airspace Regulation	GR

1. APOLOGIES

- The Chairman opened the meeting at 1300 and welcomed attendees.
- Apologies were noted.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Ms Rachel Hornsby, representing City of Kingston, was introduced and welcomed as the replacement for retiring member, Tony Rijs.
- Cr Peter Brown, representing the Greater city of Dandenong, was formally welcomed to the committee.
- Mr Mark Cenin, representing ASA, confirmed he will be replacing Darren Ollsen on the committee.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24^h June 2011 were circulated. The Minutes were accepted by the committee.
- PMcC advised the Minutes were also available for viewing on the MAC website.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING.

4.1 Moorabbin Airport CACG Annual Report.

- PMcC tabled the first Annual Report 2010-2011 prepared for the Moorabbin Airport Community Aviation Consultative Group. Attachments included the Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Guidelines and Planning Coordination Forum (PCF) Guidelines.
- The Annual Report is currently in draft form and will eventually be available on the MAC website. PMcC confirmed that the Annual Report would be available to the general public through copies supplied to local councils and public libraries. .
- DH requests the meeting accept the Annual Report 2010-2011. The Annual Report was accepted with no objections by CACG members in attendance.

4.2 Circuit Training Report.

- PMcC confirmed that the Report on *Circuit Training at Moorabbin Airport*, tabled with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, had been accepted and granted approval on 14th September 2011.
- CACG members were given a copy of the report.
- PMcC gave an overview of the Taskforce summarised the Report findings.
- It was noted that noise abatement procedures at Moorabbin Airport are already amongst the most restrictive in Australia.
- Council and Community were primarily concerned by aircraft noise.
- PMcC felt it was the Minister's view that Airports must be able to do what they do now in terms of aviation. It was stated that airports will never meet everyone's needs.
- SR commented that Flying schools have consistently advised the CACG that they need to carry out circuit training as a main part of their education of student pilots. Moorabbin Airport is a training airport and circuit training has always been a part of aviation activity
- JW confirmed that the Minister had written to CASA and ASA asking for their cooperation to address the recommendations.
- PMcC confirmed there would be a process before any action was taken.
- DH advised that that Mr Ron Brent, Noise Ombudsman, would be attending the next CACG meeting, and with his wealth of experience would be able to make recommendations in response to the Report.
- MC confirmed that at a national level Airservices Australia had received 18 recommendations from the ANO relating to the handling of aircraft noise concerns and that were currently being worked through. They included:

- Better system for complaint reporting (moving towards an issue based complaints system)
- Increased support to staff
- Additional resources
- JW will provide the link.
- RW questions if helicopter training would be moving from the airport.
- PMcC replied that information regarding this was contained within the report and one finding was that the AMC, helicopter operators and State government should work to assess if there is a viable site as an alternative for some helicopter operations.
- RW asked if there was a possibility of reshaping the circuit as mentioned in the last meeting of the Circuit Training Taskforce.
- PMC replied that information concerning this was contained in the report and that the overall concern was that any move to a non-standard circuit had major safety implications.
- BR would like it noted, in relations to the *Circuit Training at Moorabbin Airport* findings, page 75, the large number of noise complaints documented (338 complaints, 92 complainants) from Dingley Village residents requires further investigation to establish effective improvements.
- DH questions how the Report will be promulgated through the wider community.
- PMcC will be responsible for issuing the Report to Council and local libraries. The report will eventually be available for viewing on the MAC website. A media statement will be issued in a fortnight and there will be in contact with the local paper.
- DH congratulated PMcC and the members of the Taskforce for all the effort taken into compiling the *Circuit Training at Moorabbin Airport* Report.

5. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION – MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

- CDP gave an overview of the proposed development for the Wesfarmers Group that would include facilities for Coles, Officeworks, Kmart and First Choice.
- Prior to any development a Major Development Plan (MDP) would be required. The MDP would include a public consultation process and an extensive consultation process with the Local, State and Federal Governments and with groups such as CACG. The MDP would be presented to the Minister for approval. The Minister has the authority to approve, refuse to approve or approve with conditions a draft MDP.
- The MDP process had commenced and it is expected the MDP approval process will take 12 – 15 months to complete.
- PB advised that planning officers at the City of Greater Dandenong have expressed concerns in the evaluation of site with regards to existing retail existing facilities and questioned how much accord is given to Kingston City Council and City of Greater Dandenong. CDP replied that the consultation process must fully take into account such views
- PMcC confirmed the MDP is a natural process for development which involves thorough and extensive consultation. PMcC suggested an additional MDP meeting for members of CACG to attend prior to the next committee meeting. PMcC is also happy to discuss the MDP process with individual members as requested. PB accepted this offer.
- PP questioned if MAC are concerned about the viability of the potential business.
- CDP replied that MAC will undertake an economic analysis and the impact on surrounding centres that will be taken into account.
- RH expressed concern and feels the development does not align with the Kingston City Council strategic planning approach.
- RB voiced concerns on traffic flow and management and suggests that it not be the responsibility of Vic Roads or the Council to provide traffic changes at their cost for development solely on MAC leased land.
- TU questioned whether Vic Roads will have overriding authority over the Minister's authority relating to access or egress.

- CDP replied that MAC have consulted Vic Roads and provided a model strategy and traffic studies which have been pre-approved. These pre-approvals from Vic Roads will be presented to the Minister.
- RW stated that the Minister has said that the airport planning must be consistent of state planning and is concerned that the supermarket approved for Dingley Village may not go ahead if the Wesfarmers project is approved.
- DH asks how much consulting would be required before finalizing an MDP.
- CDP replied there will be a full consultation prior to production at MDP preparation and other preliminary procedures. MAC will also be meeting formally with council.
- CDP confirmed a MDP briefing in November for CACG members.
- DH when would documentation be available prior to members?
- CDP suggested documentation would be available a few weeks prior to the November meeting.

6. KINGSTON PLANNING SCHEME – AMENDMENT C111.

- PMcC explained the Kingston Planning Scheme Amendment C111 that proposes land adjacent to the airport be re-zoned from industrial to residential. The CACG meeting was shown a map of the affected area to the northern end of Southern Road, Mentone.
- PMcC stated that MAC has concerns that the establishment of residential land immediately abutting an airport is not an acceptable use.
- RW acknowledges that KCC has problems with industrial traffic along Southern Road and would have preferred traffic to go through the airport but due to high cost this is not feasible. Council was unaware until recently that the airport has objections. A letter had been sent to the airport but had not been replied to.
- RW advised KCC has established a planning panel and MAC can put forward concerns at this stage. This will be on October 14th 2011.
- CDP mentions that within the Master Plan 2010, MAC is still supportive of the Southern Road extension.
- RW says there will be a 6 week time period to in order to prepare a report then goes to council for consideration for a month.
- RH felt that conversation with MAC would have been useful before the panel was established.
- MB questioned JW on whether the Federal Government would have concerns about housing next to the airport.
- JW replied that Federal Government would be concerned about having housing adjacent to the airport The Commonwealth has a National Airports Safeguarding Advisory group (NASAG) composed of Commonwealth and State Government officers examining the issue of noise buffering for all airports
- CDP asked if the panel will take account of submissions received and asks if they should be a submission to state government and Minister.
- RW advised the submission will go to council and will be forwarded to the panel.
- CDP has been asked to add submissions directly Panels Victoria and will copy to KCC.
- RW reports that there has never been a noise complaint from Bundora Parade.
- JW suggests that using the ANEF as a guide is a worry and using ANEF in discussion to develop noise overlay is dangerous.

7. MARA AGENDA ITEMS.

7.1 Compliance with the Fly Friendly Agreement.

- TU voiced concerns over non-compliance in observing the *Fly Friendly Agreement* with aircraft proceeding south to White Street before turning west. TU questions whether an aircraft turns after golf course.

- PMcC advised a standard circuit must reach 500ft before turning west. However in the case of the Fly friendly procedure from 17R this is replaced by a requirement to be South of Woodlands Golf Club before turning. This includes all aircraft departing 17R including training circuits but excluding early turns for safety, weather-related or ATC requirements.
- It was agreed that there was a need for further pilot education in this area.
- DH observed that with over 20,000 movements a month the vast majority do the right thing.

7.2 Apparent increase in helicopter activities.

- TU recently observed different types of helicopters around the airport.
- PMcC acknowledged there has been a growth in this industry, although businesses had not really changed.
- PMcC described the various types of helicopters based at the airport and several of the itinerant helicopters that operate in the area. Itinerant helicopters overflying the area include a helicopter servicing an oil ring in Bass Straight, a medical helicopter based at Sale and police helicopter.

7.3 Other Mara Items.

- RB informed the meeting that he had received a letter from TU resigning from MARA as President. TU confirmed that his position was yet to be filled.
- TU requested to sit on the CACG committee as a representative of the Mordialloc Residents Association.
- PMcC voiced his respect of TU and the contributions of MARA during 14 years of membership.

8. MEETING ATTENDANCE BY AIRCRAFT NOISE OMBUDSMAN, MR RON BRENT.

- DH will confirm the attendance of the Ombudsman, Ron Brent.
- Due to previous commitments, DH requested a change of meeting date from the 9th December 2011 to the week prior, 2nd December.
- The group agreed on this change, based on the Ombudsman's availability.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Due to the growth of the CACG meetings and numbers of members attending, it was suggested that the meetings be moved to larger premises. The possibility of utilising the facilities in the function room at the RVAC was made.
- DH requested an update on aircraft movements.
- PMcC confirmed that aircraft movement figures were down due to the inclement weather and unsuitable for flying training. Noise complaints were up due to suitable flying days being busy. Leisure flying was down. Student flying was reported as stable. Helicopter movements were up.
- PMcC agreed to arrange helicopter flight for TU.
- SR confirmed that on Sunday 18th September 2011, the Royal Victorian Aero Club was hosting the annual Dawn Patrol which would involve a number of aircraft departing Moorabbin Airport at 0545 hours for the city and returning to MB 0700. PMcC advised he would be contacting the relevant media for this event.
- NP tabled two complaints from constituents regarding aircraft noise over Dingley. Due to the privacy act, names have been withheld. One complainant has requested attendance at the CACG meeting.
- DH advised that under the National CACG Guidelines and Moorabbin CACG Terms of Reference meetings are not open to the public and representations should be made through CACG community representatives.

DH advised the date of the next meeting as **2nd December 2011** and thanked everyone for their attendance.
The Meeting concluded at 3:00pm.