

# Community Aviation Consultation Group Meeting Notes - Meeting No 65

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Date: 20/09/13  
Place: Terminal Building, Moorabbin Airport

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## Introductions & Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1 pm and carried out the following introductions and apologies:

- + Apologies:
  - Andrea Roberts who was in a motor vehicle accident and is uninjured.
  - Tom Uren is back in hospital.
  - Apologies from Mark Dreyfus office.
  - AJ Wackrow who is in Darwin at the AAA conference
- + Introductions:
  - Congratulate Claire O'Neil (apology) on her appointment
  - Rod Burgess announced the new Minister for the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development to be Warren Truss.
  - Rod announced Mike Mrdak is still the secretary for the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.
  - Rod announced that a more junior Minister may be handling aviation.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Recommendation 6** from the previous minutes - John Cincotta asked for clarification of the minutes. The following was discussed:

- Previous minutes stated that Circuit training had been reduced from 11pm to 10pm.
- Air Services member stated that Tower hours finish at 9pm which are not in line with the 10pm.
- John thought the recommendation was that circuit training should be reduced from 11pm to 9pm.
- Amended minutes will be circulated to the CACG and be posted on the website .

All other minutes of the previous meeting were then accepted by the CACG members Minutes will be available on the MAC website.

## Action Items

### ASA noise facts sheet

- + David Moore from Airservices Australia (ASA) has completed a "Noise Information Pack" about the airport and how aviation operations work including noise procedures and monitoring. He has advised that this will be on the ASA website next week
  - Link:

[Moorabbin Airport Noise Information Pack](#) (PDF)

- + John Cincotta asked whether the information pack was specific to a local suburb?
- + David explained the information pack is a general pack targeted towards the community. More specific information was available on the ASA website.

## Long Term Noise Monitoring

- + David Moore from ASA explained noise monitoring is currently set up around 8 different airports at a cost of \$20m over a 5 year period. MAC comes under Tullamarine.
- + Air Services has temporary monitors for 50 deployments a year. These range from 2 weeks to 6 months and are outsourced to an external contractor.
- + Temporary monitoring was recently completed for Parkdale.
- + **ACTION:** CAGC members need to advise Airservices Australia why they wish to have monitoring and where and what should be included in the monitoring. CACG needs to provide ASA with a recommendation. This does not have to come through MAC.

- + ASA advised if a monitor is to be placed at MAC, this monitor would need to be relocated from somewhere else.
- + David Hall suggested that whilst he is at the Forum of CACG chairs in Canberra next week he could question what sort of initiatives and evidence are needed to help resolve this issue.
- + Lorraine Wreford suggested if the CACG members wanted to approach EPA, she would be willing to write a letter – Peta Millard mentioned that it would have to be directed to Airservices Australia.
- + **PF suggested ACTION** – CACG writes to EPA/Airservices/ANO in regards to monitoring. CACG members could write a letter of support to David Hall to be sent with the letters.
- + CACG members could also write separately to these organisations.

## **OTHER ACTIONS**

- + David Hall stated that the other open actions will be addressed in the remainder of the meeting.

## **Standing Reports**

### **Secretariat**

#### **PF UPDATED on behalf of Secretariat**

- + 3 noise complaints and they were resolved satisfactorily
- + MAC Aircraft Annual Movements on track at 250,000 which has been steady for the last five years.

### **Correspondence**

- + Paul Sleep - the arrangement for helicopters approaching the airport should stay as is.
- + KCC helped with the fly friendly brochure
- + **ACTION: MAC** will circulate the brochure to CACG members electronically – it is an airport document and the Council was helping MAC with the design. David Hall thanked MAC (PF) for initiating the document and thanked KCC for helping with the design.
- + Letter from John re CTF.

### **Media Coverage**

- + Media – half a dozen enquiries around Wesfarmers and the emergency call out.
- + Media release for dawn patrol – MAC distributed a letter to inform local residents the event would be happening prior to the event occurring.
- + Interesting Media article about the oldest person to fly.

### **Material Issues Review**

- + Taxiway A is now lit and feedback from pilots is that it is working well.
- + A full emergency exercise is scheduled for end of October which is part of a regulatory requirement.
- + Lorraine Wreford asked about the power blackout last week and the impact on Airport Operations – Paul Ferguson stated that MAC has a backup generator and the relevant safety requirements to run the airport safely.

### **Circuit Training Taskforce Report – Progress on Recommendations**

- + No update at this stage.

### **Community Support**

- + CAE Oxford had an open day on the 11<sup>th</sup> August.
- + MFS had an open day on the 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- + Dawn Patrol was on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sep – two Navy Seahawks from Squadron 816 from HMAS Albatross at Nowra were in attendance
- + All events were fully supported by MAC who provided advertising and other items.

### **Presentations**

- + N/A

## **Existing Business**

### **Major Development Plan Update**

#### **- provided by MAC**

#### **+ Update on future plans for development:**

- + Charles DiPetta updated CACG on the Wesfarmers development
- + Wesfarmers - MAC to go to AAT – no timing yet – there is a directions hearing mid October to set a date
- + MAC Coca Cola Extension documents were circulated to CAGC members. No feedback was received.
- + Permit for the Coca Cola Extension has now been issued.
- + Ian Baldock noted that he did not receive documents in time to review them and comment.

**ACTION:** MAC to ensure that CACG members are provided more time to comment on documents circulated in future.

+ **Update on land clearance for drainage project/Mordialloc Settlement Drain:**

- + Mordialloc Settlement Drain (MSD) update provided by MAC:
  - MSD to commence mid October 13 with completion mid 2014
  - MSD permits for construction works have been provided by the Airport Building Controller (ABC) and Airport Environment Officer (AEO).
- + Infrastructure – Ian Baldock was not happy with the degree of the land clearance for the infrastructure works and stated that the CACG were not informed of the land clearing at the previous CACG meeting.
- + David Hall apologized that there was not time at the last meeting to provide an update.
- + Rosemary referred to the MAC Environment Strategy 2010 page 41. Rosemary strongly expressed her concern re the land clearance and believed that not all the trees, including the protected trees, had to be felled.
- + MAC made the following comments:
  - there were releases to CACG members re MSD
  - the Master Plan has always stated that infrastructure works on the MSD would be undertaken.
  - when MAC took over golf course from the Kingston City Council (KCC), KCC paid MAC \$650,000 for golf course infrastructure, clear trees and mounds. RW stated that this was done as a part of required lease arrangements and Council did not wish to be seen to be undertaking these works.
  - MAC has undertaken extensive flora and fauna/habitat studies (including for the Wesfarmers MDP).
  - Full framework under Federal legislation/AEO/ and State acts have been complied with and it has been found that apart from the red gums and manna trees, all other trees were not environmentally significant.
  - MAC has signed an offset agreement with Trust for Nature (Vic) in relation to the Manna Gum trees and has undertaken seed collection in accordance with process under both Federal and State legislation.
  - CACG has been updated in relation to both the land clearance and MSD project over successive meetings.
- + Rachel Hornsby from KCC said the key issue is around trust and communication – CACG feel MAC communication was not upfront enough about the extent of land clearing.
- + **ACTION** – David Hall asked CACG members to think about what they would like to see in the future by way of information in relation to any future works and provide feedback before the next meeting of CACG.
  
- + PF explained:
  - + Prior to the golf course use, the land was highly modified through past uses with no trees
  - + The trees, including bird attracting trees are not good for airports and that the site will be re-planted to a standard suitable for an airport.
  - + MAC will be issuing further community information bulletins on a more regular basis.
  - + It was suggested that communications strategy should include emails, website and information bulletins which the community can opt into receiving.
  - + David Madill expressed his concern that the trees replacing the cleared trees are still bird attracting and that they are the same as the ones that were removed.

**New Business**

***Revegetation of the Airport***

- + Covered in land clearance above

**Other Business**

**Recommendation to set up a CACG sub-group to review options to address resident's noise concerns about circuit training activities:**

- + Paul Ferguson met with Rosemary, David and John on circuit paths on the 03/08/13.
- + Need to specify tasks and actions required. MAC, Rosemary, David and John will work on options for this.
- + Once options are set early next year, they will be forwarded to CACG to discuss.
- + A qualified air space designer needs to advise on this – MAC will arrange this
- + Need to then send options to CASA/regulators etc. to assess
- + Need to get comments back from this from all stakeholders – State/Council etc.

**DOIT request for CACG members to respond to online questionnaire:**

- + Several members responded to the questionnaire
- + Rod Burgess said that if members could still respond that would be helpful
- + If there is something to present back to the CACG from this questionnaire then David Hall said that could be facilitated, but that there has to be some feedback first.

Next meeting: Christmas –Date and Location to be advised  
Meeting closed at 2:42pm.



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Chairman

- Attachment 1: Attendance
- Attachment 2: Action Items
- Attachment 4: Community Guide
- Attachment 5: Circuit Training Taskforce Update
- Attachment 6: Noise Complaint Report
- Attachment 7: MDP Project Timing
- Attachment 8: DoIT Response
- Attachment 9: CACG Chairs Forum