

Moorabbin Airport Corporation
2021 Master Plan
Frequently Asked Questions

Master Plan

What is the 2021 Moorabbin Airport Master Plan?

The 2021 Moorabbin Airport Master Plan is the fifth Master Plan for Moorabbin Airport and establishes a clear vision for aviation and non-aviation activities at the Airport from 2021 to 2041.

What is the status of the Master Plan?

The 2021 Master Plan has been approved by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon. Catherine King MP.

What is the vision for the Airport?

The 2021 Master Plan underpins Moorabbin Airport Corporation's (MAC) vision to grow MA's status as a State Significant place and Australia's leading Metropolitan Airport, recognised as a centre of excellence for general aviation and flight training.

We are Australia's busiest flight training airport, and busiest Airport overall in Victoria, and as such, safety for both our customers and the local community is, and has always been, our highest priority. \$25 million invested into our aviation precinct over the last five years has delivered safety and economic benefits and positioned the Airport and our customers to rebound from the pandemic.

How does this impact the Airport?

The revised 2021 Master Plan continues to meet the needs and aspirations of our aviation and non-aviation customers, Airport-based workers and neighbouring and visiting community members.

The proposed development at Moorabbin Airport set out in this 2021 Master Plan is guided by provisions in Plan Melbourne, the Kingston Planning Scheme and other City of Kingston policies. Further, the Airports Act provides a comprehensive building activity and development approval regime at federally leased airports.

In developing this 2021 Master Plan all interests existing at the time the Airport Lease was created were considered. There are no conflicts or inconsistencies between these interests and any proposals in this 2021 Master Plan. Moorabbin Airport will continue to ensure that any Airport development contemplated will not interfere with the rights granted under any pre-existing interest.

Who was involved in the creation of the 2021 Master Plan?

The 2021 Master Plan was developed through:

- Initial planning, reviews and technical studies undertaken by Moorabbin Airport
- Consultation with the community and other stakeholders including Airport customers,
- Compliance to statutory processes and guidelines.

Our Master Plan builds on the strong foundation established by extensive consultation, including:

- Quarterly CACG meetings
- Monthly meetings with the Airport Environment Officer (AEO) and quarterly meetings with the Airport Building Controller (ABC)
- Targeted consultation with stakeholders during developments at the Airport
- Participation in consultative bodies on issues regarding planning, emergency management and aviation security
- Regular engagement with Airservices and CAS

Meetings with the Moorabbin Airport Planning Consultation Group

- Regular engagement with the City of Kingston and the State Government
- Key aviation industry bodies and representatives
- Aviation customers, operators and users
- Ongoing engagement with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (Department of Infrastructure).

Aviation

How does the 2021 Master Plan champion aviation?

The Airport is planned with safety, airspace, flight training and aviation infrastructure in mind. Areas that are non-aviation will help to upgrade legacy infrastructure to benefit aviation and non-aviation customers.

Key growth plans that champion aviation include:

- Five runways and four full-length taxiways specifically designed for general aviation aircraft
- Continued investment in general aviation and flight training
- Continued customer collaboration to improve aviation land use outcomes
- Increased and improved aviation floorspace
- Two new state-of-the-art general aviation hangars on the Northern Apron
- Industry-leading flight training facility on the Terminal Apron
- Increased Apron pavement, including improvements to grassed and less accessible airside areas (addition of 10,000sqm of new pavement)
- Innovative aviation systems to enhance sustainability outcomes and lower aviation-related emissions
- Provisions for general aviation electrification and hydrogen fueling

Our aviation customers are growing, and we are supporting them with space for new and bigger facilities on site. An aviation flight training customer, has signed a deal for more classroom space, and we have progressed five more discussions with other training and maintenance organisations for new sites and more space.

How does the 2021 Master Plan improve safety?

Safety remains the prime focus of the 2021 Master Plan. We actively engage in safety forums, including the Airport Emergency Planning (AEP) Committee, the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee and the Airport Security Committee.

Moorabbin Airport works collaboratively with industry organisations and regulators including CASA, Airservices Australia, Australian Airports Association (AAA), and Aviation/Aerospace Australia (A/AA) to deliver safe outcomes for users and local residents.

Key safety protocols as outlined in the 2021 Master Plan include:

- Flight training friendly runways –two main runways are 30 metres wide (166% of the required width)
- Taxiways with movement area guidance signs installed for pilot assistance
- Air Traffic Control 24/7
- Weather infrastructure
- Appropriately designated space for all aviation uses
- Regulated aviation providers
- Aircraft serviceability support by leading fixed-wing and rotary maintenance providers
- A best practice AEP
- Online Circuit Booking System
- Implementation of the National Aviation Safeguarding Framework
- Dedicated rotary training areas
- Increased rotary apron areas

How will the 2021 Master Plan impact aviation customers?

Our Aviation Development Plan promotes industry growth. The aviation support precinct will be progressively modernised with space for new flight training, aircraft maintenance and ancillary aviation facilities.

Future aviation activity at the Airport includes:

- Retention of all runways and continued support for taxiways, ATC tower, NDB and weather instruments
- Focus on ab-initio flight training and safely supporting general aviation uses
- Airspace that will safely train up to 1,800 student pilots every year
- Parking for up to 720 aircraft
- Extended aviation sites, floorspace, hangars and classrooms
- Development of aircraft maintenance, fabricators and specialists aviation support businesses
- Rotary operations with increased use of sustainable aviation fuels and eVTOL capability
- Sustainable airport infrastructure
- Base for emergency services
- Reimagined Australian National Aviation Museum
- Promotion of youth aviation career awareness

Commercial and business

Why does the 2021 Master Plan include changes for commercial tenancies?

Moorabbin Airport is recognised as a key Activity Centre and contributes a positive impact to the City of Kingston, with \$500 million invested in local initiatives since privatisation.

Our Non-Aviation Development Plan demonstrates our commitment to the future. It responds to change as we seek to improve the facilities, amenities and infrastructure of our site through positive development to create a vibrant urban destination that safeguards the Airport's future.

The Airport attracts premium business customers and stimulates the local and regional economy, creating an environment for job growth and economic activity.

As set out in Plan Melbourne, Activity Centres are a long-standing part of Melbourne's pattern of development. These centres provide a focus for investment, services, employment and social interaction for local and regional communities outside the Melbourne Central Business District.

How do commercial and business tenants support the Airport?

Non-aviation development underpins the viability of the Airport's aviation operations. It continues to subsidise future investment in the Airport's aviation activities., The Airport continues to generate employment for the region - forecast to increase from 6,500 today to 9,050 in 2029.

The Airport will continue to fulfil the functions of an Activity Centre over the term of this 2021 Master Plan. Future retail, commercial and industrial development contemplated by the Non-Aviation Development Plan is essential to the operation of the Airport and will provide an important income base for aviation activities. Currently:

- There are 8.4 million annual visitations to the Airport
- 5,790 people are employed in retail, commercial and industrial sectors operating at the Airport
- Non-aviation activities generate a significant part of the net \$870 million value added by the Airport.

The Victorian Government's Melbourne Industrial and Commercial Land Use Plan (2020) highlights that only 76 hectares of vacant industrial land was available in the City of Kingston. The undeveloped industrial and commercial land at Moorabbin Airport was equivalent to 43%, illustrating the important role the Airport plays in providing industrially zoned developable land in the region.

New development has been planned to complement off-Airport activity and will support existing retail centres and proposed government significant projects proximate to the Airport.

Community

What impact will the 2021 Master Plan have on the community and surrounding neighbourhood?

Moorabbin Airport plays a significant role in the local community. We acknowledge the importance of working with the community. This is important given the Airport's metropolitan location surrounded by industrial, residential and recreational land uses.

The Airport will remain an important social asset for the 20-year planning period of Master Plan 2021. Future social benefits and impacts arising from activities at the Airport include:

- Increased employment
- Improved appearance and amenity of the Airport
- Increased leisure and recreational businesses at the Airport
- End-of-trip facilities for the Airport's workforce, users and the community

How does MAC support the City of Kingston?

Through our Master Plan, we'll be able to extend job opportunities for 23,100 people in the community (directly and indirectly) and generate \$1.2 billion of economic activity for the City of Kingston and surrounds.

Moorabbin Airport will continue to support the local community including local school cultural, health, fitness, nutrition and leadership programs, food rescue and security, local sporting groups. Moorabbin Airport will continue to align itself with and contribute to Local and State Government community policies.

Over the last five years, Moorabbin Airport has supported community initiatives that have benefited 15,000 people, 100 organisations, and 120 events via financial contributions or in-kind support to youth, charities, Airport customers, local emergency services, aviation industry, Australian National Aviation Museum and Fareshare Kitchen Garden. We are active corporate citizens and provide support to a range of aviation and non-aviation community groups that deliver social benefits.

Will there be increased noise as part of the 2021 Master Plan?

As part of this commitment, Moorabbin Airport will:

- Continue to operate its Fly Friendly program and engage with operators to minimise noise
- Work with community groups through the CACG on aviation operations and continue to look for ways to improve the effectiveness of the CACG

Was the community consulted in the preparation of the 2021 Master Plan?

Moorabbin Airport encourages, seeks, and facilitates open and transparent communications with all stakeholders. We continue to engage with the community on all Airport activities including economic and social activities as well as the impact of - aviation operations.

We undertook additional consultation activities regarding this Master Plan to ensure that all parties and community - members were given an opportunity to review and comment on our future initiatives. This unprecedented level of consultation - was important to Moorabbin Airport because the wider community and Airport stakeholders play an important role in the - future development and operation of the Airport.

In addition, the Moorabbin Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) was established in 1998 as an independently chaired forum - that meets quarterly to discuss issues relating to operations at the Airport. The CACG enables an effective exchange of information between Moorabbin Airport, local authorities, Airport users and broader communities.