



Community Aviation Consultation Group Meeting Minutes

Date	Wednesday 8 March 2017
Objective	Community Consultation
Facilitator	Tom Ganley
Minute Taker	Ilma Thorne
Attendees	Tom Ganley, Dave Batic, Ilma Thorne, John Maxwell, Paul Ah Chee, Rex Mooney, Ken Johnson, Colin Dawson, Chris Wallace, Miranda Waddell
Apologies	Kay Eade, Paul Baishont, Helen Kilgariff

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Welcome, Introduction & Apologies Tom Ganley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting opened at 1230. Tom welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Colin Dawson from Alice Springs Taxis to his 1st meeting. Colin will represent the Transport sector of the community. The last meeting was to be Tom's last as the chair but due to company staff restructure he will continue in this role.
Previous Minutes Tom Ganley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were accepted.
Member Feedback Paul AhChee Ken Johnson Rex Mooney Colin Dawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken advised of a shortage of seating at the front of the Terminal both inside and outside. A lot of people sit on the paving or their luggage. Ken asked again about having shading trees planted in the public carpark. Rex stated a new strategic plan is being developed. This will cover 4 years and the council welcomes any feedback. Colin spoke of the proposed front of house changes, drop off area, the taxi rank and where best suited for taxis to drop off passengers. With 2 different taxi companies he believes it will be difficult to enforce the front kerb drop off and then proceed to rank. MVR & the CPV Board will not take responsibility to police this change. Colin thinks it will create more conflict and congestion in front of customers. Suggested the back of the rank garden area could be paved to allow more space for passengers to alight. A discussion followed with various ideas, reasons for change, security officer's duties and regulations. Colin advised there were complaints received after the \$3 taxi fee was introduced late last year. Also noted a lack of signage to notify customers.

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Member Feedback (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul asked about the fenced off car parking area west of the Terminal which is leased to the rental car companies.
CACG Chairs Meeting Tom Ganley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CACG as a group will be required to submit an annual report on what activities we have been involved in with the community. Tom will contact members to review this report before 30 June.
General Managers Report Dave Batic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave will look into getting seating for front of Terminal. Dave explained that shading in the carpark is not a big issue as it is used for short term parking generally under 1 hour. Growing shady trees creates the issue of falling branches onto customer's vehicles. The security screening contract has changed at Alice Springs and Darwin from ISS Security to MSS Security with the same staff employed. Works on the Air-conditioner replacement project has begun. Local contractors Probuild and Ross Engineering are carrying out the work. This is expected to take around 5 months to complete. There was a trial of extra flights direct to Brisbane by Qantas last year. It is not known if this will be repeated again this year. Airnorth has now been operating flights between Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. This is government subsidised for a 2 year operation. There has been approx. 350-400 passenger per month through Tennant Creek. It is not known if continuing after October 2017. Alice Springs Airport now have a full staff structure after being short a couple for the last 12 months. 5 Staff are also trained to cover Tennant Creek Airport if required. With potential new road networks being planned around the country Alice Springs will become a central hub in years to come with road, rail and air connections. Alice Springs Airport can accommodate all aircraft types including international flights. It is listed as an alternate for many airlines. There are 100-150 aircraft that fly overhead each night. Alice Springs Airport have registered the name 'Aviation National Aircraft Museum Alice Springs' (ANAMAS) which will be located at the heritage listed 7 mile. A committee has been formed and a feasibility study and costings have been done. Central Australian Museum may also move to 7 mile. This will become a tourist attraction that will increase needs for parking etc in the area. Airport Groundsmen and Technical staff will be relocating after approximately 60 years from the 7 mile precinct to Hangar 64 which is located just east of the terminal on the airside. This will provide better access to facilities and technology. Discussions are being held with airport neighbours and environment officer about having cattle on landside airport property to help curtail buffel grass and maintain fire breaks.

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<p>General Managers Report Dave Batic (Continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave showed some graphs showing passenger numbers, loads, connectivity and routes with the most growth. Passengers are above forecast by about 22,000 passengers. • Auto bag drop is currently being trialled at Darwin Airport. This is being investigated for Alice Springs and would assist in peak periods and the long queues at check in area. • Security Screening Point is to be redesigned to try eliminate congestion at peak periods and a choke point. • Lighting in the Terminal on the west side has been replaced with LED. Lights also being changed in the car parks that will dim from 120w to 60w when no one is around. • A landside café is due to be operational by Easter. This will assist with people that don't want to enter the security area and before and after screening point is open. Currently only vending machines available to use in this area. This café will be run by a different company than the current Café Terra Rosa. • The national contracting company whom has been looking after the baggage system for the last 10 years has been replaced by a local company. By using a local company we no longer need to wait for repairers to fly in from interstate. They will also look after a lot of electrical work around the terminal. • 6 Billboards have just been installed along South Stuart Highway. Without advertising they have almost all been sold to local companies for advertising. • The Gas Pipeline project in Tennant Creek has been delayed. • Website upgrade project underway.
<p>Department of Infrastructure & Transport John Maxwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John advised that the Airports Amendments Bill 2016 was introduced to the House of Representatives 1 December 2016 and the Bill was referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for an inquiry with submissions being received until 6 March 2017. • The National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG) last met on 16 November 2016 with the next meeting 14 March 2017. The last meeting considered Windshear and draft Guideline on Public Safety Zones. • Ms Narelle Bell has been appointed as the next Aircraft Noise Ombudsman replacing Mr Ron Brent. • John advised he would look to discuss Office of Transport Security front of house guidelines at next meeting. • Infrastructure Australia released its Australian Infrastructure Plan in February 2016 with a 15 year horizon and 78 recommendations. In November 2016 the government responded supporting 69. Two recommendations related to airports – avoidance of curfews and community engagement on infrastructure.

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Airservices Australia Chris Wallace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no noise complaints to Airservices from Alice Springs. • Chris also gave an update on the recent restructuring of the department.
Other Business Tom Ganley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom tabled a query in respect of drones received at a community briefing the previous evening. Chris discussed with the group about drones and the increase in popularity and the regulations in place. • Tom advised the Darwin Airport Master Plan had been released for public comment and was available on the Darwin Airport website
Meeting Dates Tom Ganley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 1st November 2017
Closure Tom Ganley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed at 1430.