

Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Meeting Minutes

Date	Wednesday 20 November 2024
Objective	Community Consultation
Facilitator	Rex Mooney
Minute Taker	Ilma Thorne
Attendees	Rex Mooney, Tony Schulz, Ilma Thorne, Rebecca Byrnes, Joseph Dhollande, Sam Reynolds, Andrew Bridges, Niki Ross, Bill Low, Eli Melki. On Teams – Hannah Johnson, Nicole Walsh, Stephan Smerdon, Alex Dallwitz AI - Tony Byrnes
Apologies	Colin Dawson

Topic	Details
Welcome Rex Mooney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rex introduced and welcomed all to the meeting Several New members today
Previous Minutes Rex Mooney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous minutes were accepted
Member Feedback Rex Mooney Bill Low Niki Ross Eli Melky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rex asked about the hold ups with baggage collection. Tony explained that it was a seasonal thing when there are multiple aircraft on ground at the same time and ground crew can be stretched for staff. It does still happen at times Explained a lot about the history of Buffel Grass and the importance of fire breaks. It burns a lot hotter than native grasses and the cattle are helping to keep it low Inquired about the potential to install Qantas self-service check-in kiosks at the airport. Tony advised that due to upkeep and maintenance it is not justifiable in Alice Springs. If passenger number were to increase significantly it would be looked at Had difficulties with the long-term parking exit system today. Exit help button was crackling and hard to hear Inquired about potential areas of collaboration between the airport and the Alice Springs Town Council. He raised several points for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifying responsibility for maintaining the fence along Colonel Rose Drive Exploring options for a more significant welcome sign for arriving tourists Discussing the possibility of the Council utilising airport advertising billboards Sharing best practices for engaging with Indigenous community members, particularly regarding approaches to address social issues Offered assistance by collaborating and being able to get

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Member Feedback (cont) Eli Melky Nicole Walsh Sam Reynolds Bill Stefan Smerdon	<p>messages to over 10000 rate payers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressing concerns about the high cost of airfares impacting the community • Expressed the Council's willingness to support the airport and advocate on relevant issues • Raised concerns about the impact of airfare costs on the business community and liveability • Commended the airport for improvements in baggage handling efficiency • Expressed the Chamber of Commerce's willingness to collaborate with the airport and its stakeholders • Inquired about the Council's involvement in decisions related to Fire bombers operations as ATC don't get much notification • Raised concerns about noise generated by military aircraft, noting that they seem to be exempt from noise minimisation requirements • Provided context about the role of the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, explaining that they review noise-related complaints and make recommendations for improvement. He clarified that complaints about military aircraft noise should be directed to the Department of Defence first
Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one present to report
Airservices Australia Hannah Johnson Sam Reynolds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No enquiries or complaints received about aircraft movements at Alice Springs Airport • The current ladder at the control tower has been deemed unsafe. New egress stairs are to be installed soon. Project currently delayed awaiting contractors getting ASICs
ASP Airport Managers Report Tony Schulz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passenger numbers are increasing slowly. Slightly more than previous year • APAS currently have 13 aircraft undergoing maintenance and 7 aircraft are scheduled to be scrapped. They estimate there could be up to 40 aircraft by end of financial year. Engineer side of the business is growing • Air New Zealand crew conducted a handover of their assets to the local indigenous community, including a ceremonial event • Close monitoring of our local and national security threats, with regular communication with local police to assess the level of threat at the airport. New technologies are being looked at to be implemented • Pedestrian crossings at the front of the terminal are now complete • The old News Travels store in the terminal is now ready and waiting for a new tenancy • ASP Airport sponsored the Master Games in October

