

# Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Meeting Minutes

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 26 March 2025
<b>Objective</b>	Community Consultation
<b>Facilitator</b>	Rex Mooney
<b>Minute Taker</b>	Ilma Thorne
<b>Attendees</b>	Rex Mooney, Tony Schulz, Ilma Thorne, Andrew Bridges, Niki Ross, Bill Low, Eli Melki, Tamara Morgan, Tony Byrnes On Teams – Hannah Johnson, Colin Dawson, Barbara Clifford
<b>Apologies</b>	Bec Byrnes, Joseph Dhollande, Adam Gladman, Danial Rochford

Topic	Details
<b>Welcome</b> Rex Mooney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rex introduced and welcomed all to the meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Previous Minutes</b> Rex Mooney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous minutes were accepted</li> </ul>
<b>CACG Member Feedback</b> Eli Melky  Nikki Ross  Andrew Bridges  Tony Byrnes Barbara Clifford          Colin Dawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a gateway to Alice Springs ASP Town Council will be looking at what they can do to assist with the welcoming of visitors to town whether it be assistance with mowing verges or a welcoming sign. Looking for some direction from this group</li> <li>Nikki has no new issues from the community other than the usual carpark issues</li> <li>Andrew had no issues to raise from the community</li> <li>Tony had no issues from the Community</li> <li>Barbara had comments from the community that if you are too early to check in for your flight there is nowhere where you can sit at a table and work with a laptop. Tony advised that there is now a landside café with some tables that are getting used a lot</li> <li>Expressed her appreciation of the Qantas Club and the outstanding service they provide compared to other airports</li> <li>The Chamber of Commerce are going through organisational changes at present due to 3 leadership positions becoming vacant at the same time. The Executive officer position will be filled when they find the right person</li> <li>Colin advised there are still delays with luggage on arrival</li> <li>Cars being left unattended at the front of the terminal when busy. Cars double parking and clogging up entry to the taxi rank. Since the landside café has open, taxi drivers leaving cars on rank and going into the terminal. Has requested for Security Guard presence at FOH. Colin was advised to report this to MVR transport inspectors</li> <li>Colin asked about the possibility to install a shade structure for the private hire cars as there is for the taxi drivers</li> </ul>

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<b>Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development &amp; Communication</b> Bill Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rex read a letter to the group received from the Department regarding participation in the 21 CACG meetings. They intend not to attend all meeting as a matter of course</li> <li>• No one from The Department present today</li> <li>• Bill advises his role as Airport Environment Officer is to facilitate and educate all tenants how to look after the environment and ensure it is happening. Tamara has started with Bill to assist with admin</li> <li>• Cattle that have been brought onto Airport land to assist with Buffel grass management has helped a lot</li> <li>• Eli has asked the group if they were interested in getting more clarification on the reasons why the Department cannot attend our 2 meetings a year. The group agreed that a letter should be sent on the behalf of the group by the chair</li> </ul>
<b>Airservices Australia</b> Hannah Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No noise complaints for Alice Springs Airport</li> </ul>
<b>ASP Airport Managers Report</b> Tony Schulz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Term Car Park is filling up more frequently. An overflow area has been paved and will be fenced this year in preparation to accommodate the growth</li> <li>• Passenger numbers are slowly rebounding</li> <li>• Airnorth direct flights to Perth are going well and direct flights to Cairns 3 times per week begin April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a launch event for the inaugural flight</li> <li>• Waiting for bollards to arrive to go into trip hazard gaps on edges of pedestrian crossings at front of terminal</li> <li>• As sponsors for FabAlice and the ASP Cup Carnival there will be some advertising displays around the terminal</li> <li>• Keeping in touch with NT Police regarding crime in Alice Springs</li> <li>• Looking to recruit 2 grounds staff at present</li> <li>• A preventative surface treatment is scheduled to go onto the airside pavements. This will help stop them becoming brittle</li> <li>• Recent rain will bring on grass growth and insect attractants</li> <li>• The Airport will be submitting for some awards this year for the work that has been done on airfield for environment management</li> <li>• Qantas flight from Denpasar to Melbourne had a medical emergency landing in ASP early yesterday morning. The plane was on ground for an hour. While on the ground a 2<sup>nd</sup> pax needed medical attention. The whole incident was handled well by all emergency personal involved</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 1100</li> </ul>