



2017 CACG REPORT

COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP

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Chair Message



The Alice Springs Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) provides an effective platform for the airport to consult with key members of the Alice Springs community. As a regional community with approximately 28,000 people the airport is a critical piece of infrastructure. It is important for the airport to receive feedback from the community about future needs and experience. It is also important the airport provides information back to the community on the operation, development and future plans of the facility. The CACG provides a formal forum for communication to take place, complementing other vital pieces of community engagement the airport undertakes at both Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. Dave Batic, General Manager Alice Springs Airport, and his team are active members of both communities and it is pleasing to see the many and various levels of interaction undertaken.

It has been a pleasure to Chair the Alice Springs CACG during 2016/2017 and write this, the inaugural annual report. A number of initiatives are currently being developed as a result of discussions through participation and attendance of our members at our meetings. The team at Alice Springs Airport continue to work on bringing these initiatives to fruition.

My role as Chair has given me the opportunity to personally participate in a wide range of community events in both Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. It was an honour to attend the Tennant Creek commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Hudson Crash. I also enjoyed being MC at the inaugural Business Dinner giving me an opportunity to listen to direct feedback from key members of the Central Australian business community.

The annual meeting of CACG chairs is a valuable initiative the Commonwealth organises, which allows Chairs from across Australia to discuss practice, issues and experience, receive information on key government policy from senior staff. The annual meeting also provides an important communication platform for the Minister.

The Alice Springs CACG model of two scheduled meetings per year is working well. These meetings allow the community and the airport to exchange information and ideas, concerns to be raised and resolved complementing the other consultative initiatives the airport team has put in place. My attendance at the Darwin Planning Coordination Forum provides an efficient feedback mechanism for Alice Springs activity to be considered by the relevant planning authorities and vice versa.

On behalf of the CACG, I congratulate the airport on its development against the 2015 Master Plan, its 25 year Anniversary milestone of the airport terminal, the continuing display of historical information and support of community and sporting events. We look forward to learning about continued progress against the Master Plan, airport operations, development improvements, changes to facilities and sharing any noise, environmental, access or transport issues we may become aware of.

Alice Springs Airport

Alice Springs

Alice Springs is located adjacent to the Simpson Desert in the Red Centre of Australia. “The Alice” as it is affectionately known, has a population of approximately 28,000 people. The temperate climate promotes an outdoor lifestyle with significant tourism attracted by the breathtaking gorges and waterholes and abundance of native vegetation. The town is part of the Australian Government’s Solar City program with an average of 300 sunny days a year. Arts, Culture and a sense of community are strong with a diverse multicultural community and around 20% of the population being Indigenous Australians. Alice Springs is serviced by a world class community airport.



Airport Location

Alice Springs Airport is located 14 kilometres south east from the town centre with the airport and town centre separated by the MacDonnell ranges. The airport’s neighbours are made up of large cattle stations and vacant Crown land. The township is very well serviced in terms of air connectivity with services to all mainland capitals (other than Canberra) and Ayers Rock (which is approximately 450 kilometres to the west of Alice Springs).



Alice Springs Airport

Airport Overview

Alice Springs Airport covers a total site of approximately 3,550 hectares, making it the largest Australian Airport in terms of area. It has long served as the gateway to central Australia, for tourists, community, business and government. The airport also hosts a sizeable general aviation sector servicing the surrounding region and remote communities. The airport is curfew free with air traffic control operating during daylight hours (consistent with passenger aircraft schedule). The most common types of aircraft frequenting the airport are the Boeing 717 and 737, but the airport can accommodate the largest of passenger aircraft, the Airbus A380. It is interesting to note Alice Springs Airport was the first Australian domestic airport to have 100% domestic checked bag security screening.

The Alice Springs Airport Master Plan 2015 reports that aviation related activity at the airport directly employs 328 people with an additional indirect employment of 336 people. The net tourism sector impact of the airport creates about 2,100 jobs in the tourism industry and \$254 million in value-added GSP/GDP. The large general aviation sector at the airport is critical to delivery of services to Northern Territory and interstate remote communities.



Fast Facts

Year Ended 30 June	2013	2014	2015
Passengers	606,000	694,000	599,000
Landed Tonnes	233,000	252,000	230,000
Total Revenue	\$16,441,000	\$18,343,000	\$17,491,000
EBITDA	\$12,001,000	\$13,287,000	\$12,811,000
Capital Expenditure	\$2,275,000	\$2,278,000	\$2,187,000
Employees	13	14	14

Alice Springs Airport

Fast Facts

Local Population	28,000 people
Main Runway	12/30 2,438m long 45m wide
Secondary Runway	17/35 1,133m long 18m wide
Aircraft Stands	9 narrow body primary aircraft stands
Instrument Landing System	Category 1
Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting	Category 6 to 8
Refuelling	Five Jet A1 refuelling points
Main Turnaround Times	0930-1000 1130-1330 1600-1700

Airport Ownership

Alice Springs Airport is a privatised Federal Airport with a 50 year lease which commenced on 10 June 1998 with a 49 year option. Alice Springs Airport is ultimately owned by Airport Development Group Pty Ltd (ADG) who also own Darwin International and Tennant Creek Airport. ADG is proudly 100% Australian owned by IFM Investors (77.4%) and Palisade Investment Partners Limited (22.6%).

On average one in three Territorians benefit from Alice Springs Airport through returns from their superannuation funds.



CACG Membership



Tom Ganley
Chair

Tom Ganley is Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Airport Development Group, owners and operators of the Northern Territory Airports (Darwin International, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Airport). He has more than 28 years' experience in aviation, having previously held various senior finance and commercial management roles at many of Australia's major airports, including Adelaide International, Alice Springs and Darwin International. Tom is a Justice of the Peace and has a Bachelor of Accountancy and holds a Graduate Diploma in Applied Corporate Governance. Tom holds the International Airport Professional (IAP 2014 Valedictorian) post-nominal designation and fellow memberships with the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australian Institute of Management, CPA Australia and the Governance Institute of Australia.

Tom is currently a Director of the Australian Airports Association and Chairman of the Finance and Risk Committee. He is also a Council Member of the SA/NT Governance Institute of Australia; NT Committee Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors; Finance Committee Member of the Menzies School of Health Research; and Finance and Infrastructure Development Committee member with the Charles Darwin University.

Tom resides in Darwin with his wife and two young children.



Paul AhChee
Community Member

Paul Ah Chee Ngala grew up in Alice Springs. He wears many hats in the community and is well known for his involvement with the Aboriginal Australia Art and Culture Centre. He was a Director of the Alice Springs Desert Park until 2013, and most recently being appointed a Director of the Desert Knowledge Australia.

Paul is of Arrernte/Arranda descent and was born in the Adelaide Hills before moving to Alice Springs. At the age of 15, he returned to Adelaide in order to continue his education, and eventually became known as a musician, business man, and cultural entrepreneur.

Paul's main goal is to see Indigenous Australians able to be economically self-sufficient, to make choices about their future and day-to-day living. He has sat on the National Collection Australia Board, the Australian International Cultural Council Board, the Indigenous Tourism Leadership Group, the South Australian Museum Board, and the Board of the Australian Tourism Commission.

CACG Membership



Dave Batic
General Manager
Alice Springs
Airport

Dave has worked in the Defence and Civil aviation industry for over 35 years. Prior to taking up his current appointment as General Manager Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Airports, David was General Manager Aviation Operations at Townsville International Airport.

Dave is currently responsible for all aeronautical and non-aeronautical activities at Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Airports. This includes operational, commercial, property, asset maintenance and project management.

Dave holds a Bachelor of Aviation and is currently a Chartered Engineer through Engineers Australia. Other professional memberships include The Royal Aeronautical Society, The International Society of Air Safety Investigators and The Safety Institute of Australia. David is also on the National Engineering Associates Register in the discipline of Mechanical Engineering and is a RAAF Squadron Leader Aeronautical Engineer Reserve member.

As part of a senior management airport corporate development program, David completed a *Graduate Certificate in Business* through Southern Cross University as part of an *MBA* program.

Since taking up the role of General Manager Alice Springs Airport, David has been appointed as Chairman of Tourism Central Australia, Chairman of the Central Australian Chamber of Commerce, Board Director of Desert Knowledge Australia and President of the Alice Springs RSL.



Colin Dawson
Community Member

Colin Dawson is owner and operator of his own taxi, and has over 11 years on the transport industry beginning his career as control operator in 2006 – 2008. In 2010 he became the first Disabled (wheelchair Bound) Taxi driver in the Northern Territory.

Colin is currently the Manager of Combined Cabs Pty Ltd trading as Alice Springs Taxis. Colin resides in Alice Springs with his wife Emelyn and two daughters.

CACG Membership



Kay Eade
Business Member

Kay Eade is the Executive Officer for the Chamber of Commerce NT – Central Region, and has held this position since 2009. Previously she was involved with the Chamber in the capacity as committee member for several years. Kay worked for Telstra Country Wide for 9 years servicing remote and regional communities, acting as a conduit between remote customers and management.

She currently is a member of the Drugs and Alcohol Services Association Alice Springs Board, the National Pioneer of Women’s Hall of Fame Board and Foster Carers Association NT Board, as well as being involved in many local community group activities and committees.



Ken Johnson
Environment
Member

Ken moved to the Northern Territory in 1978 as a wildlife research scientist involving biological survey and conservation programs. Much of this work was done in cooperation with traditional Aboriginal land owners on their lands.

He became Regional Director of Parks and Wildlife in 1991 responsible for the southern half of the NT and also led the team that planned and developed the Alice Springs Desert Park.

In 2001 he led the early work in establishing Desert Knowledge Australia statutory corporation and led the team that planned the Desert Knowledge Precinct.

He is currently the Principal of a sole trader consultancy business, Desert Connections. He is also Chairman of the Conservation Land Corporation, a member of the Uluru Kata Tjuta NP Cultural Heritage and Scientific Consultative Committee, and a member of the Centrecorp Foundation Board.

Ken has a PhD, a Bachelor of Rural Science and holds an Order of Australia, Member in the General Division.

CACG Membership



Helen Kilgariff
Aviation Member

Helen was born in Alice Springs and has spent the majority of her life here. She is a member of a family with a reputation for community service and local knowledge.

Helen grew up in the tourism industry with her family owning the first motel in Alice Springs in the 1960's. She has been active in the industry in the last 25 years. 10 years ago she became a contractor to national airport ground handling company Aerocare. Since they have ceased operation in Alice Springs she has operated a ground handling company at Alice Springs Airport catering to fly in fly out airlines and other charter companies.

Helen is a board member of the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens and a foundation member of the Central Australian Education Foundation which raises and distributes funds to local youth to assist them with tertiary education.



Rex Mooney
Town Council
Member

Rex grew up in Long Jetty on the New South Wales Central Coast. At the age of 21, he completed his Town Clerk certificate and by the time he was 26 he became the youngest town clerk at that time. Since then Rex has held the position of Town Clerk (or Chief Executive Officer) across a variety of organisations, of various sizes including New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria.

Rex has been the CEO at Alice Springs Town Council since he started with the organisation in January 2003 and is the longest serving Town Clerk / Chief Executive Officer in Alice Springs Town Council's 40 plus year history.

Rex is married to Janet with four children and enjoys catching up with family, church activities and playing guitar in a 60's cover band, "In Tatters".

CACG Background

Context

It is Commonwealth Government Policy that privatised airports, who are subject to the *Airports Act 1996* have a Community Aviation Consultation Group, as outlined in the Aviation White Paper published in December 2009.

The Draft Guidelines issued by the Department for Infrastructure and Regional Development Transport highlight that the purpose of a Community Aviation Consultation Group is to:

- “enable airport operators, residents in the vicinity of the airport, local authorities, airport users, and other interested parties to exchange information and ideas;
- allow concerns to be raised and taken into account by the airport operator, with a genuine desire to resolve issues that may emerge; and
- complement and support the consultative requirements of the regulatory and planning framework within which the airport operates.”

The Draft Guidelines also outline the Consultation Group is “not intended to be a dispute resolution forum, nor have any executive or decision making power in relation to the airport.”

Consultation Group Role

The overall role of the Alice Springs Airport Community Consultation Group is to consult on community issues arising from Airport operations and developments. Specifically, the work of the Consultation Group will include reviewing:

- Existing and proposed Airport development and operations;
- Steps being taken to implement or develop the Airport’s Master Plan;
- Noise (including aircraft noise) and environmental issues;
- Ground transport and access issues;
- Improvements or changes to airport facilities;
- Relevant reports from Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Airservices Australia and Civil Aviation Safety Authority; and
- The contribution of the airport to the local, regional and national economy.

The role of the Consultation Group does not include resolving airport or aircraft related complaints or resolving aviation related commercial disputes.

Operating Model

The following principles/practices shall govern the internal workings of the Consultation Group:

- Positions taken by the Group are arrived at by consensus. However, that does not mean every member must agree in order for the Group to arrive at a position. Any member who wants their view recorded on a Group position is entitled to do so;
- The Group will function in a collegiate atmosphere under the guidance of the Chair; and
- Group confidentiality and external solidarity will be respected in order to be conducive to the free flow of information and frank exchange of views.

CACG Background

Member Role

All members are expected to:

- actively participate in the business of the Group including being well prepared for meetings;
- maintain external solidarity as far as possible;
- be forthright yet courteous in expressing their views;
- play a positive role in the working of the Group; and
- contribute their personal expertise to Group business.

Chair Role

The role of Chair, in addition to the expectations of all members, is to:

- provide leadership to the Group, including providing guidance to members as required;
- chair meetings and settle agendas;
- communicate externally and with the media on Consultation Group matters, including speaking publically;
- undertake stakeholder liaison on behalf of the Group between meetings as required;
- be a point of reference for the Airport between Group meetings;
- appoint members in consultation with the Airport; and
- review continued membership of a member whose conduct is disruptive to the effective working of the Group.

Secretariat

Alice Springs Airport provides the Consultation Group secretariat plus administrative and technical support to the Chair.

Meeting Frequency

The Consultation Group meets twice per year.

Record of Meetings

A Summary Record of each meeting is endorsed by Consultation Group Members and published on the Alice Springs Airport website www.alicespringsairport.com.au

Annual Report

The Chair produces an Annual Report (this report) of Consultation Group activities for the year ending 30 June each year which is provided to the to the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and also published on the Alice Springs Airport website.

CACG Background

Planning Coordination Forum (PCF)

As the current Chair of the Alice Springs Airport CACG is based in Darwin, he attends the Darwin Planning Coordination Forum, providing an update of any relevant activity from the Alice Springs CACG.

By way of background, Planning Coordination Forums are a mechanism to foster high level strategic discussions between the airport, and Commonwealth, state/territory and local government representatives to improve the coordination of planning for the airport site and surrounding areas. This forum is held three times per year.

The Government requires all major capital city leased airports to establish and maintain a Planning Coordination Forum (PCF). Other airports are encouraged to adopt this model as well. As Alice Springs and Darwin Airports are part of the same group, with both airports situated in the same jurisdiction, Alice Springs Airport activity is included in the Darwin PCF, and thereby essentially creating a Northern Territory PCF.

The purpose of PCF is to develop ongoing strategic partnerships between airport operators and Commonwealth, state/territory and local authorities. The forums allow airport and government representatives to discuss issues and exchange information on airport planning and operations and on the implications for the airport of development in the surrounding areas. Specific issues may include:

- consistency of on airport land planning schemes with relevant urban and regional planning schemes (particularly as the leased airports have a statutory obligation to address and justify any planning inconsistencies in their master plans);
- steps being taken to develop or implement the airport's master plan;
- ground transport issues including connections of on and off airport transport networks (for which detailed planning in airport master plans is also a legislative requirement);
- environmental issues arising from airport development and operations;
- on airport commercial developments and their off airport impacts;
- measures to address the impacts of airport operations, including aircraft noise;
- land use planning and development issues in the vicinity of the airport, including planning measures to safeguard airport operations; and
- briefing Government agencies on regulatory and policy developments.

2016/2017 CACG Meetings

Meetings Undertaken

	Location	Date
Alice Springs CACG Meeting	Alice Springs	8 March 2017
Alice Springs CACG Meeting	Alice Springs	9 November 2016
Chairs Meeting	Canberra	26-27 October 2016
PCF	Darwin	10 March 2017
PCF	Darwin	11 November 2016

CCAG Meeting Attendance

	9 Nov 2016 Attendee	9 Nov 2016 Apology	8 Mar 2017 Attendee	8 Mar 2017 Apology
Paul Ah Chee	→		→	
Dave Batic	→		→	
Kay Eade		→		→
Paul Baishont (Airservices)		→		→
Colin Dawson	N/A		→	
Tom Ganley	→		→	
Neil Hall (AirServices)	→		N/A	
Ken Johnson	→		→	
Helen Kilgariff	→			→
John Maxwell (DOIRD)	→		→	
Rex Mooney	→		→	
Tony Parkyn (retired)		→		N/A
Ilma Thorne (Secretariat)	→		→	
Miranda Waddell (AirServices)	N/A		→	
Chris Wallace (AirServices)	N/A		→	

2016/2017 CACG Meetings

Meeting Outcomes

Below is a summary of the highlights of each meeting. Details of each of the items can be found in the minutes which are published on the Alice Springs Airport website www.alicespringsairport.com.au

Highlights from the 9 November 2016 meeting include:

- Alice Springs Town Council innovative recycling initiatives;
- CACG Chairs Meeting outcomes;
- Airport engagement activities and passenger performance;
- Airservices efficiency measures and Alice Springs remote tower trial update; and
- Landside tour including car park and screening point and disabled parking bays.

Highlights from the 8 March 2017 meeting include:

- Outdoor seating requirement;
- Carpark shade requirement;
- Taxi drop off changes;
- Terminal air-conditioning project;
- Cattle grazing trial;
- Lighting efficiency project;
- Landside café and outdoor billboard advertising;
- Front of House security requirement; and
- Drone guidelines within the Alice Springs township and allowable operations.

Airport Community Activities

As reported in the 2015 Master Plan, Alice Springs Airport remains committed to genuine consultation with all stakeholders. During the preparation of this plan, Alice Springs Airport undertook consultation with government agencies, airlines, general aviation operators, airport businesses, the CACG and planning coordination forum members to understand the major issues. This consultation is an important part of an ongoing campaign of community engagement.

Alice Springs Airport advised the CACG during 2016/2017 of their involvement in a broad spectrum of community activities at both Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Airports. The overarching objective is to foster community engagement, however it is also about engaging with the community at a broader, grass roots level and show commitment to industry, social welfare, sporting endeavour and participation.

These have been summarised below:

30th Anniversary Masters Games



Alice Springs Airport staff with their medal haul

Alice Springs Airport Staff are members of key Alice Springs sporting and community groups. Participation at this level provides multiple avenues to engage with the community and also communicate key airport initiatives to this sector of the community. Alice Springs Airport proudly sponsored the 30th Anniversary Masters Games and was equally delighted to have our staff participate, who received a record haul of 11 medals. The Airport provided a special welcome experience for the over 3000 participants across 33 sports.

Alice Springs Airport provided Masters Games signage and advertising on its digital screens. Daryl Sommers and Dawn Fraser are patrons of the Games and meet and greet competitors on arrival at the airport. Games information is also provided by volunteers at the airport together with free drinks.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Day

Alice Springs Airport was a sponsor and provided a team to participate in the annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Day. The team used this opportunity to interact with the NT business community and local business.

Sponsorship Activities

Being a key stakeholder in the NT tourism industry, it is critical Alice Springs Airport supports the tourism industry at many levels. Alice Springs Airport was naming right sponsor for the inaugural Tourism Central Australia awards and invited airline partners and local parliamentary members to the event. Alice Springs Airport was also a sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce Customer Service Awards and Alice Springs Cup Carnival.

Airport Community Activities



Alice Springs Airport "Boat" at the Henley on Todd Regatta

The Henley on Todd is a key drawcard to central Australia and showcase event on the tourism calendar. Alice Springs Airport was an "active" sponsor of the 55th Henley on Todd and staff also participated in multiple events.

Engagement with the community also includes fundraising through grass roots activities such as chocolate sales for Ride for Disabled, hosting an airport morning tea for Australia's Biggest Morning tea and BBQ's in the airport forecourt.

General Manager, Dave Batic, is a very prominent member of the Central Australian community giving him the opportunity to engage with members of the community about airport activity. He attends the monthly Chamber of Commerce "Business at Sunset" networking functions, he has been appointed as Board Director of Desert Knowledge Australia, is the President of the Alice Springs RSL and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Central Australia.

Mr Batic has also conducted a number of formal meetings during the review period, including Meetings with:

- Shadow Minister Anthony Albanese MP;
- Minister Warren Snowden MP;
- Former Chief Minister Adam Giles MLA;
- Current Chief Minister Michael Gunner MLA;
- Minister for Tourism and Culture Lauren Moss,
- Member for Araluen Robyn Lambley MLA;
- Member for Braitling Dale Wakefield MLA;
- Member for Namatjira Chansey Paech MLA;
- Minister for Stuart Scott McConnell MLA;
- Member for Barkley Gerry McCarthy MLA;
- Assistance Minister Tony Sievers MLA;
- Mayor Damien Ryan; and
- CEO Tourism Alastair Shields.

Opening of the Molly Clark Room

In recognition of a pioneer of the Alice Springs community, the airport opened a new facility of which its very purpose is as versatile as its namesake! Named after one of the Northern Territory's most extraordinary women, Molly (O'Donnell) Clark, the facility is a multi-function room for up to twelve people available for hire for conferences, meetings and training. Featuring high-speed WIFI, an inbuilt conference table IT and multimedia capability, including a 65" wall mounted monitor/TV, and a kitchenette, the Molly Clark Room is the latest instalment at the airport offering a unique and new service for locals and visitors alike to use.

Airport Community Activities



Opening of the Molly Clark Room on 7 October 2016 with some of the Alice Springs Airport team

Molly (O'Donnell) Clark was born in Mount Barker, South Australia in December 1922. In 1955, her and her family relocated to Andado Station, around 330km South East of Alice Springs. After conquering much adversity and challenges throughout her life, Clark continued to work hard on her Station in the Northern Territory.

In 1993, she established the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame and continued to be acknowledged with accolades throughout her career, including a Brolga Award in 1995 for her achievement in tourism and the prestigious NT Chief Minister's Women's Achievements Award and in 1999.

After almost 50 years on the station and the last 30 years living on her own, Molly at the age of 84 years moved into a home in Alice Springs and eventually passed away on 23rd September 2012. She will be remembered as a great Territorian and this new facility at Alice Springs Airport will help commemorate her remarkable life in years to come.



Guest speaker Glenn Cooper at the inaugural Alice Springs Business Dinner 29 November 2016

Inaugural Alice Springs Business Dinner

The inaugural Alice Springs Business Dinner, a joint partnership between the Australian Institute of Company Directors and CPA Australia was held on 29 November 2016. Glenn Cooper, Chairperson of Cooper's Brewery, was the guest speaker for the evening. Alice Springs Airport was major sponsor hosting a table of CACG members and their partners. Tom Ganley MC'd the event which was well attended by the local business community. Dave Batic had the

opportunity to speak about the airport as part of the sponsorship.



Community Sausage Sizzle at the terminal forecourt 8 September 2016

RU OK?

Alice Springs Airport staff (General Manager Dave Batic pictured on the tongs) organised a community sausage sizzle at the terminal where passengers, staff and locals alike helped fundraise for "RU OK?" day

Airport Community Activities



Minister Warren Snowden MP unveiling the 25th anniversary plaque with General Manager Dave Batic, Robyn Lambley MLA and Mayor Damien Ryan

25th Anniversary of the Alice Springs Airport Terminal

Alice Springs Airport was delighted to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the terminal opening on 8 December 2016 with key members of the Alice Springs community including CACG members, local politicians, airline and airport staff some of whom attended the original opening by Warren Snowden MP in 1991.



Community Cancer Council Relay for Life Fundraising Event held 26 June 2016

Relay for Life

Alice Springs Airport staff registered a team in the 2016 Community Cancer Council Relay for Life fundraising event. The staff team along with their partners did an amazing job walking for the duration of the event raising funds for and awareness of cancer.



Alice Springs Airport Stand at the Central Australian Mining Expo 14-16 March 2016

Central Australian Mining Expo

Alice Springs Airport staff were keen participants in the Centralian Australian Mining Expo where they were able to provide information on the 2015 Master Plan (incorporating the Environment Strategy) and answer general queries in respect of both Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Airports to attendees. The Expo provided a real opportunity to engage with local, interstate and international businesses.

Airport Community Activities

The Territory Remembers



The Territory Remembers Poster Exhibition at Alice Springs Airport

Alice Springs played an important role in World War 2. An NT Government sponsored major event commemorating the bombing of Darwin in February 1942 and the significant mobilisation of Australian and US troops through Central Australia. 7 Mile Aerodrome and Alice Springs saw over 200,000 troops, including General Douglas MacArthur, pass through heading to or from Darwin. Alice Springs became the capital of the NT during the war years. Alice Springs Airport is extremely proud to have presented a poster exhibition in the terminal commemorating this significant anniversary and the display remains to educate the 600,000 passengers that pass through the terminal and provide

important educational resource for the Alice Springs community.

Imparja Cup



Ladeez Imparja Cup Cricket Team 8-15 May

Discounted promotional space was provided to the Northern Territory Government in support of the Imparja Cup. Alice Springs Airport were also proud sponsors of the "Ladeez" Imparja Cup cricket team raising awareness against domestic violence. A number staff attended as spectators in a show of support for the event.



Airport Community Activities

Tennant Creek Airport

Community engagement extends throughout the Central Australian region including the Barkly region. During 2016 Tennant Creek commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Hudson Crash where six souls sadly perished. The local Rotary chapter organised the commemoration with funding from the NT Government and Alice Springs Airport. CACG Chair Tom Ganley was privileged to attend the commemoration at the airport and speak. A luncheon was held following the event at the Tennant



Tennant Creek Rotarians commemorating the Hudson anniversary held 24 September 2016



Creek Memorial Club and was well attended by the Barkly community, survivors and family members.

Tom Ganley CACG Chair with local Tennant Creek Airport staff Jan Baldwin and Ian Slade



Alice Springs Airport staff at the Tennant Creek Chamber of Commerce Golf Day

Alice Springs Airport staff enjoyed interacting with the local Tennant Creek community at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Day through sponsorship and participation in this challenging event. The team also attend the popular Tennant Creek Chamber of Commerce Business at Sunset networking events.

Airport Community Activities

Tennant Creek Airport



Tennant Creek Airport Territory Remembers 75 Years

Tennant Creek Airport together with Alice Springs Airport were also honoured to be able to provide display space in both terminals for the "Territory Remembers 75 Years" a commemorative and informative of the Territory's significance in world war two.

Tennant Creek Aerodrome extract:

"Just near the town centre off Irvine St, the Tennant Creek Aerodrome was established in the late 1930s, when it became a stopover base for Guinea Airlines Darwin-Adelaide run.

Situated within the Warramungu Goldfields, major works were proposed for its upgrade in 1941, with £17,000 allocated to provide facilities for the air force. While the old strip at the Seven-Mile and a site at Cabbage Gum to the south were the preferred options for these new works, a joint Australian US Project allocated £100,000 – worth many millions in today's value - for the Tennant Creek Aerodrome instead. The upgrade was later cancelled when it was decided to build an airfield complex at Gorrie, north of Larrimah.

This effectively left Tennant Creek Aerodrome and its two new runways as an emergency landing for military aircraft. It served its purpose - during the war years a number of forced landings were made including two Spitfires and a Lockheed 14 of Guinea Airways under contract to the USAAF. At war's end, the aerodrome reverted to solely civilian use. Today it remains an important part of Territory aviation as a civilian commercial and passenger airport."

CACG Outlook for 2017

2017 Action List

There are a number of matters on the 2017 CACG horizon being undertaken by Alice Springs Airport as a direct result of the activities and discussion of the CACG including:

- Review of the Alice Springs Town Council Master Plan;
- Planting of shade trees in the short term car park;
- Installation of seating outside the front of the terminal;
- Installation of overflow car park signage;
- Tabling of feedback from NT Parks and Wildlife on the airport grazing trial;
- Tabling of outcomes from taxi stakeholders meeting; and
- Review of Civil Aviation Safety Authority drone information.

2017 Meeting Schedule

	Location	Date
Alice Springs CACG Meeting	Alice Springs	1 November 2017
CACG Chairs Meeting	Canberra	17-18 October 2017
Planning Coordination Forum (PCF)	Darwin	21 July 2017
Planning Coordination Forum (PCF)	Darwin	3 November 2017

Proposed 2017 Airport Community Activities

In line with the 2016 activities described in this report, Alice Springs Airport looks forward to completing the actions noted above, facilitating and participating in CACG and PCF meetings, continuing broader community engagement and consultation activity including:

- Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Day Alice Springs
- Alice Springs Airport Tourism Central Australia Awards
- Chamber of Commerce Customer Service Awards and Business at Sunset
- Alice Springs Cup Carnival
- Henley on Todd
- Community Event participation such as Relay for Life, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and charity chocolate sales
- General Manager participation in Desert Knowledge Australia Board Meetings, Presidency of the of the Alice Springs RSL and Chairmanship of the Chamber of Commerce Central Australia
- Meetings and briefings with State and Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers, NT Government CEO's and local council.
- Radio and television engagement, ongoing website updates and sharing information through social media channels.

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