

Parafield Airport  
Consultative Committee (PACC)  
**MINUTES**



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Date            22 February 2024  
Time            2.00PM  
Location        PAL Management Centre, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport

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**1.0 WELCOME**

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:01pm, welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians, and then proceeded with the business as set out in the agenda.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Company</b>
Paul ARGENT	The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Brenton BURMAN	Independent Chair
Andrew CHOWN	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Brenton COX	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Brett EATON	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Matt FISHER	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Tim GILL	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Taylor HICK	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Peter INALL	DITRDCA
Kym MEYS (Teams)	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
Michael PEREIRA (Teams)	City of Tea Tree Gully
Shiralee REARDON	City of Salisbury
Adam REED	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
James SANGSTER	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited (AAL/PAL)
David TOY (Teams)	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
Paul LEE	University SA Aviation

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Company</b>
Pine PIENAAR	Flight Training Adelaide (FTA)
David COWELL	Department Airport Environment Officer
John FULBROOK MP	Member for Playford

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## **2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 November 2023 were approved on 15 December 2023 and loaded onto the Airport's Website.

## **3.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**3.1** Commonwealth Sunsetting regulations update DITRDCA– ongoing item

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Correspondence In**

Apologies  
Reports

### **4.2 Correspondence Out**

Previous Minutes  
Agendas and Reports  
Advice from PIRSA regarding the Aerial Sterile Fruit Fly release 5 Feb 2024

## **5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE**

### **5.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report**

The Report was tabled and taken as read, and the following was noted:

Total Movements for the quarter are 26% lower than the prior year. Whilst landings have increased, 27% circuit activity has reduced. This can be attributed to reduced Air Traffic Control hours.

The Lyell McEwin Hospital helipad will not be operating for approximately eight months (reopening mid 2024). During this period Parafield Airport will be used as an alternative helicopter landing site for emergencies. Helicopters will land via the Eastern helipad and taxi to the hardstand area adjacent the Eastern Gate.

SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) will access helicopters via the Eastern Gate and patients will be driven to the Lyell McEwin hospital.

Airservices Australia is proposing temporary amendments to tower hours at Parafield Airport in response to operational resource constraints. These amendments are being proposed to provide improved predictability of tower services and reduce ongoing tactical amendments to hours of coverage.

### **5.2 Property Development Report**

The Report was tabled and taken as read, and the following was noted:

PAL Development Approval and Building Approval has been provided for the Construction of a Childcare facility on a site of approximately 3,000sqm adjoining the soccer pitch at Parafield Airport. The site was handed over in September to the developer and works are progressing well with roof and external walls complete.

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### **5.3 Environment Report**

The Report was tabled and taken as read, and the following was noted:

- DITRDCA have commenced their next round of investigations at both Adelaide at Parafield, with site inspections carried out with their lead site contamination consultant as well as the independent site contamination auditor selected to oversee the work. Further information has been requested from the Department to be provided by AAL to progress their Sampling Analysis and Quality Plan for the project.
- Parafield Airport staff took part in a Foodbank mobile hub conducted at Seventh Day Adventist Church in Brahma Lodge.
- There were 2 confirmed strikes reported during the quarter, with both occurring in January. On-airport wildlife hazard monitoring continues to be undertaken by a consultant ornithologist in conjunction with Airport Operations.

### **5.4 Technical Working Group (PATWG)**

The Group met prior to the meeting and discussed a number of items including aviation movements, tower hours, the Parafield Masterplan, noise contours and the new Fly Neighbourly updated brochure.

### **5.5 Parafield Airport Master Plan**

A comprehensive Report was provided and is attached to the minutes.

It was noted, the Parafield Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2024 (PDMP) was released for public comment on 6 January 2024 and will run through until 4 April 2024 (60 business days).

As part of the Master Plan process:

- The PDMP was advertised in the Advertiser on Saturday 6 January 2024, providing details on public open days, where the PDMP can be viewed and invited the public to provide formal comment.
- PDMP details were made available on the Parafield Airport (PAL) website and included the document, supporting summary and factsheets and an updated Community brochure.
- A copy of the PDMP was made available for viewing by the public at the PAL office (inspection and purchase) and AAL office and City of Salisbury (inspection only).
- Three public Open Days have been arranged commencing early February 2024 with two arranged at the PAL Management Centre (7 February and 6 March) and one at the City of Salisbury (29 February).

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The *Parafield Airport Forecast Economic Development and Growth Report* was outlined to the Committee. It noted that Parafield Airport:

- Has been operating as a training airport since 1927
- Over 90% of current movements relate to pilot training
- Has a 99-year Federal lease, expiring in 2097,
- Covers 433 hectares
- Third busiest airport in Australia
- Contributes \$354.8M to Gross State Product
- Forecasted to grow to 3,342 direct full-time jobs by 2043

## **6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE**

### **6.1 Department of Infrastructure Report**

The Department provided a detailed Report which is attached to the minutes.

The Report was tabled and taken as read, and the following was noted:

For the period October through to December 2023, numbers of Curfew Dispensations and Movements were slightly higher than the previous quarter.

In addition to inviting submissions on the Aviation Green Paper the Department undertook 12 weeks of consultation on the Aviation Green Paper following its release on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This included 22 roundtable sessions which were attended by 283 individuals from 164 organisations from across the aviation sector.

Consultation on the Green Paper will inform the development of the Aviation White Paper, which is expected to be released in mid-2024.

### **6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport Report**

No report

### **6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Update**

The Report was tabled and taken as read, and the following was noted:

Traffic has been stable with the notable exception of Christmas Day where there was a dip in traffic. 23 people made 181 complaints over the quarter.

### **6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report**

No report

### **6.5 Flight Training Adelaide and University of South Australia Report**

No report

### **6.6 Bruce Hartwig Flying School Report**

No report

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**7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNEMENT REPORTS**

**7.1 Planning Coordination Forum Report**

It was noted that the PCF met last week with a MRTOP project presentation provided and discussion around the Parafield Airport Master Plan.

**7.2 City of Salisbury Report**

No report

**7.3 City of Tea Tree Gully Report**

No report

**7.4 City of Port Adelaide Enfield Report**

No report

**8.0 OTHER/ NEW BUSINESS**

Nil

**9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**10.0 MEETING CLOSE**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.58pm

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 2pm, Thursday 23 May 2024 at PAL Management Centre, Tigermoth Lane, Parafield Airport.

# **Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Update**

## **Parafield Airport Consultation Committee (PACC)**

*22 February 2024*

*2:00pm-3:00pm*

### **Internal movements**

- We have had some internal changes within the Airports Branch, Domestic Aviation Reform Division since we last met:
- Phil McClure has taken long-term leave and Sarah Nattey will now be in the role of Assistant Secretary, Airports Branch.
- Paul is moving to take up the Director role in the Airports Law Design Section, looking after the sunseting task.
- Along with this, Paul will have regulatory responsibility for Adelaide, Parafield, Darwin, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek airports. I will be moving with Paul with responsibility for the airports.
- Curfews and noise will remain with the former South West, ACT and NSW Airports and Noise Section.

### **Aviation White Paper**

- The Aviation Green Paper was released on 7 September 2023 and outlines the key challenges and opportunities for the sector.
- Submissions on the Green Paper closed on 30 November 2023.
- In addition to inviting submissions on the Green Paper, the Department undertook 12 weeks of consultation on the Aviation Green Paper following its release on 7 September 2023.
- This included 22 roundtable sessions which were attended by 283 individuals from 164 organisations from across the aviation sector. In-person roundtables were held in Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Melbourne, supported by 16 thematic virtual sessions.
- Included in the virtual sessions was a disability access specific session, jointly hosted by the Hon Minister Catherine King MP and the Hon Minister Amanda Rishworth MP, Minister for Social Services.
- Roundtable sessions were supported by additional State and Territory engagement and industry bilateral meetings held during the consultation window.
- The department received over 2000 submissions on the issues raised in the Aviation Green Paper, from more than 200 organisations and over 1,800 members of the public.
- Consultation on the Green Paper will inform the development of the Aviation White Paper, which is expected to be released in mid-2024.

### **Jet Zero and Sustainable Aviation Fuel**

- The Australian Government established the Australian Jet Zero Council (the Council) to inform the development of policy settings to encourage emissions reduction in the aviation industry.

- The Council brings together representatives from across the aviation sector and its supply chains to promote, mobilise and galvanise industry efforts to decarbonise aviation. It includes a seat for airports, which is currently held by Brisbane Airport Corporation, and is up for rotation later this year.
- The Council met on 15 August 2023 at Brisbane Airport, and 12 December 2023 at Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. It has agreed on a work plan to guide the Council's work over its first two years.
- Under the workplan, Brisbane Airport Corporation is responsible for progressing advice on identifying and promulgating better decarbonisation practices at airports.
- The work plan includes a focus on sustainable aviation fuels and identifying best practice approaches to reducing emissions from airlines and airports. The full workplan is available at the Council's website at: [www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/australian-jet-zero-council](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/australian-jet-zero-council).

### **National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG)**

- NASAG comprises of State and Territory planning and transport departments, the Department of Defence, CASA, Airservices Australia and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
- An Implementation Review (the 2019 Review) of the National Airport Safeguarding Framework (NASF) was undertaken in 2019. NASAG continues to discuss future work associated with implementing the recommendations of the 2019 Review including, the recommendation for State/Territory governments implement the Principles and Guidelines of NASF in their State/Territory planning regimes by 2027.
- The last NASAG meeting was held on 8 November 2023 in Canberra. Outcomes of this meeting included:
- NASF Guideline C (wildlife hazard management) review was finalised. A copy of the updated Guideline C is available on our website <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/nasf>.
- The review of NASF Guideline B (windshear) was finalised with no updates. A future review of Guideline B may occur once new/further data becomes available.
- NASF Guideline D (windfarms) review to continue to be included in NASAG's Forward Work Plan.
- NASAG will have regard to the airport development planning processes outlined in the Aviation Green Paper and the upcoming Aviation White Paper, expected to be released mid this year.
- The next NASAG meeting is expected to be held in April 2024 in Victoria.

### **Sunset Regulations**

- Since we last met:
  - Regulations to replace the Airports Regulations 1996 and the Airports (Ownership-Interests and Shares) Regulations 1996 are ready to be made in early 2024 and to commence on 1 April 2024.
  - Consultation on an exposure draft was published on the department's website from 6 September to 9 October and has now closed. We thank those who provided feedback.
  - We will share these instruments once they are made.

- The Department is currently working with Office of Parliamentary Council to redraft the Airports (Control of On-Airport Activities) Regulations 1997.
- The regulations focus on Commonwealth responsibilities for on-airport activities such as liquor supply and consumption, smoking, gambling, commercial trading and parking.
- Further advice on next steps and consultation will be shared soon.
- Policy development is underway for reforms to other regulations under the Airports Act, which include reviews of building controls, and protection of airspace.
- Drafting is underway to replace the Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997 and we expect an exposure draft to be ready in mid-late 2024 for public consultation.
- Input provided by stakeholders as part of the Department's sunseting reviews has and will be passed on for consideration as part of the Aviation White Paper Process.

### **PFAS 2021 Budget measure**

- The Department has completed Preliminary Site Investigations (PSIs) at Parafield Airport.
- The next stage of the PFAS Program works is underway, with a Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) planned at each site. As part of these continuing works, site visits were undertaken in October 2023.
- A Hydrogeological Conceptual Site Model (HCSM) has been drafted for Parafield Airport.
- A Sampling Analysis and Quality Plan (SAQP) for Parafield Airport is under development.



# Forecast Economic Development and Growth at Parafield Airport

Parafield Airport Consultative  
Committee Meeting  
22 February 2024

Tom Ganley  
EGM Parafield Airport



# Brief History

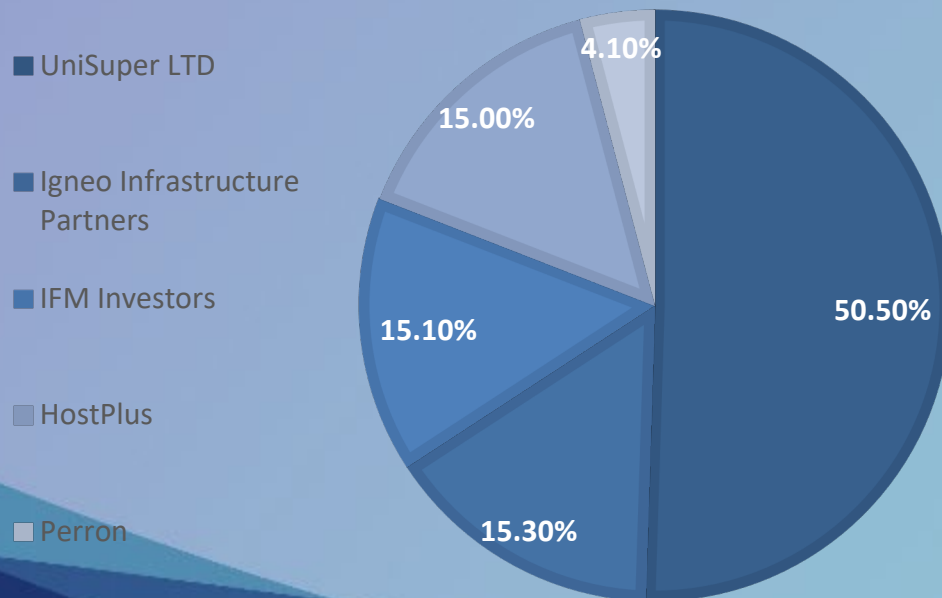
- Training Airport since 1927
- Passengers flying to PER, MEL, SYD by 1936
- RAAF Elementary Flying Training School 1939
- Air Traffic Control Tower built 1939
- TAA operations 1946
- HM Queen Elizabeth II first Australian Tour 1954
- Adelaide Airport until 1955
- Australian Aviation College 1983
- Uni SA and Flinders University Training Facility
- Govt Bus Enterprise 1989 (FAC) / Privatised 1998



# Ownership

- Subsidiary of Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
- Established May 1998
- 99 year Federal Lease (2097 expiry)

## SHAREHOLDERS



50.5%

*UniSuper is one of Australia's largest superannuation funds with close to A\$110 billion in net funds under management*



15.0%

*Following its merger with Statewide Super in April 2022, Hostplus has grown to be one of the largest super funds in Australia with more than \$81.0 billion in funds under management*



15.3%

*Igneo Infrastructure Partners is a part of First Sentier Investors, a global investment manager with over A\$217 billion in assets under management*



15.1%

*IFM Investors is a global fund manager with over A\$199 billion in funds under management*



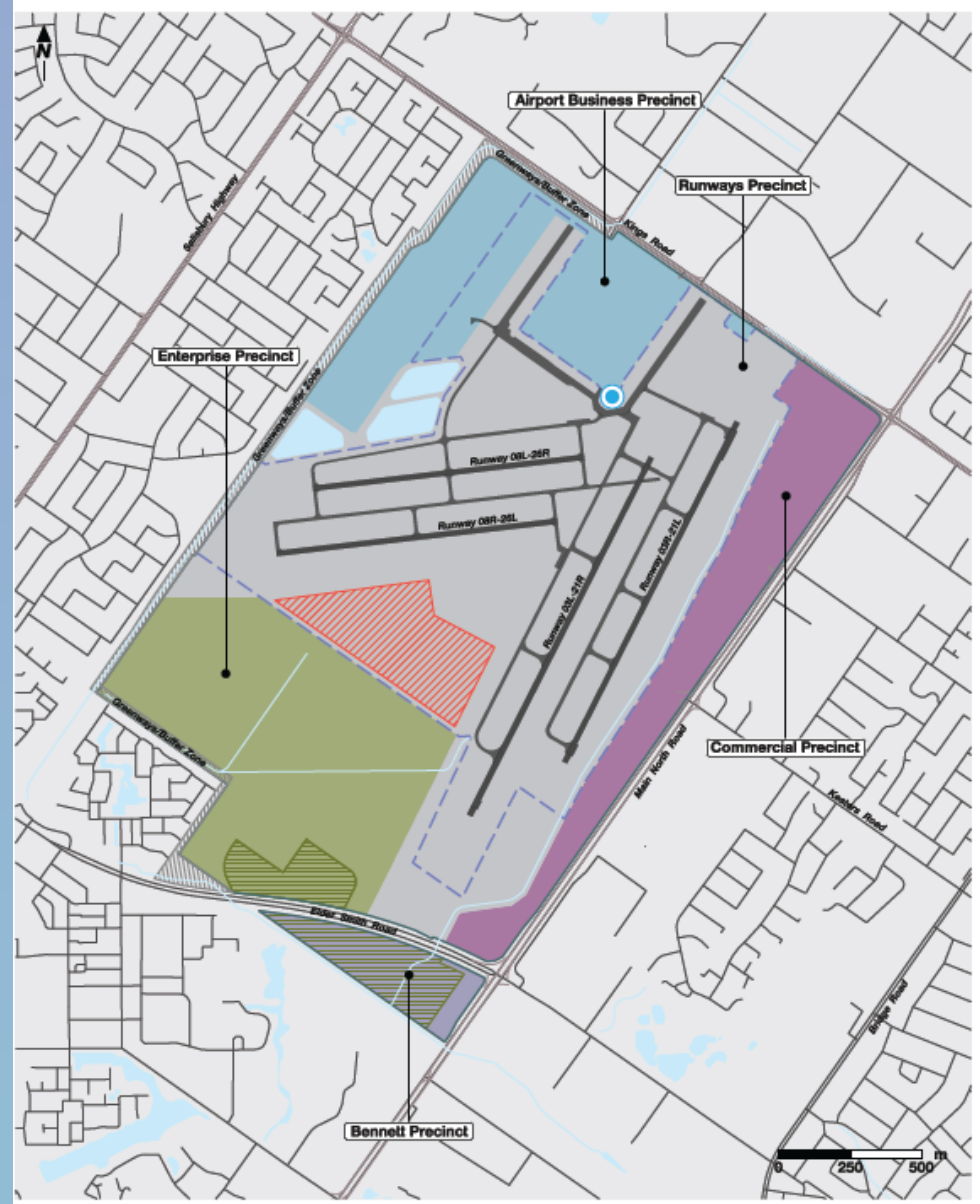
4.1%

*Perron Group is a substantially privately owned Perth-based group of companies whose main business is property investments*

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# Facilities / Location

- 433 ha site / 5 Precincts
  - Runways 222 ha
  - Airport Business 68 ha
  - Commercial 48 ha
  - Bennett 13 ha
  - Enterprise 82 ha
- Operates 24/7
- 4 Runways (one lit)
- 9 Flight Training Schools
- Charter Operations
- 103 Businesses on site
- 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest airport in Aus



# Economic Profile

- PAL plays an essential role in the economic prosperity and development of Northern Adelaide and SA through employment and value added production
  - Supports 1,670 jobs in the Northern Adelaide Region
  - Contributes \$216.9M to Gross Regional Product
  - Supports 2,570 jobs in South Australia
  - Contributes \$354.8M to Gross State Product
- Hudson Howell Socio Economic Assessment February 2023

- **2043 Forecasts**
  - \$740M contribution to GSP
  - 3,342 direct full time jobs
  - 6,877 Total Jobs





# Future Growth

Employment Breakdown	2022	2031	2049
Airport Business District	622	786	1,340
Commercial / Enterprise	627	977	2,002
Total Direct Airport Employment	1,249	1,763	3,342
Induced Airport Employment	1,321	1,864	3,535
Total Airport Employment	2,570	3,627	6,877

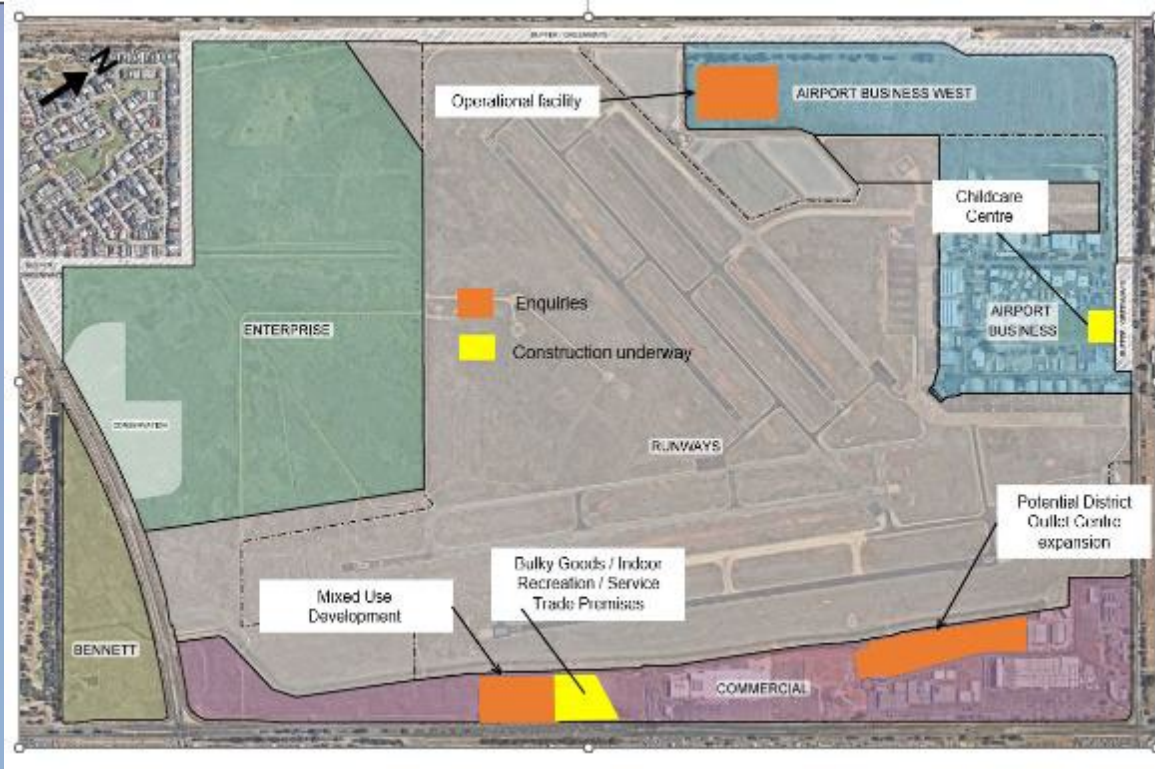


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# Current Developments

- Childcare Facility
  - Opening July 2023
  - 3,000 sqm site
  - Up to 130 children
- OTR (District Outlet)
  - 2,500 sqm site
  - Inc EV charging
- Parafield Service Centre Stage 2
  - 6,000 sqm built form
  - August 2024 Practical Completion
  - Bulky Goods
  - Repco, MyCar, Petbarn, Toymate
  - Revo Fitness
- Men's Shed
  - Steel Framed Workshop



# Aviation Growth

Aircraft Movements	2019 (pre Covid)	2022 actual	2031 forecast	2049 forecast	CAGR 22-2043
Fixed Wing Aircraft Movements	256,804	209,038	270,038	329,068	2.2%
Helicopter Movements	12,740	10,074	11,902	13,278	1.3%
Total Aircraft Movements	269,544	219,112	282,799	342,346	2.1%

- Aircraft forecasts were prepared by Tourism Futures International (TFI)
- Flying schools returned to normal student capacity and training Jan 2023
- Boeing forecasts 602,000 pilots needed to 2041 with Australia / SA to benefit from this growth over next decade
- Electric / Hybrid aircraft types could be 17% of movements in 2031 to 69% in 2043
- There are still many challenges to overcome for electric aircraft to be viable for general aviation operations



# Flight Training



- PAL is regarded as South Australia's premier general aviation airport and a world standard pilot training airport
- Over 90 % of current movements relate to pilot training
- 9 Flight Schools on Airport
- Nearly 300 students resident on site at one school
- Key employer, economic generator and export



# 2024 Preliminary Draft Master Plan

- Your feedback is important to the development of the Plan
- The Preliminary Draft is available for public review and comment until 5pm Thursday 4 April 2024
- View a copy at [www.parafieldairport.com.au/masterplan](http://www.parafieldairport.com.au/masterplan) or 18 Tigermoth Lane or City of Salisbury 34 Church Street
- Make a submission:
  - [palmasterplan2024@aal.com.au](mailto:palmasterplan2024@aal.com.au)
  - 18 Tigermoth Lane PARAFIELD AIRPORT SA 5106
- All submissions provided to the Commonwealth (with issues considered prior to lodgment with Minister)
- Attend an open day
  - 29 February 2024 1600 – 1900 @ City of Salisbury 34 Church Street
  - 6 March 2024 1330 – 1630 @ PAL Management 18 Tigermoth Lane

# Summary

- **What is next for the economic development and growth at Parafield Airport?**
  - Doubling of employment
  - Doubling of GSP contribution
  - Enterprise Precinct 82 ha Development
  - Commercial Precinct Completion
  - 2.1% Aviation Movement Growth
  - Electric / Hybrid Technology Development



# Discussion

