

# Parafield Airport Consultative Committee (PACC) Minutes of Meeting



**Date:** Thursday 21 May 2020

**Starting time:** 2:00pm

**Location:** Teleconference

## 1.0 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 1406 hrs and welcomed those present. Some technical issues with the telecommunications line capacity were experienced at the start of the meeting limiting the ability of airport staff members to attend the teleconference.

## 2.0 Attendance

<b>Present</b>	<b>Company</b>
Russell Synnot – Chair	Synnot & Wilkinson
Mark Young	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Kym Meys	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Rob Kaftan	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Alicia Bickmore	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Jamie Sangster	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Matthew Eygenraam	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Sue Trussell	Adelaide/ Parafield Airport Limited
Robin Coleman	City of Tea Tree Gully
Juergen Ruppert	Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)
Grant Mules	Flight Training Adelaide
Peter Jansen	City of Salisbury
Sarah Tink	Department of Infrastructure
Michael Brown MP	State Member for Playford
Blair Boyer MP	State Member for Wright
Alby Goodsell	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Jennifer Grimwade	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO)

## 3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2020

Moved Robin Coleman and Seconded Sue Trussell - the notes of the 20 February 2020 meeting be adopted and carried.

## 4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

### 4.1 Correspondence In:

- Reports
- Email from residents

### 4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes and Agendas
- Responses to resident's enquiries

## **5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 Update Report on PFAS Monitoring Program Results**

Monitoring has been conducted for 3 wells west of the airport boundary and the results show 2 wells have PFAS concentrations just above the drinking water guideline. 2 more wells have been installed, West of Salisbury Highway. The Committee will be updated once the results have been received for these 2 new wells.

### **5.2 The Commonwealth Department - Sun-Setting Regulations**

The Department's focus has shifted towards managing their response to COVID-19. Subsequently, the Sun-Setting work has been put on hold. However, as the Department is moving out of the initial response stage, a re-focus back to business-as-usual items will occur.

### **5.3 Fly Friendly Program**

Please refer item 6.1.

### **5.4 Update on the flight movements study**

Please refer item 6.1.

### **5.5 Notification to new property owners**

The City of Salisbury has been using a new notification form (Section 7 Notice) for all new property sales. A copy of the notice is attached.

### **5.6 Outcomes of the review of the Ground Running Policy**

An investigation was undertaken to select the most suitable location. The only change to note is the hours: 8am Saturdays and 9am Sundays and public holidays. This item is still in progress and will be submitted with CASA. A copy of the policy is attached (please note the line next to text denotes a recent change made to the document).

## **6.0 AIRPORT UPDATE**

**6.1 Parafield Airport Limited (PAL) Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

### COVID-19 Update

The impact of COVID-19 has been felt in most areas of the Aviation industry. Much of AAL's operations are now closed or functioning in only a limited way. There are no international services operating outside of repatriation flights, and our domestic and regional numbers are down by 97 per cent. As a result, our revenue has significantly reduced. It was noted that FTA are still flying but COVID-19 will impact FTA international students as students aren't able to travel to Australia. The impact on Airlines due to COVID-19 has a direct effect on FTA which will reduce student's numbers at FTA for the next few years.

### Fly Friendly Program

The City of Salisbury requested a review of the Fly Friendly Program last year. PAL engaged with the flying schools. A number of variables needed to be considered when making any changes to the Fly Friendly Program. It was noted that any reduction in Circuit Training Hours agreed under the voluntary Fly Friendly Program was unlikely to change. Where possible, the major provider will limit training hours on sensitive days and continue wherever possible to cease Circuit Training at 10.00pm on weekdays. FTA's CEO is amenable to sharing of information to facilitate greater community messaging, noting they are happy to explore options to facilitate more community understanding of the business (public tours, flights, etc). PAL will continue to work with FTA and the other schools at the airport to try to minimise aircraft noise impacts on residents and review compliance with the Fly Friendly Program.

FTA have tried to reduce operations at PAL by looking at options at Murray Bridge, Port Lincoln and Wellcamp. Murray Bridge and Port Lincoln weren't suitable for a number of reasons. Some operations will move to Wellcamp (QLD) in late 2020. Wellcamp has been up and running for the last 12 months. Students from India will go straight to Wellcamp rather than Adelaide. A number of instructors, students and aircraft will be relocated from Parafield to Wellcamp.

**6.2 Property Development Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: The Property Department's focus has been dealing with the impact COVID-19 has had on tenants and looking after the various requests of stakeholders. It was noted that the current environment was placing significant pressure on the airport, its operators, tenants and broader stakeholders.

**6.3 Environment Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read.

**6.4 Technical Working Group (PATWG)** – A number of items were discussed at the last meeting including the impact of COVID-19 and the Fly Friendly Program. It was noted that due to COVID-19 the tower operating hours have changed, the start and finish time have been reduced by an hour. The Group were looking at widening the aircraft parking on the Eastern apron but a review was conducted it was noted this wasn't possible. A number of items which the Group would normally discuss have now be placed on hold due to COVID-19.

## **7.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE**

**7.1 Department of Infrastructure** – The Department have been busy in the initial response to COVID-19 which includes supporting the aviation sector during the COVID-19 crisis. Over a billion dollars' worth of packages are available to the aviation industry which have all been administered through the Department. Some include repatriation flights, subsidising domestic networks (ensuring essential travellers can travel) and fuel and security rebates. Lease implications are under review, an example is at Sydney Airport where a runway has had to be closed to assist with aircraft parking. The Department have also been providing advice to the Government on the Virgin Australia situation and also providing resources to Services Australia (Centrelink). A number of matters have needed to be parked but items such as Master Plans, Major Development Plans and building applications are still current. It was noted it is a very busy and challenging time.

A question was asked about Government funding for Airports (similar to Airlines). It was noted the Department have considered but isn't aware of any support packages available to airports.

**7.2 State Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Report** – It was noted this would be Juergen Ruppert's last meeting as the State Department have restructured and no aviation role is considered necessary anymore. The Chair thanked Juergen for his time and commitment to this Committee.

## **7.3 AirServices Australia (ASA) Report –**

### COVID-19 Update

ASA have entered into a new way of working and have implemented strict protocols as social distancing is hard to do in close quarters. ASA teams have their own toilets and kitchen and anyone showing flu/COVID symptoms can only return to work once a negative test is shown. Those who aren't required in the office are working from home. ASA have experienced a significant reduction in revenue and are reviewing all expenditure.

### Noise complaints

Due to the working from home arrangements, the noise complaint phone number (NCIS) has been discontinued as calls aren't able to be recorded from home. While capital city airport complainant numbers have decreased, complainant numbers from GA Airports have increased greatly across Australia as more people work from home. NCIS has suggested that airports advise their local training schools to be mindful of minimising noise over residential areas.

Fifty-eight individual complainants have been recorded (year to date). These related to timing of training/ or other airspace activity after 11pm or early in the morning, circuit training and also noise on the Australia Day Public Holiday. ASA has been working with CASA as a number of concerns were raised about enforcing social distancing in a cockpit environment. It was noted that the cockpit is technically a work environment.

### Draft Flight Path Design Principles

ASA plan to release the Final Principles and supporting documentation for a public comment period from 29 May 2020.

A detailed AirServices online noise reporting can be accessed here

<http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/airports/>

The method to lodge a complaint or make an enquiry about aircraft noise or operations with AirServices Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS) were noted:

- directly via **WebTrak** - [www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/webtrak/](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/webtrak/)
- using AirServices **online form** – [www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/about-making-a-complaint/how-to-make-a-complaint/](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/aircraftnoise/about-making-a-complaint/how-to-make-a-complaint/)
- by **calling** 1800 802 584 (freecall) (Due to COVID-19 this number isn't available) The hotline is staffed Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, from 9 am-5 pm Sydney time.
- by **fax** (02) 9556 6641 or
- by **mail** –  
Noise Complaints and Information Service  
PO Box 211, Mascot NSW 1460

**7.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report** – It was noted a new ANO has been appointed - Mr Kieran Pehm.

**7.5 Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) / Uni SA Aviation Academy Report** – Nothing to report.

**7.6 Bruce Hartwig Flying School Report** – Nothing to report.

## **8.1 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**8.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum (PCF) Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: The Adelaide Airport Master Plan was approved on 2 March 2020 and is now available on the [Adelaide Airport website](#).

The submission PAL and AAL provided on the Planning and Design Code was discussed which included expanding the Facilities Zone to include a wide range of activities that are not necessarily aviation and defence related. The Forum discussed a reasonably substantial area surrounding the airport has the potential for density increase and the Airport suggested that this needs to be carefully analysed to ensure that there is no significant increase in housing in potentially sensitive locations. AAL supports the inclusion of actual Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) for Adelaide and Parafield Airports, but suggested that the referral process be further streamlined. A number of the Code Overlays spatially cover Parafield

Airport. Given these airports are Commonwealth facilities, such overlays do not apply (i.e. Advertising Near Signalised Intersections, Regulated Trees, etc.).

The Chair of the PCF has transitioned. After 12-13 years Brenton Burman will transition the role of Chair the PCF to Kym Meys, the Airports Planning and Infrastructure Executive General Manager. Brenton was acknowledged for his dedication to the Forum and strong contribution over many years and will still remain a valued member of the Forum. This is a natural succession of the role but due to COVID-19 has been brought forward.

**8.2 City of Salisbury** – Nothing to report.

**8.3 City of Tea Tree Gully** – Nothing to report.

#### **8.0 OTHER / NEW BUISNESS –**

DPTI are acquiring a portion of land on the corner of Kings McIntyre Road and Main North Road for road widening of that intersection. Negotiations are underway and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **9.0 PRESENTATIONS**

##### **9.1 PFAS Update**

Please refer 5.1

##### **10.3 Update on the flight movements study**

Please refer item 6.4.

#### **10.0 ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- 10.1 Update Report on PFAS Monitoring Program Results
- 10.2 Commonwealth Sun-Setting regulations – ongoing item
- 10.3 Update on the flight movements study
- 10.4 Notification to new property owners
- 10.5 Outcomes of the review of the Ground Running Policy
- 10.6 Road widening - Kings McIntyre Road and Main North Road - PAL

**Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 20 August 2020

**Meeting Closed** – 2:52pm