

MELBOURNE AIRPORT



COMMUNITY AVIATION CONSULTATION GROUP (CACG)

Meeting minutes — Tuesday 22 November 2022, 10am-1pm

Quest Melbourne Airport

Present

Name	Representing	Location-Role
Kim Jordan		Independent Chair
David Cleland	Community	Greenvale
Susan Jennison	Community	Community
Henry Lam	Community	Sydenham
Maggie Baron	Community	Kensington
Fonda Zahopoulos	Community	Moonee Ponds
Michael Canny	Community	Business owner
Matt Faubel	Community	East Melbourne
Steve Finlay	Melton City Council	Statutory Planning Coordinator
Petrus Barry	City of Moonee Valley	Manager Planning and Building
Laura Brannigan	Melbourne Airport	Head of Master Planning
Natali Klasevski	Melbourne Airport	Government Relations Manager
Peter Parsons	Melbourne Airport	Program Director Airfield
Monika Schott	Melbourne Airport	Engagement Manager

Apologies

Name	Representing	Location-Role
Margaret Giudice	Community	Keilor Downs
Fred Ackerman	Community	Taylors Lakes
Jane Waldock	Community	Northcote
Michael Joost	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts	Assistant Director, Vic/Tas Airports and Economic Regulation, Domestic Aviation and Reform Division
Liz Beattie	Victorian Trades Hall Council	Trades Hall project officer
Justin Burgess	Brimbank City Council	Strategic Planning Coordinator

Name	Representing	Location-Role
Irene Stokes	Community	Keilor
Jim Laussen	Community	School Principal
Adrian Turner	Airservices	Air Traffic Controller
Stephen Pykett	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Manager Economic Development and Visitor Economy
Andrew Lund	Melbourne Airport	Head Communication and Engagement
Jai McDermott	Melbourne Airport	Chief Ground Transport, Planning, Public Affairs & Sustainability

1. Introduction

Kim welcomed and thanked all for attending the meeting in person, including Tim for making it instead of having to call in from engagement in Tasmania, and Maggie online due to her injury.

Kim acknowledged the Traditional Owners of Country and paid our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Apologies

As above

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Circulated 29 August— accepted

4. Update on action items

Ground transport will be briefly covered in the presentation today and more fully next meeting

Aircraft in your neighbourhood will be covered in Tim's report

Peter Parsons will cover asphalt

Consultation on white paper covered in Michael's presentation

Susan would like more information on the East-West runway and extra use of North-South

5. Airport Updates

A. Melbourne Airport operations update, Laura Brannigan

Minister King approved the Master Plan (MP) last week. APAM is very pleased at the significant achievement.

Minister King asks APAM to provide more information and make minor editorial change around disability access and scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas emissions. The Minister expects APAM to:

- be responsive to community concerns in its planning for the third runway to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding communities

- continue its ongoing engagement with all relevant government, industry and community stakeholders to ensure the draft Major Development Plan (dMDP) addresses all requirements under the Act
- determine specific actions to increase disability access to the airport.

The new north south runway direction is now endorsed through the MP.

Minor changes are being made to the dMDP and the supplementary report on third runway is being completed before presenting it to the Minister in the first quarter of 2023. Final approval is expected by June 2023.

Melbourne Airport hosted the 151st International Air Transport Association (IATA) slot conference where airlines are 'slotted' into arrival and departure schedules. Great opportunity to promote Melbourne, Victoria and Australia internationally. Last event held at MCG with Formula 1 car.

APAM has been working with Airservices and EnviroSuite to procure noise monitors in Bulla, Keilor and Brimbank. APAM will install noise monitors to better understand existing noise.

Important to place these monitors where communities want them while also being sure they can provide credible results. Airservices commended the Airport for installing them and working collaboratively.

Question: Will the noise monitors be moved around to different locations?

Monitors need to be in place for 12 months so they can record data over a reasonable period.

Ongoing discussion on the design of the proposed airport rail station continues between APAM and Rail Projects Victoria (RPV). Major difference is that RPV wants an above ground station whereas APAM wants a below ground station for a better, world-class passenger experience. Agreement to continue working together to secure a federal approval of an MDP. A new station will be located at Keilor East. The Suburban Rail Loop will travel through Sunshine to the airport. Overhead power lines to be relocated and many other preparatory works to be completed.

Question: Are both parties happy with the proposed design?

- Still some details to be agreed upon. About 90 per cent determined and finished. Location of the station still to be determined. The government's preference for a station above ground will see it about 30 metres high.

Question: How do people get from the station to the airport? How do elderly and with mobility needs get round? Need weather protection.

- These are part of final negotiations.

Minister King is highlighting the need for disability access. Heritage infrastructure, e.g., the trestle bridge, needs protection also.

Passenger numbers improving, figures are better than forecast post Covid. Domestic is up by 1,282 per cent and international up by 2,603 per cent for this period compared to 21/22 financial year. Numbers are returning sooner than forecasted for mid-2024.

Compared with 2019 numbers, international passenger numbers are up 63 per cent and domestic, 83 per cent.

Question: Henry asked about the process for engaging translators.

- APAM uses two agencies to produce written translations of material. As yet, no submissions have been received other than in English.

Susan spoke about the growing community depression in Keilor about the future as the third runway is built.

Need to continue making community aware and informing them about what we're doing and the impacts, so they can make informed decisions. APAM understands the sense of urgency but also notes the period is 6-8 years so there is time for people to learn more and consider their options. APAM is creating engagement opportunities for people to connect with APAM, and the team is going out to communities.

Earliest approval of dMDP is in Quarter 2 in 2023. Once it is approved, detailed design of the third runway will begin, leading into a construction period of 4-6 years. Depending on construction works occurring across the state and demand for resources (people and commodities), a timeline cannot yet be predicted.

Air space design will take 2-4 years, then we submit approved concepts for flight paths with Airservices.

Kim suggested inviting an academic to speak about social outcomes of a new runway to CACG, to help better understand those, particularly since individuals feel impacts differently. Perhaps a case study can be presented?

Natali noted QUT or University of Queensland has a partnership with Brisbane Airport on social impacts, studies may exist on that?

B. Community update, Dr Monika Schott

Community pop ups held at Taylors Lakes Lions Festival (October) and Djerriwarrh Festival, Melton (November). Further pop ups to come at Sunbury Road aircraft viewing area (December), Midsumma Festival, Melbourne (January 2023) and Sunbury Road aircraft viewing area (March).

Further community pop ups to be developed every 6-8 weeks. Keen to hear any suggestions on festivals APAM should attend in 2023. The following were suggested:

- Lincoln Park Farmers Market in Essendon
- Moonee Valley Festival Queens Park
- Petrus offered to speak to the Moonee Valley communication team
- School fetes
- Scottish Market Festival - Overnewton College
- Overnewton Country Fair (March)

The second newsletter is being produced and will be distributed to almost 1.1 million mailboxes 12-23 December.

Jobs fairs being delivered in Hume and Brimbank; Melton, Moonee Valley and others to come.

Developing various community partnerships, such as with Foodbank Victoria to help feed families in need across the state. APAM is providing financial support and employees to volunteer to help package and distribute food in Melbourne's northern and western suburbs.

Also developing a partnership with Greening the West to help plant trees in the Hume and Brimbank LGAs. Greening the West focuses on urban greening by doubling tree canopy cover by 2050.

Susan commented that it is important for the community to know about the history of area, including the grasslands, when greening programs are planned.

APAM hosting a Jobs-Education information session, with around 30 people from the education and jobs sector coming to the airport to hear about the airport's jobs needs in the short and long term as construction projects ramp up – elevated roads, rail and the third runway.

Information is translated into 11 most spoken languages around the airport and uploaded onto the airport's translation hub, such as the fact sheet and community newsletter.

Question: What kind of jobs are at the airport?

- Various from around airport: security, parking, retail, hospitality, engineers, trades such as electricians, plumbers, and more.

People working airside at the airport require an ASIC pass, which can be difficult to process. For example, some immigrants who are good candidates have trouble meeting federal security clearance requirements. One requirement is for police checks from every country they've been in, which can be impossible to provide for refugees or people who've come from unstable regions.

Opportunity exists to discuss this issue through the aviation white paper and other white paper skills and employment. APAM will be advocating for changes. Important for us given our migrant community surrounding the airport. Current federal security laws are curtailing good candidates from around the airport to get jobs.

In the short term, landside, parking, security and retail are quick wins on jobs.

Question from Steve F: Can you provide some detail on the pop ups?

- Jobs was of interest in all pop ups, noise important in Taylors Lakes and Melton focus was on jobs and rail. Handed out junior spotter's booklets, a jobs banner with QR code to the Melbourne Airport Jobslink was on display and drew a lot of people in, discussions were had on the third runway in Taylors Lakes relative to where people lived.

C. Overlay maintenance works, Peter Parsons

APAM is replacing around 2,500 metres of the asphalt section of the existing north-south runway (Runway 16/34) as part of ongoing maintenance. This is safety-critical, preventive maintenance work undertaken every decade or so to ensure the runway is sound and supports aircraft movements for the next 10-12 years.

The last overlay work was conducted in 2011. APAM has continued repairs since then with patches but can't keep patching. Runway is safe but it won't last much longer. 10-12 years of life of asphalt, after that needs replacing. Patching sees a cold joint that breaks up and becomes a hazard over time. Patches go down 120 mm and need to be take out to lay new bitumen.

Aircraft landing downhill can create aeroplane slipping due to slight gradient.

Also replacing cabling and lights along runway too as these are 20 years old.

Run off gradient is 1.5 per cent; grooves in runway allow planes not to slip.

70 – 80 people working each night on the maintenance works.

Runway closure began 3 November. Further details in slides and the fact sheet on the [webpage](#).

Some flight adjustments made to cater to the works. 50-60 flights moved to the east-west runway and larger aircraft have had their schedules moved. e.g., the A380 flight from Dubai moved to another arrival time as it can't land on the east-west runway.

Once we reopen after eight months, runway is good to work again.

Engagement occurred on the overlay maintenance works through Channel 7 news, APAM project webpage, a fact sheet, the community newsletter, community pop ups, key and internal stakeholder engagement, letters to MPs and councils, and social media.

Question: Maggie asked whether there was any use of recycled materials?

- Some recycled asphalt is used for patching – it's still in the testing stage. Old material is re-used for vehicle roads. A further sustainable practice is the use of warm rather than hot mix.

6. Guest presentations

A. Federal government priorities, Michael Joost

Kim provided Michael's update on federal government changes and future priorities. The presentation confirmed the information provided in the Airport Update with respect to the MP.

The rest of the presentation focussed on the Department's work in preparing a new Aviation White Paper, including consultation on Terms of Reference and the areas to be covered:

- how to maximise the aviation sector's contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions
- economic reforms needed to improve productivity across the sector
- support for Australia's general aviation sector
- better mechanisms for consultation on and management of issues like aircraft noise, airport development planning and changing security requirements.

Minister King is keen to hear from CACGs.

Question: Will a draft white paper be distributed to CACG to see first?

- ToR or scoping directions for everyone to work by will come out end December or January 2023. APAM government team will distribute to CACG.

Question: When is the end of the white paper period?

- ToR will include timelines; further information will come from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

B. Report, Tim Gill, Airservices Australia

Noise monitors: microphone broke, and Keilor Downs missed one hour.

104 individual complainants:

- 143 contacts with NCIS
- 75 new complainants

55 suburbs recorded complainants

- Attwood & West Footscray–6 each
- Avondale Heights & Westmeadows–7 each

32 suburbs recorded a single complainant

Concerned with Runway 09 departures.

Question: Could the complaint spike coincide with newsletter going out in August and/or related to people hearing noise after two years of covid and no aircrafts overhead?

- Tim will look more closely at the dates.

Question: Do you consider curfews?

- Curfews aren't a matter for Airservices, but we will become involved if it arises. Airservices' job is to manage aircraft movement safely. We listen to communities' complaints about flight paths, and the way we make any changes in flight paths need to be considered. Need to consult with people impacted as well as benefiting from flight paths and their changes.

We're developing a community engagement standard that we're hoping to release in February. We are looking for the community's view on what good engagement looks like.

Neighbourhood Tool – Renamed Melbourne Essendon Airport to Essendon Airport. Kim said lots of clicks needed to get information, and that it was good plain English.

Adelaide will come online at the end of December.

7. Other business

An open sharing of how the CACG felt about meetings this year is as follows.

Website profiles: update bios or what members can do for the community. Perhaps setting up a CACG member gmail? Monika to follow up with bios and headshots for each member. Natali to follow up emails with IT - perhaps Anthony from IT can come to meeting to discuss best options?

CACG meeting dates. Tuesday morning still good. But could include a diverse range of people. There was some discussion around whether meetings might be on a Thursday morning and whether an after work time should be considered to allow for those working fulltime to join the CACG and attend meetings.

It was agreed that dates for the full year should be set at this stage, even if we subsequently agree to any changes.

Flexibility to dial in is important when working fulltime.

Henry resigned due to increased work commitments – CACG thanks Henry for his support and contributions and being part of the group. Henry thanked everyone for welcoming him into the group and will keep up to date with what's happening at the airport.

It was suggested that pre reading of slides would be good and helpful. Could try sending slides out first. Kim observed this may not always be possible, and that the slides are often a precis of the much richer verbal presentation.

Meeting at Quest is much better than at the Park Royal.

Presentations today are much better, more readable with larger font.

Been a good year.

Have missed not meeting the new Airport CEO and welcome an opportunity for Lorie to attend a meeting next year.

Agenda is good, lots of information to take away. Good to be in discussion of a broad range of topics.

Good to be involved in all the airport's work, appreciate the airport's commitment to engagement and to have the chance to hear the range of topics discussed.

Consultation on the MP was broad. Commended the airport on the airport's hard work.

Grateful of quality information and complaints data and Tim's solid interpretation.

Nexus between airport and rail will be interesting and will need more information on that next year.

Kim thanked Susan particularly for all her work and dedication to attending, especially this year through her challenges.

Future use of east-west runway- speak to Susan; this will guide a presentation at next meeting.

B. Actions

Monika to follow up with bios and headshots for each member.

Natali to follow up emails for CACG members with IT.

Monika to follow up on potential academic speaker on social impacts.

C. CACG meeting dates for 2023, Kim Jordan

Tuesday, 10am – 1pm:

- 21 February
- 16 May
- 15 August
- 21 November

8. Close

Meeting closed 1pm

9. Summary of actions

Date	Action requested	Responsible person	Deadline	Closed, or action taken if different to the request
22/11	Ground transport update	Laura Brannigan	February 2023	
22/11	Follow up with bios and headshots for each member	Monika	February 2023	
22/11	Follow up on potential academic speaker on social impacts	Monika	February 2023	
22/11	Follow up emails for CACG members with IT	Natali	February 2023	

10. Attachments

CACG November presentation

Departmental update to the Melbourne Airport CACG, 22 Nov 2022

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