

Meeting Minutes – Meeting No. 15 / 2013

Brisbane Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (BACACG)

Scheduled date/time	Tuesday 30 July 2013 - 10:00am–12.30pm
Place	Brisbane Airport Corporation Head Office, 11 The Circuit, Brisbane Airport
Present	Major General Peter Arnison, CVO (Ret'd) (Chair) Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC (Ret'd) (Airservices Chair) Julianne Alroe (BAC) Kate Bailey (Community Member) Laurie Buys (Community Member) Jackie Cann (Community Member) Paul Coughlan (BAC) Rachel Crowley (BAC) Helen Ford Allan (Community Member) Helen Gannon (Department Infrastructure & Transport) Neil Hall (Airservices Australia) Toni Kasch (BAC) Elissa Keenan (Airservices Australia) Bryan Nicolson (Airservices Australia) Eileen Paterson (Brisbane City Council) Karyn Rains (BAC) Ted Slater (Community Member) Ben Smith (BAC) Scott Stone (Department Infrastructure & Transport) Angus Sutherland (Kevin Rudd's Office) Flynn van Ewijk (Qantas) Rob Weaver (Airservices Australia) Mark Willey (BAC) <i>Jacinta Messer (BAC) (BACACG Secretary)</i> <i>Gaynor Sipolis (BAC) (Minutes Secretary)</i>
Apologies	James Coutes (State Govt) John Crane (Virgin Australia) Adam Stevenson (State Govt) Justin Wagstaff (TTF) Michael Wright (ASA)
Introduction and welcome	Meeting commenced at 10.10am The Chair welcomed all and introduced Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston Ret'd) and Rob Weaver both from Airservices Australia.
Confirmation of previous minutes	The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting.
Actions from meeting on 26.3.13	Action 1 Laurie Buys to identify low flying aircraft by 30 June 2013. Complaints have dropped right off due to the winter period. Laurie will report back next quarter. Ongoing. Action 2 Airservices to investigate details of low flying aircraft provided by Laurie Buys. Ongoing.

Action 3

Jacinta and Ted to keep engaged re sale of commemorative memorabilia at Brisbane Airport out of session.

Action 4

Ted Slater to liaise with BAC and BCC re drainage. BCC completed mangrove clearing and there has been no further complaints since.

Ted/BAC to do site tour next week.

Action 5

Agenda item

Mark showed a couple of slides regarding the current Major Development Plans (4 in progress).

A Charter Terminal – in GA area. MDP draft has been advertised on the 19th July. Subject to approvals construction will commence next year.

DFO Expansion – MDP has been advertised Monday and is out to public comment. State and local governments have been advised.

Office in Skygate and hotel complex at Domestic Terminal Precinct – they will go through same process with advertising in Courier Mail and 60 day public comment period prior to finalizing the MDPs for submission to the Department.

Action 6

BACACG Secretary to organise NPR tour. The Chair said it was agreed that the tour of the new runway area would be pushed back until the next meeting in November 2013. Will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Action 7

Simon and Jacinta liaised out of session and item is now closed.

**Briefing & discussion
with Air Chief Marshall
Angus Houston AC, AFC,
(ret'd)**

Mr Houston is the current chairman of the Airservices Australia Board and spoke briefly about his experience and then in depth about the issues for Airservices Australia namely;

ASA has taken a strong position on noise and intend to act when they can and work with the BACACG to obtain the best outcomes.

The ASA Noise Strategy to be world's best practice with continuous improvement and engagement with industry, airports and with the community.

Brisbane Airport and Brisbane ASA have the best model to implement around Australia.

ASA are currently investigating a number of improvements to noise including moving the flight track that is close to Pinkenba and night departures. Continue to extend reciprocal operations.

ASA welcome any suggestions on how to improve the noise issues and want to be fully involved in the community consultation groups.

Efficiency and capacity improvements are very important and it should be noted that Brisbane is the fastest growing airport for aircraft movements in Australia.

RDMS and Metron systems have allowed for some improvements in delays and ASA will look to continue to improve.

ASA is working hard and collaboratively to enhance capacity, smooth the flow and maintain highest standard of safety.

ASA are looking to have a "one sky" air traffic management system for both civil and military aviation. This will improve safety and enhance efficiency and will assist in managing future growth. A tender went out in July and ASA are hoping for some strong submissions from Australian companies.

Questions

Jackie Cann queried regarding the take-off over the South to left and asked if this could be implemented earlier. Mr Houston explained the amount of detailed research required to allow for such changes to happen.

Ted Slater commented that he was pleased that ASA take the community seriously in regard to their issues.

Helen Ford Allen queried the ASA Board Mission Statement and if it includes reducing noise. Mr Houston reported that ASA are very focused on aircraft noise impacts as a Board and all noise complaints and issues are taken very seriously. Rob Weaver (ASA) spoke to Helen about complaint management and that ASA have a dedicated professional department to handle all of the issues.

ASA are developing a dedicated web portal to provide the community information about the noise issues and management and will be promoting this website in the next six months.

Elissa Keenan spoke about how ASA are improving their responses back to the community with professional representatives who understand how to have genuine dialogue with the community.

Laurie Buys commented about the complexity of the various aircraft and the noise they generate particularly in the Tarragindi area and thanks Mr Houston for attending the meeting.

Julieanne Alroe spoke about partnerships with industry and airlines and queried how ASA are linking in with the new technology of aviation. Mr Houston spoke about how closely ASA are working in parallel with the airlines on the new aviation technology.

Regular reporting updates:

Community:

Laurie Buys

Laurie mentioned that it has been a quieter quarter due to the winter period.

Ted Slater

Usual noise issues, nothing raised by community. BAC and Ted to conduct a site tour following BCC's removal of mangroves.

Kate Baily

Morningside Festival was held on Sunday and was well received with great engagement.

Simon Penrose

No major issues.

Helen Ford Allan

No major issues.

Jackie Cann

Jackie spoke about the noise in her area increasing particularly in the evening after 11pm, causing some concern in the community. The Chair asked if someone could note the flight times if possible so further investigation could be undertaken.

Angus Sutherland (*PM Electoral Office*) also confirmed that his office seems to be receiving more complaints. Web track was a good program that the community can be directed to.

Mark Willey

BAC has recently secured an agreement with ASA for more regular data (monthly rather than quarterly), weather data also provided.

Refer to presentation

Noise Complaint statistics (until May 13) showed an all-time low for May. This is a reflection of the way the runway was operated – seasonal influences resulting in arrivals over Moreton Bay and departures being more distributed.

New Respite Charts showed that the preferred operating mode over Moreton Bay was successful during the month of May up to 10-12 movements an hour. Demand in some night periods is above 10-12 movements an hour meaning reciprocal operations could not be applied.

Runway movements showed that the arrivals and departures are increasing to 700 movements a week day. This is very challenging for a single runway airport.

On time performance/Slot Scheme for May was the best result achieved since July 2012 - 82.2% on time with the average delay 8 minutes. Poor performing days were due to ongoing poor weather with June at 77.5% with the average of 13.2 minutes delay.

Laurie Buys queried about the respite days to see if the complaints were in correlation with the respite days or following a group of noise days. This may allow the group to determine the tolerance levels.

Jacinta Messer

Discovery Centre has been moved to the Skygate outside of the Woolworths complex. Next Wednesday is the Community Information Exchange at the Hendra Bowls Club – all welcome. BAC are also participating in many of the local festivals. The complaints graph was also explained by Jacinta.

Refer to Presentation

Mark explained a proposal to change the current Runway 19 Noise Abatement procedures for departures to allow more take offs and improve departure times. This will result in system efficiency.

Detailed modeling showed:

- change in altitude (marginal)
- change in noise (less than 2 decibels)
- provides flexibility and shorter average taxiing times

**Analysis of Proposed
Intersection Departure
NAP Variation – Mark
Willey**

- 24 months of data
- created new noise monitoring terminals in different areas
- results show a very wide dispersion in the tracks (2000 ft differences between aircraft heights)
- 10kms out up to a 3,000 feet spread
- differences in noise average showed less than 1 decibel
- single event noise level changes were less than 2 decibels

Proposal for ASA to immediately implement the 6am to 10pm in winter and 5am and 10pm in Summer. BAC and ASA to monitor community response and efficiency improvements over the next 12 months and report back to BACACG.

Scott Stone is interested to review the process, while changes of this nature are rare due to their complexity; the Department is keen to gauge the interest of community members.

ACTION – BAC to circulate To70 report to the Department and to the community members, seeking their feedback.

Julieanne Alroe said initially the change looks positive and BAC are hopeful to get some benefit to the capacity issues and obtain community support.

Mr Houston said that this system works very well in Sydney.

The Chairman said that this is to continue and Mark to report back in future meetings.

Questions

Ted mentioned that the heavier aircraft take off at steeper angles.

Mark Willey responded that through the TNWG that they are focusing on this.

Mark Willey to provide an assessment of International aircraft as they approach Brisbane Airport – ACTION

Air Services Australia update – Elissa Keenan

A short term monitoring program was carried out at locations in Paddington, Northgate, Salisbury, Tarragindi and Pinkenba during June 2013. Reports will be issued for each location and published on the Airservices website.

Airservices advised that as part of the on-going Noise Monitoring program another round of monitoring will be carried out to capture other seasonal data over the summer.

Locations already suggested include Coorparoo, Camp Hill, Seven Hills, Wellers Hill, and a return to Tarragindi to capture seasonal variations. Airservices would welcome other suggestions from community members preferably by the end of August so that they can be included in the next round of monitoring if at all possible. - *ACTION*

Airservices Environmental Acoustics specialists will need to assess each location for suitability.

ASA will be moving a flight path in Perth and then looking to implement the learnings from the process in Brisbane with the Pinkenba area.

Elissa spoke about how ASA value the work that Brisbane Airport and particularly Mark Willey do.

Noise improvement change process – Neil Hall

Neil reported that he and Ted Slater had been in discussions with the left turn over the Pinkenba community. Ted's suggestion was to move the way point south 500 meters to provide relief to residents. ASA review all areas of the changes including efficiency and environmental. Looking closely at the track ASA were also looking at providing some relief to Tingalpa. ASA will report back to the group at next meeting regarding this change. The change will then be trialed for twelve months and the feedback from the community during this trial will determine the outcome of this change becoming permanent.

Curfew Review Update – Scott Stone

Angus Sutherland asked Elissa to include Camp Hill, Wellers Hill, Seven Hills and Coorparoo for inclusion of monitoring.

Laurie would like to see the monitoring of the heights of the aircraft arriving.

Neil also stressed that he was happy to speak to the community members at any time.

Scott Stone provided an update on the current curfew review situation. The intention is to complete the review before the Master Plan is complete. A steering committee was developed and met late last year however the discussion paper has been delayed due to various reasons.

The committee is meeting again in the middle of August and start community consultation once the issue paper has been released.

The paper will include:

- Chapter on airport and its relationship to economic activity, tourism and transport activities
- Economic benefits to the industry
- Noise impacts
- Practical activities and timings
- Land Use Planning
- New Parallel Runway
- What sort of curfew is required is a major question. As some curfews allow for some level of activity.
- Restrictions e.g. Sydney can only use Botany Bay during curfew
- Practicalities of scheduling
- Is a short-term trial of a curfew necessary

Update on the New Parallel Runway – Paul Coughlan

The public comment period will then look at the comments and right a report for submission to the government.

Discussion paper is a priority for the department, expected early September.

The BACACG group will be informed through the secretariat.

Refer to Presentation

Paul Coughlan reported on the current status of the new Parallel Runway.

Top soil and mulch area being augmented into compost mounds which will develop into top level soil to be used to spread on the ground around the runway.

Water quality management is being managed via treatment ponds.

The Kedron Brook Floodway drain is now fully open and connected to the Kedron Brook Floodway.

Julieanne Alroe reported that a commercial deal has been done with Virgin Australia – a strong partnership deal with various agreements. BAC are in negotiations with all airlines in regards to the runway agreement including Qantas.

Julieanne Alroe reported that the BAC Board are committed to building the new runway.

Refer to Presentation

**Master Plan Update –
Mark Willey**

Mark spoke about the Master Plan being a 20 year vision for the airport which is undertaken every 5 years. It is a planning strategy and does not constitute an approval to a commitment to a deliver a project. Principles used for the master plan is that the airport would be a 24/7 airport. Draft Master Plan will be finished by August 2014. BAC will report to the BACACG regularly regarding the Master Plan at future meetings.

Ben Smith

Ben Smith (BAC Corporate Relations) distributed some of the recent communication information and fact sheets regarding the Master Plan. BAC will ramp up all communications regarding the Master Plan to involve the public; this will be done through digital communications on our website, sending through alerts to our Major Projects database, using social media and community festivals. BAC encourages BACACG members to understand that they are now looking for input in regard to the Master Plan.

General Business

Julieanne Alroe thanked Air Services for their support of the community and the various forums. Julieanne spoke about how it is important to find the balance between economic development and growth without impacting negatively on lifestyle. With the BACACG this allows for open dialogue and relationship building and Julieanne thanked the members for their contribution.

***Next meeting – Thursday 7 November
Meeting Close 12.31pm***