



## Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee

Location: Adelaide Airport Management Centre, Coorong Room

Date: 13 November 2025

Time: 9:00 am

### 1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.00am and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Kate BALDOCK	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Angelo CATINARI	City of West Torrens
Tim GILL ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Damien ANDERSON ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Jordon BRIDGE	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Michael LOWE	West Beach Neighbourhood Watch
Dean Wetherill	West Beach Parks
Tom GANLEY ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Parafield Airport Limited (PAL)
Bob OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Alicia LINTERN	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Edgar AGIUS	City of Charles Sturt
Vicki SIMMONS ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Malaysia Airlines
Helen BRAITHWAITE	Green Adelaide - Dept for Environment and Water
Brett EATON	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Warwick DELLER-COOMBS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Sandra STANGHERLIN	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
James SANGSTER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Eleanor FREEMAN	City of Adelaide
Carmel NOON	City of Adelaide
Barry SALTER	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Sarah GILMOUR ( <i>by Teams</i> )	City of Adelaide
Michael PEREIRA ( <i>by Teams</i> )	City of Tea Tree Gully
Nathan BLOOMFIELD ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Emirates
Lyle Taylor ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Qantas
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Kate ANDERSON	West Beach Parks
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Robert SNEWIN	City of Holdfast Bay
Steve GEORGANAS	Member for Adelaide
Stefan SMERDON	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (Ano)
Adam GLADMAN	The Department
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Ilia HOURIDIS	City of Adelaide
David COWELL	Airport Environment Officer



Present	Company/Organisation
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens
Paul SYKES	Office of Steve Georganas MP

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes were sent to members and approved on 22 September 2025.

## 3. Summary of Action items

- 3.1 A request was made to include freight statistics in future reporting.  
Where possible relevant freight data or updates will be included for the Committee, however there are limitations on availability of real time data that is largely held by airlines or freight distributors directly.
- 3.2 A presentation covering Merit use applications and major development plans, including a summary of what community consultation is currently undertaken.  
Please refer item 9.1.

## 4. Correspondence

### 4.1 In

- Reports
- City of Adelaide new representative

### 4.2 Out

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports
- Department of infrastructure Draft Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) Guidelines request for submissions
- City Building Heights Code Amendment email
- Annual Integrated Report for FY 2024-25 email

## 5. Adelaide Airport Limited Reports

### 5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: It was a strong start to the first quarter of the financial year, in particular international passenger growth has taken off. More than 2.2 million total passengers passed through Adelaide Airport in the first quarter of Financial Year 2026 (FY26), growing 5.5 per cent compared with the same quarter last year.

Demand for travel was led by international traffic hitting a record high of more than 300,000 in Q1 FY26 — a 28.4 per cent increase year-on-year. The winter school holidays saw particularly strong demand, with July alone welcoming more than 103,000 international travellers. Bali continues to be the top leisure destination, bolstered by Indonesia AirAsia's four weekly flights and Jetstar's expanded schedule of 11 services per week.

For domestic, more than 1.9 million passengers travelled through the terminal, growing by 2.7 per cent.

Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane were the busiest domestic routes, accounting for 65 per cent of traffic. With AFL finals falling in the September peak, footy fans joined holidaymakers in adding to the buzz across the terminal with the busiest day being 26 September (25,433 total passengers). Jetstar has capitalised on domestic capacity growing less than demand, basing an additional aircraft in Adelaide and increase capacity between Adelaide and Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth, adding more than 350,000 seats per annum.

Integrated Report: Adelaide Airport has released its 2025 Integrated Report, outlining its operational and financial performance, aviation business and property development milestones, along with an update on plans for infrastructure growth connected to the airport's long-term vision



Malaysia Airlines announced it will increase its Adelaide – Kuala Lumpur service from five flights per week to daily from February 2026, adding more than 60,000 additional seats per year. Malaysia Airlines will also introduce its new A330neo aircraft, configured with 28 Business Class and 269 Economy Class seats, including 24 seats with extra legroom.

Adelaide Airport celebrated the departure of the first ever direct service to Christchurch, New Zealand. The seasonal Air New Zealand service will operate twice weekly on Tuesday and Saturday until March 2026, with about 15,000 seats available.

Qantas launched its first international service out of Adelaide in more than a decade with the departure of direct flights to Auckland from October 31. The seasonal service will operate four times a week between now and May 2026, with more than 30,000 seats available.

Adelaide Airport has welcomed the return of Cathay Pacific, with flights re-commencing on 11 November and flying for a seasonal period until 27 March 2026. Cathay will operate three times weekly on a A350-900 aircraft.

Along with the State Government we announced our first ever direct flight between Adelaide and Shanghai, with China Eastern to commence 3 flights per week to Adelaide in the months of July 2026, January 2027 and February 2027 for a combined 36 return flights and just over 20,000 seats. China Eastern are still finalising their aircraft and schedule so flights will not go on sale until they have finalised these details.

The service will see one of China's largest carriers connecting Adelaide with China's largest city and one of the biggest cities in the world and connects us with China Eastern's vast network. It will be our second direct connection with mainland China on the back of China Southern flights to Guangzhou (which recommence 1 December), whilst Cathay Pacific flights to Hong Kong also resume next week. With the start of this service, we will have 5 of the world's top 10 airlines (by seat capacity) flying to and from Adelaide, and it will take our international tally to a record 13 airlines flying to 12 international destinations.

Jetstar announced it will be recommencing Avalon flights from March 2026 with 7 return flights a week.

The proposed acquisition of REX by the USA's Air T Inc was noted following the execution of a Sale and Implementation Deed with the Voluntary Administrator. It is a positive development after 18 months in administration and Air T's aircraft parts operations may offer a unique match for REX's current fleet challenges.

Next up is the United Airlines launch on 13 December and Emirates commences flying their A350 aircraft from 1 December.

Igneo Global Infrastructure Partners has completed their sale of their 15.26% shareholding which was acquired by existing Adelaide Airport shareholders UniSuper and IFM. Adelaide Airport Limited now has four long term and stable shareholders demonstrating the confidence from large investors in our business and in South Australia.

It was noted that AAL released a website upgrade with the website providing greater functionality for customers. The website provides live information for customers relating to car parking. It was noted that the webcam will be coming back online soon.

It was noted that there had been a couple of operational disruptions resulting from equipment failures following upgrade works and that AAL's Customer Care team had assisted passengers during this time.

## 5.2 Property Development Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted:



- A Major Development Plan for the West Six Office Building has been prepared and distributed to the Federal Department of Infrastructure, to the State Department for Infrastructure and Transport and State Department of Planning in addition to the three surrounding councils.
- The plan will be released for public consultation prior to the end of the year. It was noted that the Airport welcomes Committee members to reach out to the team for further information.

It was noted that a lot of construction has commenced in Catalyst Park including the Museum of Play and Art (MoPA) who will launch its first museum outside Victoria at Adelaide Airport, opening alongside AFL Max, in late 2026/ early 2027.

A new facility for Prostek who manufacture prosthetic limbs will be constructed on the western end of the Bunzl building. The team continue to work with a potential developer for land at the Playlands. A commercial arrangement has been reached for a recreational development on the land off Burbridge Road near the Aged Care Centre. AAL is seeking Board approval for sub-division works on the land at the bottom end of Richmond Road for Airport Junction.

### 5.3 Environment Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: The Adelaide and Parafield Airport PFAS Project Control Group (PCG) was held during August, with updates provided on separate investigations being undertaken by Airservices Australia and the Commonwealth. Airservices have provided their Detailed Site Investigations (DSI) report, as well as updated Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment to AAL, and this has been presented to key stakeholders of the PFAS PCG. Airservices will be making their DSI report publicly available via their website. The Commonwealth investigations are also progressing, with all site investigations near completion for Adelaide. It is expected that reports for Commonwealth investigations will be available for review by Adelaide Airport in early 2026.

Several soil and groundwater assessments were undertaken through the quarter including residual stockpile materials from the Taxiway Lima project, proposed check-in expansion project and insitu confirmatory testing for the proposed Northeastern carpark. All assessments reported materials meet Waste Fill requirements. = An air quality assessment is underway in order to provide a baseline in relation to the upcoming Comley Street and Northern apron expansion works.

A small number of complaints were received during the quarter in relation to ground based activities, including an ongoing complaint from residents adjacent the Adelaide University playing fields in Foreman Street West Beach. The City of West Torrens has proposed to provide feedback to the local residents around acceptable parking within Foreman Street.

AAL has become a 'Friends of Rotary' member after giving a presentation to a group of around 90 of its members in August. This will make AAL a regular attendee of meetings and presentations held monthly.

AAL has sponsored the annual Friends of Parks Awards night, with the AAL sponsored community award going to 'Walking SA', and presented by the Friends of Patawalonga Chair, Andrew Winkler.

The Friends of Patawalonga Creek, as part of Nature festival, hosted a birdwatching event at the Partawalonga Creek site led by AAL's consultant ecologist (Succession Ecology). The event attracted around 20 participants and was a good opportunity for the 'Friends of' group to showcase the site and the work that they do.

Adelaide Airport will also be conducting a small letterbox drop to residents in the vicinity of James Melrose Drive in relation to temporary leases being issued within the Hive Precinct.

There were 13 confirmed strikes reported at Adelaide during the quarter, seven more than the previous quarter which could be attributed to spring and breeding weather for many species in the area.



On-airport Wildlife Hazard Management continues to be undertaken by a consultant ornithologist in conjunction with Airport Operations. The wildlife hazard risk assessment for Adelaide Airport was also updated in May 2025. A Grey Headed Flying Fox survey is also being undertaken by AAL's engaged ornithologist.

#### 5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (verbal update)

The following was noted: The Committee discussed the curfew dispensations report the Department provided and noted that an Emirates flight was denied a dispensation. An update was provided on building heights. Earlier this month, the South Australian Government commenced consultation on a code amendment which would potentially change building height restrictions in the CBD. Along with this work, AAL has been assisting the State Government with a proposal to reduce the administrative burden of applications regarding building heights. To support these changes, AAL has submitted an area assessment of the CBD to CASA and Airservices for review. Although there has been informal engagement and consultation already undertaken on the process AAL will work with the Department to document the streamlined process for referrals. There will be no changes to flight paths or OLS, this will only be an administrative change for application processes.

## 6. Airport Agency Update Reports

### 6.1 Department of Infrastructure

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: The Department are attending AAL's November Board meeting and will be in Adelaide in December and will meet with management and undertake tours at Adelaide and Parafield Airports.

### 6.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport

The following was noted: The Marion Road and Sir Donald Bradman Drive Intersection Upgrade will be completed by the end of the year with minor works to be completed in early 2026.

The North-South Corridor project in Adelaide will use three large-scale Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs), and tunnelling is scheduled to begin in the second half of 2026, following their assembly and commissioning.

### 6.3 Airservices Update

The following was noted: ASA provided a presentation and noted that the aircraft movements are stable with slight growth. 12 Individual complainants were received and the main issues related to curfew movements, standard flight path movements, general aviation traffic and helicopters. Complaints are below the 3-year average which is very good for an international airport and ASA thanked the airport for being proactive in sharing information consistently with the community.

More information can be found here [Airports - Airservices](#).

### 6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman

Nothing to report.

## 7. Planning and Local Government Reports

### 7.1 Planning Coordination Forum (PCF) Report (verbal update)

The following was noted: The discussions held at the PCF have been covered in other sections of this meeting.

### 7.2 City of West Torrens Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: The proposal to rename portion of the suburb of Thebarton to Southwark was approved by the Minister for Planning and officially came into effect upon gazettal on 30 October 2025. This followed a period of public consultation with affected businesses, property



owners, residents and occupiers within the impacted area. Southwark will accommodate future mixed-use residential and commercial development over the former West End Brewery site.

The Council undertook a representation review and got approval from the Minister to allow 14 elected councillors, the legislation allows 13.

### 7.3 City of Holdfast Bay Report

The Report was tabled and taken as read.

### 7.4 City of Adelaide Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: The Lord Mayor is in Brazil for the COP30 Local Leaders Forum and C40 World Mayors Summit. The Council has a strong interest in the City Building Heights Code Amendment as this work progresses.

### 7.5 City of Charles Sturt Report

No report provided.

### 7.6 West Beach Parks Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: The Algal Bloom is still not affecting business and noted the voucher redemption to Coast is Calling has had a strong uptake.

West Beach Parks has been inducted into the South Australian Tourism Award Hall of Fame after winning Best Caravan & Holiday Park for the third year running. The Pat Golf Club at West Beach Parks has won multiple recent awards, including the Golf Australia SA's Club, Venue or Facility of the Year – On Course award and the national award for the Most Outstanding Environmental Initiative at the 2025 Golf Australia National Awards of Excellence.

It was noted the Park is developing a Sports & Recreation Master Plan for Sporting Reserves with stage 2 of consultation to commence late November.

## 8. Other/ New Business

### 8.1 Updates from Community Representatives

It was noted that a memorial bench for Senator Janine Haines which had a view of the airport which was obstructed by tall trees has been relocated and the West Torrens Council was thanked for their assistance.

Signs have been erected on the site west of Jayco on West Beach Road stating "Now Leasing", following development approval of the site. People leaving vehicles for sale on the land out the front of the University Playing Fields was noted as an issue which both AAL and the City of West Torrens were looking into.

A plaque will be placed at Apex Park in memory of Rodney Beames who was a champion for his community on issues including road traffic management, the Apex Park redevelopment, Adelaide Airport Noise management and flood and storm water. Rodney was a member of the Committee, a long-time resident at West Beach and was the West Beach Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator. The City of West Torrens were thanked for their involvement in the plaque.

### 8.2 Project Flight Update

A Project Flight update was presented to the Committee noting the works being undertaken and passenger impacts including the new regional walk way. A copy of the presentation will be provided to members.

### 8.3 Meeting dates – 2026

The meeting dates for 2026 were approved.

### 8.4 Committee purpose



The Chair provided the group a summary of the purpose of this committee as included in the Committee's Terms of Reference and outlined below:

- Provide an advisory forum for the free exchange of views on airport matters between the Airport Operator, various sectors of the aviation industry and the local community;
- Advise the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and State and Local Governments with respect to the abatement of aircraft noise and related environmental issues at the Airport;
- Monitor, discuss and recommend actions in regard to ground-based environmental issues and matters covered by the Airports Act 1996;
- Monitor air space management around the Airport, including adherence to noise abatement procedures;
- Monitor the operation of the noise abatement procedures currently in place
- Review the results of flight path, aircraft noise and the adequacy of monitoring arrangements and make recommendations to the decision makers in Airservices Australia and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA);
- Examine patterns of complaints about aircraft noise and, if required, recommend to the Minister, action with respect to those complaints;
- Consider reports on the noise and health impacts arising from the Airport's operations;
- Provide airport management with information of developments from other sectors that may impact on the future operations of the airport;
- The Airport Operator's Management to provide and discuss with Committee Members details of proposed airport developments and changes to operations that could affect their respective sector of responsibility; and
- Take action to address any airport-related issues of concern to its members.

## 8.5 Australian Government response to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee report: Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise

The government released its response to the Impact and mitigation of aircraft noise. The Consultative Committee should note Recommendation 14.

*Recommendation 14:*

*The committee recommends that the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government directs departmental representatives to participate fully in Community Aviation Consultation Group meetings, preferably attending in person. The Government agrees in principle to this recommendation. Community Aviation Consultation Groups (CACGs) are community-focused groups to inform Leased Federal Airports (LFAs) of community views. CACGs are intended to improve the exchange of information, complement consultation requirements for Master Plans and MDPs, and allow discussion between the airport and communities affected by its operations and plans. Department officials will attend CACG meetings where there are relevant agenda items for discussion and it is appropriate to attend.*

## 8.6 Barry Salter

It was noted that Barry Salter had resigned from the Committee. The Chair both personally, and on behalf of the Committee, thanked Barry for nearly 12 years of service that he has provided, representing the Holdfast Bay Alliance. AAL will also write to Barry acknowledging his service..

## 8.7 Helicopter

Two itinerant helicopter pads have been constructed neighbouring the Babcock facilities at Adelaide Airport. These are due to come into operation at the end of November 2025. The street address of the new helicopter infrastructure is 6 Sir Reginald Ansett Drive (at the rear of Harbour Town). Users will include Helivista and Barossa Helicopters.

## 9. Formal Presentations

### 9.1 Merit use applications and major development plans, including a summary of what community consultation is currently undertaken – AAL



A detailed presentation was provided to the Committee from the AAL's Executive General Manager Planning, Development and Delivery. The presentation included an overview of the team, an outline of regulatory overview of the airport planning process, Master Plan process and key components, Major Development Plan requirements process, building approvals process and community consultation. A copy of the presentation will be sent to members.

## 9.2 Building Height limitations presentation – AAL

A comprehensive presentation was provided by AAL's Head of Airside Operations and included background on Protected Airspace, controlled activity, approval processes and CBD area assessment.

## 10. Summary of Action items

Nil

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 9am Thursday 19 February 2026

## 12. Meeting close – 11:03am