

# Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



**Date:** 23 February 2023

**Starting time:** 9:00am

**Location:** Coorong Room, Adelaide Airport Management Centre

## 1.0 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>
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Edgar AGIUS	City of Charles Sturt
Paul ARGENT	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Helen BRAITHWAITE	Green Adelaide-Department for Environment and Water
Jordan BRIDGE	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Terry BUSS	City of West Torrens
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens
Brett EATON	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tom GANLEY	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tim GILL	
Mark HENNESSY ( <i>by teleconference</i> )	Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Iliia HOURIDIS	City Shaping - City of Adelaide
Peter INALL ( <i>by teleconference</i> )	DITRDCA
Clare LINDOP	City of Holdfast Bay
Phillip MARTIN	City of Adelaide
Graham NITSCHKE	South Road Inner West Action Group (SRIWAG)
Robert OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Daniel PRICE	Qantas
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Barry SALTER	Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance
Jamie SANGSTER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Elena TIERI	Office of Steve Georganas
Kurt WIEBE	SA Water

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>
Matt COWDREY	Member for Colton
Walter DOLLMAN	North Adelaide Residents Society
Matthew FISHER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jan GOODHEW	ANO
Taylor HICK	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Lucy HOOD	Member for Adelaide
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Stephen PATTERSON	Member for Morphett
Jayne STINSON	Member for Badcoe
Kate ANDERSON	West Beach Parks
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)

## **2.0 AACC TERMS OF REFERENCE**

A presentation summarising the Committee's Terms of Reference including the background, purpose, functions, membership, structure and responsibilities of the AACC was provided to Committee members.

Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference were also summarised which included some administrative amendments, clarification of membership criteria and an update to the process for the circulation and publishing of the record of meetings.

The Updated Terms were endorsed and adopted as the new Terms of Reference for the AACC with effect on and from the close of the meeting.

## **3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 8 November 2022**

Proposed – Robert Owen and Seconded Barry Salter that the minutes of the 8 November 2022 meeting be adopted – Carried.

## **4.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 AAL to send a letter to SA Water requesting an update on the silt removal to Keswick Creek.**

AAL reached out to SA Water and Green Adelaide. Kurt Wiebe (Senior Project Manager Assets, SA Water and Helen Braithwaite (Water Projects Officer – Green Adelaide) were in attendance to provide an update to the Committee.

### **4.2 West Torrens Council to communicate with SA Water regarding the Keswick Creek basin.**

Confirmation was provided that contact had been made with SA Water.

### **4.3 Airservices to distribute fact sheet to Committee members when finalised.**

A draft of the fact sheet was circulated with papers for the meeting and Airservices welcomed feedback from Committee members.

## **5.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **5.1 Correspondence In:**

- Apologies
- Reports
- Confirmation of Council representative members on the AACC

### **5.2 Correspondence Out:**

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports
- Letter of Invitation to Department of Environment & Water
- Letter to Local Councils requesting confirmation of members following local elections.

## **6.0 AIRPORT UPDATE**

**6.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report** – The Report was tabled and the following was noted: Almost 2.0 million passengers travelled through Adelaide Airport during the second quarter of the 2023 financial year, with overall traffic recovering to 89% of pre-COVID levels.

International traffic for the quarter of 164,000 passengers were significantly higher than the heavily COVID-impacted December quarter the year prior. Against pre-COVID volumes, international passenger levels grew to 61% for the quarter due to the introduction of Virgin Australia's international service to Bali in December as well as the welcome boost in frequencies from Singapore Airlines who returned to daily services, Malaysia Airlines increasing to five weekly and Air New Zealand's increase to four weekly. Services to six of the nine destinations served from Adelaide pre-COVID have now

returned and AAL are working with government and other stakeholders on securing other direct routes into the future.

Domestically, more than 1.8 million passengers travelled for the quarter, returning to 93% of pre-COVID levels due to strength in leisure demand predominantly driven by the October school holiday and Christmas holiday traffic.

**6.2 Property Development Report** – The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

Plaza Premium international lounge opened recently as part of the Terminal Expansion project.

The VIP opening of the Vickers Vimy exhibition took place on 16 December 2022 with an official opening to the public from 19 December 2022. Feedback from visitors has been positive on the quality of the exhibition and the use of AV technology to truly showcase the historic aircraft.

Adelaide Airport proudly won the Capital City Airport of the Year award at the Australian Airports Association National Airport Industry Awards, held in Adelaide in November 2022. The airport also won the Infrastructure Award for the \$200m terminal expansion project. The Committee commended AAL on the awards, the Vickers Vimy project and the Terminal Expansion.

AAL has entered into early discussions with a third party to investigate the potential suitability of a parcel of land within the West Beach Precinct for recreational use. If AAL sees merit in actively progressing the potential development opportunity, a Stakeholder and Community Engagement Plan will be prepared.

Consultation works have commenced on the Parafield Airport Master Plan which is due by 18 June 2024.

**6.3 Environment Report** – The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted:

AAL's sustainability initiatives underway include the development of a Decarbonisation Strategy and Implementation plan and the continuation of the Terminal and Carpark LED lighting project. Community outreach during the quarter included the monthly Friends of Patawalonga working bees and planning for the Netley Noise attenuation all on Beare Ave.

The number of confirmed wildlife strikes for the quarter was noted however the Committee requested future reports include some historical comparison data to provide some relevance.

**6.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG)** – The group discussed a number of items including the National Operating Standard (NOS) relating to Environmental Management of Changes to Aircraft Operations, the dispensations, noise complaints and an overview of the required runway and taxiway upgrades.

## **7.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS**

**7.1 Department of Infrastructure** – A verbal update was provided and the following was noted:

The Australian Government has committed to prepare an Aviation White Paper to set the scene for future growth and development across the aviation sector. The White Paper will explore the likely future trends in aviation over the period to 2050 and articulate long-term policy directions. The Government released the Aviation White Paper's Terms of Reference in February 2023 and interested individuals and organisations are invited to make initial submissions by 10 March 2023 to [aviationwhitepaper@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:aviationwhitepaper@infrastructure.gov.au). Further consultations will occur during the Green Paper process which is anticipated to be released in mid-2023. The Green Paper process will enable government, industry and the community to provide feedback on the proposals raised in the Green Paper. The White Paper, drawing on feedback from the Green Paper, is anticipated to be released in the first half of 2024. Further information can be found at [www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/aviation-white-paper](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/aviation/aviation-white-paper).

The Department continues to engage with stakeholders on a number of regulations made under the *Airports Act 1996* which are due to sunset in 2024 and 2025. The Department is undertaking a staged approach to manage the breadth of the project and to facilitate effective engagement and consultation with stakeholders. Public consultation on Stage 2 reforms formally closed in October 2022 and the Department is considering the feedback provided. Stage 2 focuses on streamlining Commonwealth responsibilities for on-airport activities such as liquor, smoking, commercial trading, parking and gambling. Reform options are being considered for Stage 3 ahead of further public consultation. Stage 3 is examining increasing flexibility and modernising environment protection, building control and protection of airspace. Further information is available on the Department's website at [www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say).

A contaminated sites auditor, accredited with the South Australian Environmental Protection Agency, has been engaged and onboarded by the Department to work on the Preliminary per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) site investigations at Adelaide and Parafield airports.

**7.2 State Department of Infrastructure and Transport Report** – A verbal update was provided and the following was noted:

Updated designs for the North-South Corridor project were announced in December 2022 and a series of consultation sessions have been held in January and February.

Funding commitments have been made by both governments for the Marion Road/ Anzac Highway to Cross Road grade separation project.

**7.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report** – It was noted that 44 complaints from 31 individuals were recorded in the reporting period (Nov-Jan) with complaints received from 27 suburbs, 23 of which recorded a single complaint.

The Year in review showed 265 individual complainants which is an increase from 105 individual complainants in 2021. It was noted that movement numbers had increased significantly in 2022 compared to 2021. March and August showed significant peaks with the number of complaints well over the three-year average. These peaks can be attributed to the introduction of the SAPOL twin-engine helicopter earlier in the year and the runway closure and resulting re-direction of air traffic in July/ August.

Airservices Aircraft Noise Information Reports for Adelaide are available at [Airports - Airservices \(airservicesaustralia.com\)](http://airservicesaustralia.com).

Committee members were encouraged to access 'Aircraft in Your Neighbourhood' which is an interactive portal for the community to access information and resources about how air traffic is managed and submit complaints via the portal. [AsA National Insightfull \(airservicesaustralia.com\)](http://AsA National Insightfull (airservicesaustralia.com))

**7.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman Report** – No report.

## **8.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**8.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF)** – The report was tabled and taken as read.

**8.2 City of West Torrens (CWT)** – The Report was tabled and taken as read.

**8.3 City of Holdfast Bay** – No report.

**8.4 City of Adelaide** – Adelaide City Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel are investigating the accessibility of Adelaide including the traveller journey through the airport. AAL will progress this directly with the council.

**8.5 City of Charles Sturt** – No report

**8.6 West Beach Parks Report** – The Report was tabled and taken as read.

**8.7 Town of Walkerville** – The Town of Walkerville were invited to nominate a representative to the Committee. No representative has been nominated therefore, it was agreed that the reporting from the Town of Walkerville be removed from the agenda.

## **9.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS**

**9.1 Updates from Community Representatives** – It was noted that the Draft Code Amendment for the Thebarton Brewery Precinct is under consultation and AAL are working through the proposals and any potential impact on airport operations.

The Holdfast Bay Residents Alliance prepared a submission on the review of the *State Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* and it was reported that the continual noise and associated vibration of home and industrial air conditioners had overtaken airport noise as a major concern for some of the Glenelg North residents.

**9.2 Proposed Meeting Dates: 2023** – The meeting dates were noted.

## **10.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS**

Green Adelaide and SA Water presented a summary of works being undertaken by both groups in the Keswick and Brownhill Creeks. The parties are coordinating works and communicating regularly with each other and AAL. A site visit with Netley Residents' Group, AAL and SA Water is to be scheduled prior to the next AACC meeting.

## **11.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1** Historical data on wildlife strikes to be provided in future Environment reports.

## **12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 25 May at 9.00am.

**Meeting Closed at 10:40am**