

Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



Date: 20 February 2025

Starting time: 9:00am

Location: Coorong Room, Adelaide Airport Management Centre

1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.02am and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

Present	Company/Organisation
Cr Edgar AGIUS, OAM JP	City of Charles Sturt
Kate BALDOCK	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jordon BRIDGE	Airservices Australia
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Daniel PRICE	Qantas
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Angelo CATINARI	City of West Torrens
Tim GILL (<i>by Teams</i>)	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Mark HENNESSY (<i>by Teams</i>)	Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)
Ilia HOURIDIS (<i>by Teams</i>)	City of Adelaide
Michael LOWE	West Beach Neighbourhood Watch
David ELLIOT (<i>by Teams</i>)	City of Adelaide
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Tom GANLEY (<i>by Teams</i>)	Parafield Airport Limited (PAL)
Bob OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
James SANGSTER	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Vicki SIMMONS (<i>by Teams</i>)	Malaysia Airlines
Jessica SPOONER (<i>by Teams</i>)	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Paul SYKES	Representing Steve Georganas, Member for Adelaide
Jessica WESTTHORP	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jonathan WILSON	South Australian Freight Council (SAFC)
Helen BRAITHWAITE	Green Adelaide - Dept for Environment and Water
Brett Eaton (<i>by Teams</i>)	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Michael PEREIRA	City of Tea Tree Gully

Apologies	Company/Organisation
Stefan SMERDON	Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens
Matt COWDREY MP	Member for Colton
Robert SNEWIN	City of Holdfast Bay

2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 14 November 2024

The Minutes were approved on 17 December 2024 and loaded onto the Airport's website.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

3.1 The Integrated Report is now available online and a link to download the document is to be circulated to Committee members

The link was provided to Committee members.

3.2 A request was made to include freight statistics in future reporting

This item is a work in progress.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Correspondence In:

- Apologies
- Reports
- DITRDCA (the Department) Attendance at Community Consultative Committees letter
- Letter from the City of Adelaide - new committee member

4.2 Correspondence Out:

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports
- Response to DITRDCA (the Department) Attendance at Community Consultative Committees letter

5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE

5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted:

- Adelaide Airport ended the year on a high note, with a total of 2.3 million passengers passing through the terminal in Q2 FY25. This marks a 3.2 per cent increase in passenger traffic compared with the same period last year. Year-to-date, traffic has increased by 2.4 per cent, bringing the total number of passengers to more than 4.4 million.
- The return of Emirates and China Southern Airlines to the South Australian skies contributed to a 3.1 per cent rise in international traffic volumes. Additionally, Air New Zealand boosted its service frequency from four to five weekly flights, enhancing connectivity to South Australia.
- Domestic and regional passenger traffic also saw a 3.2 per cent increase, with more than 2 million passengers traveling through Adelaide Airport. The Q2 FY25 period, which includes the Christmas and New Year holidays, saw several carriers ramping up their services with Jetstar adding extra double daily flights to Melbourne using the larger A321neo aircraft, while Virgin Australia offered seasonal flights to Hobart and Launceston.
- Jetstar announced they will increase their Denpasar service to 11 flights per week, while Fiji Airways will operate three weekly flights to Nadi from April.
- Liv Golf last weekend was extremely busy for Adelaide Airport, we had around 62,002 passengers forecasted to come through our terminal which was quite an increase from 2024 (49k). The Monday morning, the day after LIV Golf, was AAL's busiest 'busy hour' on record. An unusually large number of private jets arrived and parked at the airport.
- Regionally, there was some media earlier this week around Qantas Link having replaced their dash 8 fleet in South Australia with the larger QF400 turboprop aircraft. Once the transition is complete Qantas will have three QF400s based in South Australia.

Car Parking

- The new “P2 Outdoor” car park opened to the public on Monday 3 February adding 663 car parks. The “P3 Long Term” car park will have a capacity decrease of 240 bays by the end of February and up to 500 bays will be blocked and unusable by April 2025 due to apron works.
- Adelaide Airport responded to claims in an Advertiser article in early January that car thefts are on the rise at the airport. After SA Police verified the latest statistics, AAL submitted a Letter to the Editor disputing the original article and a correction was published.
- *Of the 32 vehicles identified as stolen in 2024, 30 were rental vehicles initially picked up from Adelaide Airport that, in most cases, were vehicles that were misplaced or not returned and have subsequently been recovered elsewhere in the State or country. These vehicles were not ‘stolen’ from Adelaide Airport.*

The remaining two vehicles were alleged to have been taken from outdoor parking locations at Harbour Town and IKEA. Safety and security is a top priority at Adelaide Airport and that includes our car parking, particularly around our terminals precinct.

5.2 Property Development Report

The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted:

Catalyst Park - Australian Space Park

Site works are advancing with the roof, internal partitions, and external window installations well underway. External works are continuing concurrently, with the stormwater system well advanced. The project remains on track for delivery by AAL in mid-2025.

The Playlands (previously West Beach Precinct)

Balance of vacant land ~12,000sqm (west of Jayco)

The Development Application for the proposed mixed-use development (including a Merit Use application for a Childcare Centre) has been approved. The land is being developed for land uses in line with the development objectives for the precinct. A conditional Agreement for Lease has been executed by both parties and the lessee is now working through the resolution of the remainder of the conditions in order to then take handover of the site. A letter was sent to residents and feedback from residents was received.

Land west of the On The Run Service Station for Recreational Development (~13Ha)

AAL has reached agreement on the commercial terms and conditions for a proposed ground lease of the site. This agreement allows the prospective developer to finalise the design of the development. Prior to any works being undertaken a Major Development Plan (MDP) is required to be approved by the Commonwealth Minister. Prior to the MDP being submitted to the Minister for consideration, a public consultation period must be undertaken. It is only after the Minister approves an MDP that any works on the site can commence. It's expected that this process will take in the order of 8 –12 months.

Airport Junction (previously Airport East Precinct) - Airport Junction – Stage 2 Development (West of Drain)

Discussions continue with prospective occupiers who have expressed interest in new facilities to be constructed within the proposed development area.

Given this interest, AAL have continued commercial discussions for a proposed combined freight terminal facility (CTO) and other prospective tenants for the staged delivery of stand-alone sites and developments within the precinct. The level of interest received, and the ongoing strong demand for

land capable of providing employment uses close to the CBD, continues to support AAL's feasibility for further development of this Precinct.

AAL is currently completing the detailed design for the proposed subdivision of the land. Demolition of existing structures is complete.

Design work for the new Richmond Road Bridge is progressing. Construction is expected to start in March, once final approvals from the City of West Torrens, SA Water, and the Brown Hill & Keswick Creek Authority are obtained.

It was noted that the Airport works closely with the City of West Torrens on developments around the Airport and will consult with the community when appropriate.

5.3 Environment Report

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted:

Carbon Neutrality

AAL achieved carbon neutrality in December 2024 through purchasing locally produced Australian Carbon Credit Units to offset its residual greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions have been reduced by more than 74% from a 2018 base year and AAL is set to achieve a 90% reduction by mid-2025. Adelaide Airport is nearing completion of the installation of a 2.3MW solar array on the terminal.

AAL continues to work with its stakeholders to improve the diversion of waste from landfill in the Terminal. AAL has completed a waste composition audit and is using the findings and recommendations to implement new initiatives.

As Chair of the AAA Sustainability Working Group (AAA SWG), AAL continues to work closely with all airports to respond to the Jet Zero Council Workstream 5 – Airport Decarbonisation Study.

PFAS

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA) are well advanced in their PFAS Investigations in-line with their Sampling Analysis and Quality Plans released in 2024. The PFAS Project Control Group was held during the quarter, it was noted that ASA have released their PFAS Detailed Site Investigation which has been reviewed by the Airport and Airport Environment Officer and comments have been provided.

Various

Drilling work has been conducted into the elevated ramp.

Air quality monitoring has recently been completed over a 3 month period at a fixed location within the main Adelaide terminal apron. The results will be compiled and released before the monitor is redeployed to Parafield Airport for further sampling.

Drain clean out work was completed by SA Water and Green Adelaide at Netley.

During February, AAL's property group assisted City of West Torrens by facilitating land space to conduct their annual 'Touch a Truck' event, this was also attended by the Airport Rescue Fire Service. The annual Adelaide Airport Clean-up Australia Day event has been scheduled for March focusing on similar areas around Adelaide Airport as 2023 and 2024 events.

It was noted that 9 wildlife strikes were recorded during the quarter which is less than average and likely due to the dry weather.

5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG)

The group met the day prior and discussed a number of items including the displaced threshold for the Taxiway Lima Project, building height limitations and a denied dispensation which related to a freight

flight. It was discussed that updates relating to the Taxiway Lima project will be provided on social media to keep the community informed. An update on OLS and PANS OPS was noted and 3D modelling is being developed to provide a better understanding of surfacers. A brief presentation will be provided at a future meeting from AAL. A dispensation was denied in February relating to a freight flight, this item will be discussed with the Department separately. It was noted that 30 dispensations were approved for the quarter.

6.0 AIRPORT AGENCY UPDATE REPORTS

6.1 Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA)

The report was noted but no DITRDCA representative was present at the meeting. It was noted that the Sunsetting of Aviation Legislation has been extended to 1 April 2026. A Committee Member appreciated that the freight data was included on the Emirates flight.

Members noted that they valued the information provided by DITRDCA and their presence at meetings to provide further information on matters such as curfew dispensations.

6.2 State Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report

Consultation closed on 16 December 2024 for the State Transport Strategy and the feedback is being reviewed.

In December 2024, the [River Torrens to Darlington \(T2D\) Project](#) update was released and a new webpage was launched. The Sir Donald Bradman / James Congdon intersection upgrade was announced. A number of community sessions will be undertaken.

The Tram Grade Separation Project has released 'What we heard' updates which were gathered from community feedback.

The community is being informed with fact sheets and day and night work notices regarding the Marion Road / Sir Donald Bradman Drive Intersection upgrade.

A Committee Member thanked DIT for their recent informative presentation to a local neighbourhood watch meeting.

6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report

It was noted that movements were consistent with the usual drop on Christmas Day traffic. 19 individual complainants were received, and 17 suburbs recorded a complainant. Complainant numbers were down compared to the average. The main issue of complaints were curfew movements, standard flight path movements, general aviation traffic and helicopters. More information can be found here [Airports - Airservices](#).

It was noted a helicopter complaint was received and related to seagrass and sand movement assessments. These assessments will operate every month for a few hours, conducting orbits and low-level flying.

A question was asked about Black Hawke aircrafts due to the crash in America, it was noted that our frequencies are all retransmitted whereas in the States they were operating on different frequencies.

6.4 Aircraft Noise Ombudsman (ANO) Report

No Report.

7.0 PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS

7.1 Planning Co-ordination Forum Report (PCF)

It was noted that the proposed Office Park is in the design phase concept.

7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT)

The Report was tabled and taken as read noting:

Proposal to realign the suburb boundary of Thebarton and assign the name 'Southwark'

Under provisions of Section 11B of the *Geographical Names Act 1991*, the Surveyor-General, on behalf of the Minister for Planning, is proposing to realign portion of the existing suburb boundary of THEBARTON and formally assign the name SOUTHWARK to a portion of the site located within the City of West Torrens.

On 14 January 2025 the State Government announced the historical name SOUTHWARK will be restored as a suburb name, incorporating the new \$1 billion mixed-use development at the former West End Brewery site currently located in Thebarton. The Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Hon Nick Champion MP, has requested the Surveyor-General to formally realign the existing suburb boundary of THEBARTON and assign the name SOUTHWARK to this portion. This proposal provides an opportunity to extend the suburb boundary into existing residential and commercial areas in the surrounding streets which once formed part of the original Southwark subdivision in 1881, bound by the River Torrens to the north, Port Road to the east, Light Terrace to the south and Dew and Stirling Streets to the west.

The proposal is currently under community [consultation](#) with feedback required by 6 March 2025. Council will be considering this matter at its meeting on 18 February 2025.

7.3 City of Holdfast Bay

The Report was tabled and taken as read.

7.4 City of Adelaide – No Report.

7.5 City of Charles Sturt – No report.

7.6 West Beach Parks Report – No report.

8.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Updates from Community Representatives –

Councillor Philip Martin from the City of Adelaide had advised the Chair that he was departing the Committee as the Adelaide City Council representative. Mr Martin was acknowledged and thanked for his involvement on the Committee. A letter of thanks will be sent. The Committee welcomed David Elliot as the new representative from the City of Adelaide and the Chair had provided David with a welcome pack.

A Committee Member thanked Green Adelaide for cleaning out the Netley basin and acknowledged the contractors undertaking the work. It was noted that 4,000 tonnes of rubbish was removed.

It was noted the letter provided to the Department regarding representation on the Committee was well written and no response has been received to date. It was noted that this issue is being experienced across other privatised airports. Steve Georganas office have noted they will also contact the Minister regarding this issue.

8.2 Project Flight –

A presentation was provided on the FY24-FY28 Aero Capital Plan major projects which included 10 key projects:

1. Apron Reconfiguration/ Expansion
2. Passenger Screening
3. Baggage Security upgrade
4. International Swing Gate
5. Demolition of Southern Ramp to the Elevated Road
6. Check In Hall Expansion
7. Porte Cochere Duplication
8. Northern Terminal Expansion
9. Southern Terminal Expansion
10. MRTOP and Taxiway Lima

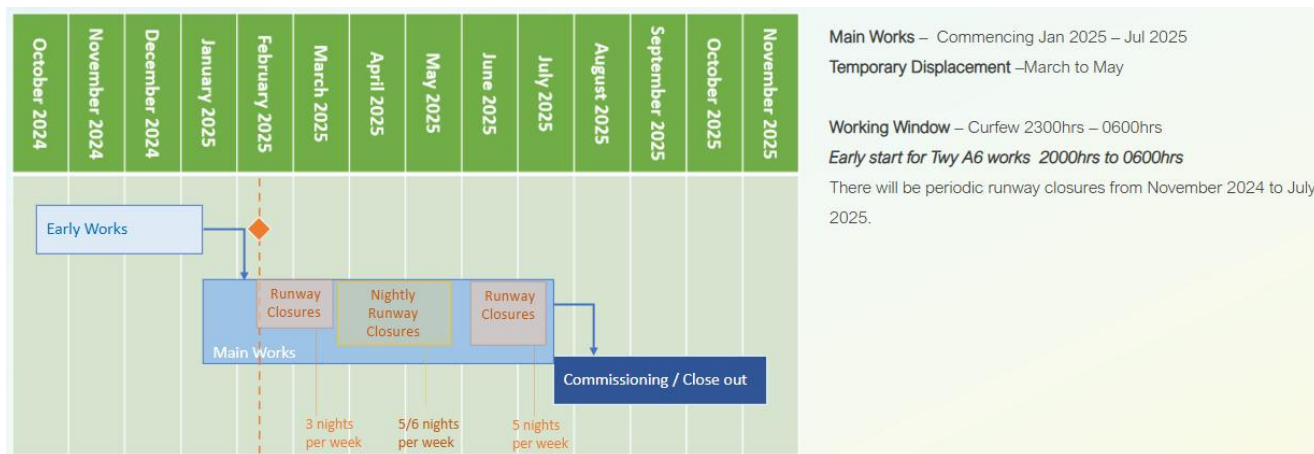
It was noted that a lot of activity is happening in the terminal as well as design work, planning and staging for developments around the Terminal. It was noted that a number of apron works will commence which will remove some Long Term Car Parks and more parking on the airport will be developed. The demolition of the up ramp of the elevated road will commence in May for a number of weeks, this ramp needs to be removed to allow future expansion of the terminal check-in hall.

It was noted that tough ground conditions have been experienced with Taxiway Lima and have delayed the project's early stages. The project is aiming to be completed by August. It was noted that any runway changes will be noted on Adelaide Airport's social media channels.

8.3 Runway closures update –

A presentation was provided to the Committee on the overview of the Taxiway Lima project and the impacts that can be expected due to runway closures.

A timeline of the project is below.



Construction Noise – The Project team conducted a construction noise assessment based on the heavy vehicles and equipment that will be utilised throughout the period of the project.

Letterbox Drop – A number of areas have been identified for letterbox drops and were outlined to the Committee. Tenants along the delivery route will also be informed about the upcoming works.

Project Website & FAQs – Project information and updates will be made available on Adelaide Airport website.

Main Runway Closure (during Curfew) – The closure of the Main Runway will result in a temporary change in flight path used. An aircraft noise assessment was conducted to understand the noise contour for utilising the Cross Runway when the Main Runway is closed. Residents located to the

south-east and north-west of the airport may notice aircraft noise during the period of nighttime closures.

Community Engagement – Social Media (Instagram & Facebook) to inform the community about upcoming runway closures.

9.0 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

10.1 A request was made to include freight statistics in future reporting.

10.2 Chair to write a letter of thanks to Councillor Phillip Martin

10.3 Building Height limitations presentation to be provided at a future meeting by AAL

11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22 May 2025 at 9.00am.

Meeting Closed at 10:25am