

# Adelaide Airport Consultative Committee (AACC) MINUTES



**Date:** 22 May 2025

**Starting time:** 9:00am

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

## 1.0 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.01am and welcomed those present acknowledging the traditional custodians and then proceeded with the business set out in the Agenda.

Present	Company/Organisation
Kate BALDOCK	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Alicia BICKMORE	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Jordon BRIDGE	Airservices Australia
Brenton BURMAN – Chair	Independent Chair
Brenton COX	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
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)
Ilia HOURIDIS ( <i>by Teams</i> )	City of Adelaide
Michael LOWE	West Beach Neighbourhood Watch
Kate ANDERSON	West Beach Parks
Tom GANLEY ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Parafield Airport Limited (PAL)
Bob OWEN	Netley Residents Association
Adam REED	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
James SANGSTER ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Vicki SIMMONS ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Malaysia Airlines
Jessica SPOONER ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Airservices Australia (ASA)
Paul SYKES ( <i>by Teams</i> )	Representing Steve Georganas, Member for Adelaide
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)
Matt COWDREY MP	Member for Colton
Robert SNEWIN ( <i>by Teams</i> )	City of Holdfast Bay

Apologies	Company/Organisation
Kym MEYS	Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL)
Michael COXON	City of West Torrens

## 2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 20 MAY 2025

The Minutes were approved on 28 March 2025 and loaded onto the Airport's website.

## 3.0 SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

### 3.1 A request was made to include freight statistics in future report

AAL and SAFC are discussing this item.

### 3.2 Chair to write a letter of thanks to Councillor Phillip Martin

This item is complete.

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

This presentation will be provided at the August meeting.

## **4.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Correspondence In:**

- Apologies
- Reports
- Letter to Minister King from Steve Georganas office regarding Committee attendance and response
- Email from resident regarding health concerns
- City of Adelaide committee representation email
- New committee representation from Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)

### **4.2 Correspondence Out:**

- Previous Minutes, Agenda and Reports
- Letter from AAL regarding new taxiway construction impact on local community
- Thank you to Phillip Martin
- Email to resident regarding health concerns

## **5.0 AIRPORT UPDATE**

### **5.1 Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) Report**

The Report was tabled, and the following was noted: Adelaide Airport welcomed more than 2.1 million passengers through the terminal in Q3 FY25, marking a 1.4 per cent increase in passenger traffic compared with the same period last year. Year-to-date traffic has increased by 2.1 per cent, bringing the total number of passengers to more than 6.5 million. This strong performance was boosted by key events such as the Tour Down Under, LIV Golf, Adelaide Festival, Adelaide Fringe and WOMADelaide.

Strong international passenger growth in this quarter saw more than 260,000 travellers passing through — representing a 9.5 per cent increase compared with the same period last year.

Domestic and regional passenger traffic saw a marginal increase of 0.3 per cent, with close to 1.9 million passengers passing through Adelaide Airport. Domestic travel remained strong with traffic this quarter exceeding FY19 period by 4.1 per cent. In February 2025, Qantas increased capacity across all regional routes by introducing the Q400 aircraft, adding an additional 24 seats per flight.

A key highlight of Q3 FY25 was the announcement of the first ever non-stop service to the US to be operated by United Airlines from December 2025, alongside the launch of Indonesia AirAsia's service to Denpasar, scheduled to start in June 2025.

Emirates has chosen Adelaide as its first global destination to welcome the new Airbus A350-900ULR, offering more seats, more cabin choice and longer range than the current Boeing 777-200LR. The introduction of Premium Economy seats is a significant upgrade and will likely prove very popular with South Australian travellers. These new generation aircraft are a game changer because they are ideally suited for connecting Adelaide with cities around the globe due to their size and range.

Qantas announced they will commence international flights to Auckland from the end of October, with 4 services per week and they also opened their new business lounge. It was noted this route was currently seasonal.

Adelaide Airport has been voted Best Regional Airport in the Australia & Pacific region at the prestigious Skytrax World Airport Awards announced in Madrid on 9<sup>th</sup> of April. It is the third time in four years Adelaide Airport has received the award (also successful in 2022 and 2024). Regional airports are defined by Skytrax as those that primarily serve domestic and a smaller number of intercontinental routes (ie not a global hub) but can still handle millions of passengers per year.

Adelaide Airport has been communicating with stakeholders including residents and businesses under flight paths regarding construction works on a new taxiway, and associated closure of the main runway during curfew hours and displaced threshold impacting the main runway. Resident enquiries about additional aircraft noise prompted media interest in early May. AAL explained how it was operating with a shortened runway during April until 20 May, which meant some aircraft were using more thrust than usual at take-off and reverse thrust when landing. AAL thanked and acknowledged airlines for closely working with AAL on the displaced threshold. It was also noted that lighting needs to be installed and due to the dry weather, the project is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed in July instead of August.

The airport will be releasing some renders for Project Flight soon which is a programme of projects. The update is likely to include the release of new renders depicting the proposed redevelopment of the check-in hall, both ends of the terminal plus other new facilities such as a sensory room. Enabling works have commenced on the apron project, with the Southern ramp due to be demolished in mid June. It was noted due to these works the Valet area has been relocated to Atura Circuit and chauffer parking has been relocated into the multi-storey carpark with all stakeholders communicated with.

## **5.2 Property Development Report**

The Report was tabled and taken as read and the following was noted: the report lists all relevant projects. It was noted the projects are all at different stages of commercial negotiations, planning and development. It was noted that a couple of the projects listed will trigger a Major Development Plan in the event the negotiations continue and move forward.

AAL has entered into a conditional Agreement for Lease with a third party who is continuing to progress a potential recreation and leisure development project for the site, west of the On The Run Service Station. The project remains at a concept stage and, if the design and proposed use can be shown to be suitable, the third party will be required to prepare and submit a Major Development Plan which will include community consultation. The project will not be allowed to commence until the Major Development Plan is approved by the Commonwealth Minister. This process must include a period for public review and comment before submission to the Minister. A lengthy discussion was held around airport development planning processes and what projects will trigger a Major Development Plan. A Major Development Plan can be triggered by several factors, including monetary thresholds, potential environmental or community impacts, and the type of development proposed.

It was noted AAL is working through a number of carparking options including a multistorey car park as a number of car parks will be removed due to Project Flights works. It was noted that the recent opening of the P2 carpark assisted with this carparking capacity.

## **5.3 Environment Report**

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts (DITRDCA) continue to advance in their PFAS Investigations at Adelaide Airport, having now completed airside works and now working through landside investigations. The Airservices' Detailed Site Investigation has also been released to AAL for review and will be finalised by mid-year.

The Vickers Vimy also underwent its first cleaning since being moved to the new exhibit in 2022, undertaken by Artlab Australia.

Project environment management work is ongoing for Taxiway Lima and apron expansion works, with the Taxiway Lima project now drawing to a close and apron works beginning. AAL is still looking to progress initiatives that can be utilised in further project works such as watering stations for recycled water to be used for construction activities. A dust complaint from the Taxiway Lima project was noted and had been resolved.

Asbestos removal works from soil were undertaken in Mountbatten Grove, West Beach, in April to allow further planting works to be undertaken by Trees for Life contractors.

Tenant audits were undertaken for United Petroleum and Swissport ground services.

AAL hosted a school group from the 'Workabout' Centre in February, a northern Adelaide indigenous work experience program. The visit consisted of a lunch and learn session with AAL staff, followed by a bus tour of landside areas. The group also met with Qantas prior to arriving for the AAL session.

AAL Corporate Cleanup Australia Day was undertaken on 4 March – with about 30 AAL staff cleaning up sites around Airport Junction and the Besix Watpac site compound.

There were 11 confirmed strikes reported at Adelaide during the quarter, with strikes continuing to remain low due to dry weather.

On-airport Wildlife Hazard Management continues to be undertaken by a consultant ornithologist in conjunction with Airport Operations. An updated Wildlife Hazard Risk Assessment was undertaken by Succession Ecology in March.

AAL has now reduced total carbon emissions by close to 90% from a 2018 base year. Adelaide Airport has completed installation of a 2.3MW solar array on the terminal and is now generating (on average) more than 15% of the airport's electricity on site. AAL continues to work with its stakeholders to improve the diversion of waste from landfill in the Terminal. AAL continues to work closely with all airports to respond to the Jet Zero Council Workstream 5 – Airport Decarbonisation Study and is developing relationships that aim to accelerate availability of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in Adelaide. It was noted by a Committee member that this is really important for the industry.

#### **5.4 Adelaide Airport Technical Working Group (AATWG)**

The group met the day prior and discussed a number of items including dispensations, displaced threshold impacting the main runway during April until May 20, tower crane activity, building height limitations and Anzac Day. It was noted that AAL, ASA and the airlines worked together to keep aircraft noise to a minimum during the Anzac Day service, AAL thanked ASA for the hard work they undertake to make this possible. It was noted that the wind conditions on Anzac Day meant aircraft had to depart over the city, whilst ASA and airlines cannot stop operations they worked together to minimise the impacts on the service where reasonably possible. A discussion was held around a Qatar dispensation noted in the DITRDCA report and how weight loads on take-off can differ for a dry or wet take off. It was noted that due to seasonal scheduling, the international flights will depart earlier in the evening which should result in less dispensations.

### **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 following the recent Federal election, the current Minister, Minister King has remained in office.

#### **6.2 State Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Report**

It was noted that the State's Transport Strategy was released in March, the strategy touches on the strategic themes on where they are going in the future, this will be reinforced by the Public Transport Strategy which is out for public consultation. The South Australian Premier recently announced that major works have commenced on the Torrens to Darlington (T2D) project, marking the start of construction on South Australia's largest infrastructure project. The upgrade of Marion Road / Sir Donald Bradman Drive is underway. The new DIT representative details will be shared with members of the Committee.

#### **6.3 Airservices Australia (ASA) Report**

It was noted that traffic was steady for the last quarter. 33 individual complainants were noted, and the main complaint issues were standard flight path movements, curfew movements, general aviation traffic, helicopters, runway closure and unusual movements. It was noted that Henley Beach South

recorded 4 complaints which related to runway works. ASA thanked the airport for undertaking extensive community consultation on the Taxiway Lima project.

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

#### **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 items discussed at the PCF have been covered in other reports.

#### **7.2 City of West Torrens (CWT)**

The report was tabled and taken as read and the following noted: Major drainage Brownhill Creek works are underway along Marion Road, the 4 lanes will be opened next week with sealing and line marking to finish.

#### **7.3 City of Holdfast Bay**

##### Jetty Road, Glenelg Upgrade

The transformation of Jetty Road, Glenelg is well underway in the City zone (Brighton Road to Gordon/Partridge Streets intersection) with Jetty Road traders providing positive feedback on the new pavers.

The consultation period for the Transition and Coast zones now closed. Construction works for these zones (Gordon/Partridge Streets intersection to Colley Terrace) are still being timed to coincide with the tramline closure during the Tram Grade Separation project commencing in August this year. Six temporary tram service suspensions have been scheduled by the Department of Infrastructure ahead of the August line closure.

##### Jetty Road, Glenelg shopper competition

The Jetty Road precinct has been running the More to Love – More to Win campaign to support businesses in the City zone during the construction period. This competition will run until 31 May 2025. Shoppers can enter by spending \$30 or more at participating businesses.

##### Former Buffalo site

The redevelopment of the former Buffalo site is now completed, with installation of a shelter and seating to complete the space.

This area will complement the popular Wigley Reserve Playspace, Little Eatery café, with the inclusion of enhanced community amenities and the creation of new flexible open space for activations.

##### Electric Island Beach Concert

Electric Island, a boutique open-air music event featuring international house music DJs and headlined by Duke Dumont, was held on Glenelg Beach, on Saturday 12 April 2025. The event is part of a travelling show of five events across Australia, with the aim of building awareness of the Electric Island brand. 3,750 people attended.

The stage was positioned north of the jetty and Moseley Beach Club. The event ended at 10pm with a fireworks display from Glenelg jetty.

##### Ramps and bus stop upgrades improve accessibility

Council's City Assets team has been working diligently over the past 18 months, upgrading 15 bus stops and another 112 kerb pram ramps to ensure they meet Disability Discrimination Act standards.



Improvements to the bus stops include the installation of standing pads that allow buses to lower the access ramp, and tactiles which help people with sight limitations determine where to hail a bus from.

#### Stormwater Management

Stage One of the Tarlton Street and Whyte Street, Somerton Park stormwater project is now completed.

The overall works will consist of installing a 1.2 metre diameter pipe and a Gross Pollutant Trap along Whyte Street with a headwall and rock protection at the new outlet. A large culvert will also be installed along Tarlton Street. Other work involved with the project includes the reinstatement of pavement and connections between the new pipe and the existing pipe at the Whyte Street and Tarlton Street junction. The drainage upgrades will lessen the flooding issues and provide capacity for significant storm events.

Twin gross pollutant traps will be installed on Harrow Road to collect pollutants in the pipes before entering the ocean.

#### **7.4 City of Adelaide**

Public Engagement on the Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) City of Adelaide has commenced and will conclude on 25 May 2025. City of Adelaide acknowledges Adelaide Airport Limited's ongoing commitment and work undertaken to continuously improve access and inclusion for the journey between the Airport and the city. The Airport is a key stakeholder in the ITS given the airports key role in providing convenient connections between transport and placemaking, links to visitor destinations, creating improved visitor experiences, increasing visitor numbers and contributing to the overall economic and cultural vitality of South Australia

#### **7.5 City of Charles Sturt – No report.**

#### **7.6 West Beach Parks Report**

##### Overall Business

- April 2025 busiest April on record
- FY25 busiest year on record with LIV golf, Gather Round, other mass participation events
- Cost of living pressures start to impact with average length of stay dropping and lower entry accommodation being booked first
- RV manufacturing slowing down
- Revenue increase in golf of 41% since 2019-20
- Recruitment still continues to be a challenge

##### Strategic Projects

- The Square at West Beach Parks opened in December 2024, a brand new community space with kiosk, playground, shelters, amenities, open space
- Road Safety Centre relocated from the CBD to West Beach Parks
- Submitted planning application for new Toddler Pool and Splash Zone in Holiday Park to be completed prior to Christmas
- Developing a Sports & Recreation Master Plan for sporting reserves – stage 1 of consultation is completed
- Developing a new Environmental Sustainability Plan for 2026-2028

#### **8.0 NEW / OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **8.1 Updates from Community Representatives –**

A Committee member noted a local resident had issues with payment in the Short Term Car Park, it was noted this item will be followed up offline.

A discussion was held around who is responsible for the playing fields as a number of cars, trailers and boats are parked off Tapley's Hill Road for sale. It was noted this area is leased to Adelaide University.

It was also noted that the area off Tapley's Hill Road near the plane spotters area has a build up of rubbish, gas bottles and a number of camper vans. The Department of Transport are responsible for this area and were quick to respond when AAL made a report.

The Chair congratulated Steve Georganas' on his recent re-election as the Member for Adelaide.

**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** DIT new representative contacts details will be provided

**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 August 2025 at 9.00am.

**Meeting Closed at 10:10am**