

Minutes – Essendon Fields Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG)

Meeting held Friday March 5, 2021 at 10:30am by videoconference

Members: Cr Narelle Sharpe (MVCC), Rod Gurry (Representing Bill Shorten MP and Danny Pearson MP), Frank Manti (Community Representative), Brendan Pihan (EAPL), Colin Fort (EAPL).

Invited Guests: Michael Joost (Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications) (Infrastructure), Darren Walker (Infrastructure), Fiona Lawton (Airservices Australia), Chris Bren-Clarke (Airservices Australia), Rory Kennedy (EAPL).

1. Welcome – Rory Kennedy (Chair – standing in for Colin Fort) welcomed the committee and attendees.

- Apologies: Nil.

2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (November 7, 2020)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

9.b) No changes were requested to the proposed meeting dates for 2021, the remaining meetings for the year are:

- 11 June 2021, 10:30am (Chair: Cr Narelle Sharpe)
- 3 September 2021, 10:30am (Chair: Danny Pearson MP)
- 26 November 2021, 10:30am (Chair: Bill Shorten MP)

3. Noise

a) Airservices Update (attached)

Airservices provided updates regarding:

- Air Traffic Movements
- Noise Monitors
- Year in Review 2020: Complaints to the Noise Complaints & Information Service
- NCIS Complaints
 - Online Noise Report
 - Reporting

Colin Fort advised that the Airport has received feedback from complainants that Airservices' telephone complaints service is not available Mondays and Fridays. Fiona Lawton explained that these are temporary clearing days while Airservices works through an influx of complaints regarding Brisbane Airport. Airservices intends to return the telephone service to normal ASAP. In the meantime, the online tool is available 24/7.

4. Community Feedback/Concerns

a) A request from a resident of Strathmore Heights that noise abatement measures are put in place at the State Government's emergency services facility.

Rory Kennedy advised that Bill Shorten's office had passed on a request from a constituent in relation to the Police Air Wing and Air Ambulance facility.

Action: EAPL to consider the matters raised and discuss with the emergency services.

b) A resident of Strathmore Heights has provided Frank Manti with specific examples of night time aircraft noise and has requested that the Airport take action to minimise the impact.

Action: EAPL to investigate the nature of the aircraft movements and respond to Frank Manti.

5. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

a) *Current movements (October to December 2020)*

Action: DITRDC to provide curfew movements report for Q3 2020.

6. Aviation operations (EAPL)

a) *EF aviation update*

Operations are slowly returning to normal. However, EAPL is still waiting to see the full impact of COVID-19 on some operators, particularly flight schools reliant on international students.

In consultation with Air Traffic Control, the airfield team managed a temporary problem of bats flying across the airfield at dusk to reach a food source.

The proponent of a proposed development at 118 City Road, Southbank has engaged with Airservices and is seeking to raise the PANS-OPS protected airspace above the development site.

EAPL is planning its next Emergency Exercise for 27 April 2021, which will be in the field. Rod Gurry offered to assist with recruiting volunteers if required.

b) *Melbourne Airport Third Runway*

It is expected that Melbourne Airport's preliminary draft Major Development Plan will be on public exhibition this year.

c) *Essendon Airport Centenary 1921 to 2021*

"Tell us your story"

EAPL is calling for community submissions of their past experiences of Essendon Airport. A portion of this content will be used in a commemorative video which will be released on the 11th August 2021 to mark the 100 year anniversary of the Airport's gazettal.

Content can be submitted via www.ef.com.au/centenary. We invite community groups and Essendon Fields businesses to also document their experiences of the Airport.

If you would like to assist in the promotion of this campaign, please email marketing@ef.com.au for a suite of assets.

Airport Open Day – Saturday 4 September 2021

EAPL is planning an official open day where the entire precinct will be activated to encourage social distancing.

The Airport is asking for help to brainstorm ideas. The key ideas / contributions we have so far for the open day on Sat 4th September include:

- static aircraft display
- hangar tours
- emergency services behind the scenes talks and tours
- Aviation museum history walks
- on site history display
- experience a simulation of flying in or out of the airport with Orbx Simulation
- iFLY skydiving displays and special offers
- 100 classic or unusual cars at EF Auto
- main stage with official speeches, entertainment, etc

7. Development Update (EAPL)

a) *Bombardier Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Facility – Hangar 82*

Construction is underway.

b) *Terminal Refurbishment Stage 2 “Bell Business Centre”*

Pre-leasing has commenced for the planned refurbishment of the southern end of the Terminal building, which includes the addition of a Business Centre with shared meeting facilities.

c) *ARC and other new office projects*

The ARC office building has previously been approved through a Major Development Plan (MDP) continues to be put forward to potential occupiers. A smaller office building at English Street is also being considered, which would not require a MDP.

d) *Planning for new Bristol Street hangars*

EAPL will commence feasibility and site investigations for the redevelopment of two sites in Bristol Street for additional hangars which will assist in meeting future accommodation requirements.

8. Master Plan and Major Development Plan (MDP) matters (EAPL)

The revised date of submission for the next Master Plan is 31 January 2023.

9. Other business

Nil.

Meeting Closed 11:20am

Next meeting will be held Friday June 11, 2021 @ 10:30am by videoconference

Chair – Cr Narelle Sharpe