

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

Meeting held Friday June 18, 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), Tim Gill (Airservices Australia), Christine Campbell (Airservices Australia), Rory Kennedy (EAPL).

1. Welcome – Cr Narelle Sharpe (Chair) welcomed the committee and attendees.

- Apologies: Nil.

2. Items arising from previous CACG minutes (March 5, 2021)

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

4.a) [Request from a resident of Strathmore Heights that noise abatement measures are put in place at the State Government's emergency services facility] EAPL to consider the matters raised and discuss with emergency services.

4. b) [A resident of Strathmore provided specific examples of night time aircraft noise] EAPL to investigate the nature of aircraft movements and respond to Frank Manti.

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
- Noise Complaint Information Service (NCIS) Data
 - Online Noise Report
 - Reporting

Before the lockdown, General Aviation has been very busy with flight training organisations catching up on a backlog. March complaints were well above average. Half of all complaints were new contacts and all but three were about emergency services.

4. Community Feedback/Concerns

a) A resident of Mascoma Street, Strathmore Heights complained about noise from a back-up power generator connected to the stormwater network.

EAPL arranged noise testing of the generator, which operates rarely in the event of heavy rain and a power outage. The noise was measured to be slightly above acceptable criteria for night time. EAPL is arranging noise insulation to be added to the generator enclosure.

b) Incidents of helicopter noise at night. Complaint submitted by a resident to Frank Manti.

At night, helicopter approach and departures follow a similar path to fixed-wing aircraft. Approaches to the runways are the safest option.

Of the 7 movements during the curfew period between 23:00 16/6/21 to 6:00 17/6/21, 6 were either Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria or the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The other movement was a smaller aircraft exempt from the curfew, which departed 5:58am, two minutes before the curfew ended.

c) Other

Cr Sharpe advised that a resident of Airport West had emailed her with various early morning flight movements in April and asked why emergency services are located at the airport. The resident had also contacted the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications about the same issue and received a reply.

5. Jet Curfew (Infrastructure)

a) *Current movements (January to March 2021)*

Refer attached summary.

6. Aviation operations (EAPL)

a) *EF aviation update*

Aircraft arrivals had been slowly trending up to 2690 movements in March before declining again with further lockdowns.

Passenger services, flying schools and private aircraft have all been heavily affected by COVID-19 lockdowns.

The Aviation team have been coordinating 'controlled activity' applications from proponents seeking to operate temporary construction cranes in prescribed airspace above developments at Pentridge Boulevard, Coburg and Keilor Road, North Essendon.

A field emergency exercise was held 27 April 2021, with volunteers from Rotary.

b) *Melbourne Airport Third Runway*

EAPL continues to engage with the Melbourne Airport working group and is awaiting release of a draft MDP for public comment.

c) *Essendon Airport Centenary 1921 to 2021*

"Tell us your story"

EAPL is receiving good community engagement with stories and old photographs being sent in.

Content can be submitted via www.ef.com.au/centenary.

Airport Open Day – Saturday 4 September 2021

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

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) *New Office Project – 9 English Street*

A new 5 or 6 storey office building is being designed for the corner of English Street and Nomad Road which will be below the construction cost threshold for a Major Development Plan.

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 11:30am

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

Chair – Danny Pearson MP

18 June 2021



AIRSERVICES UPDATE

ESSENDON CACG

Chris Bren-Clarke – Tower Operations

Timothy Gill – Community Engagement - Senior Advisor

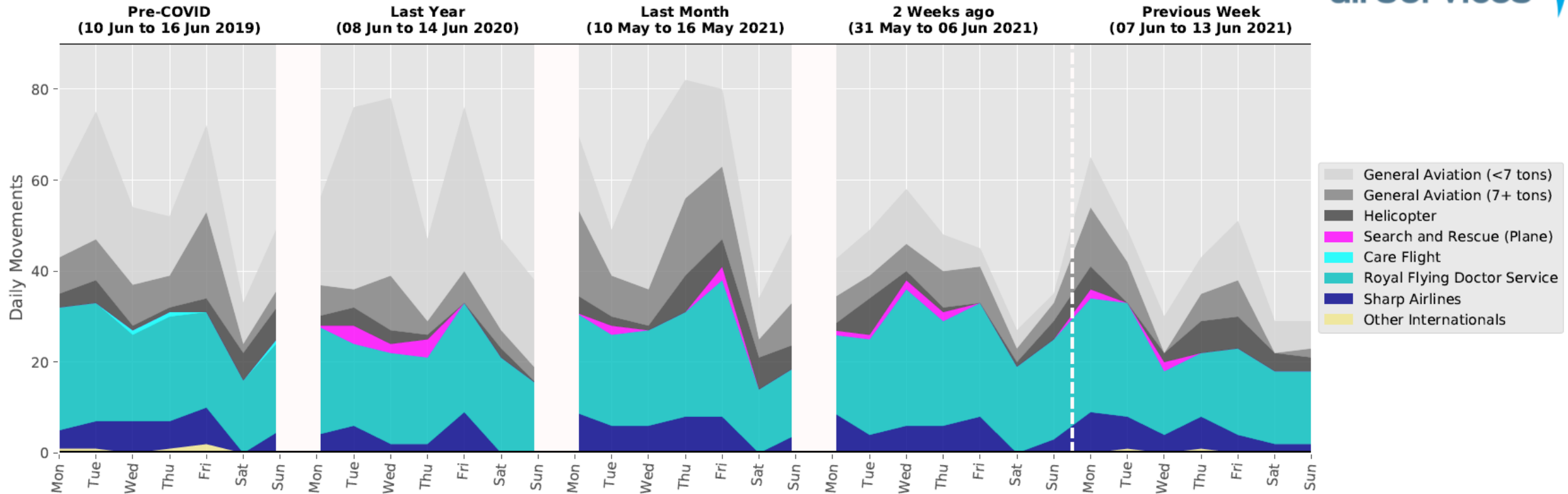
AIRSERVICES UPDATE

- Tower & Operational Update
- NCIS Complaints



AIR TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS

**Daily Aircraft Movements: MELBOURNE/ESSENDON AIRPORT (YMEN)
ATC Tower Location**



- Other Internationals are Foreign Airlines as well as Short Haul Internationals of Regional Airlines.
- General Aviation (Light) does not include movements without Flight Plan.

Data shown via Stacked Area plots. The values of each group are displayed on top of each other. Movements exclude military and VFR without Flight Plan. All dates based on local times.

NOISE MONITORS

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- Essendon missed 2 hrs 10 May
- Essendon missed 31 hrs 15-16 Apr
- To see where aircraft operate and review data for the noise monitors near Melbourne Airport and Essendon Airport, visit <https://webtrak.emsbk.com/mel3>

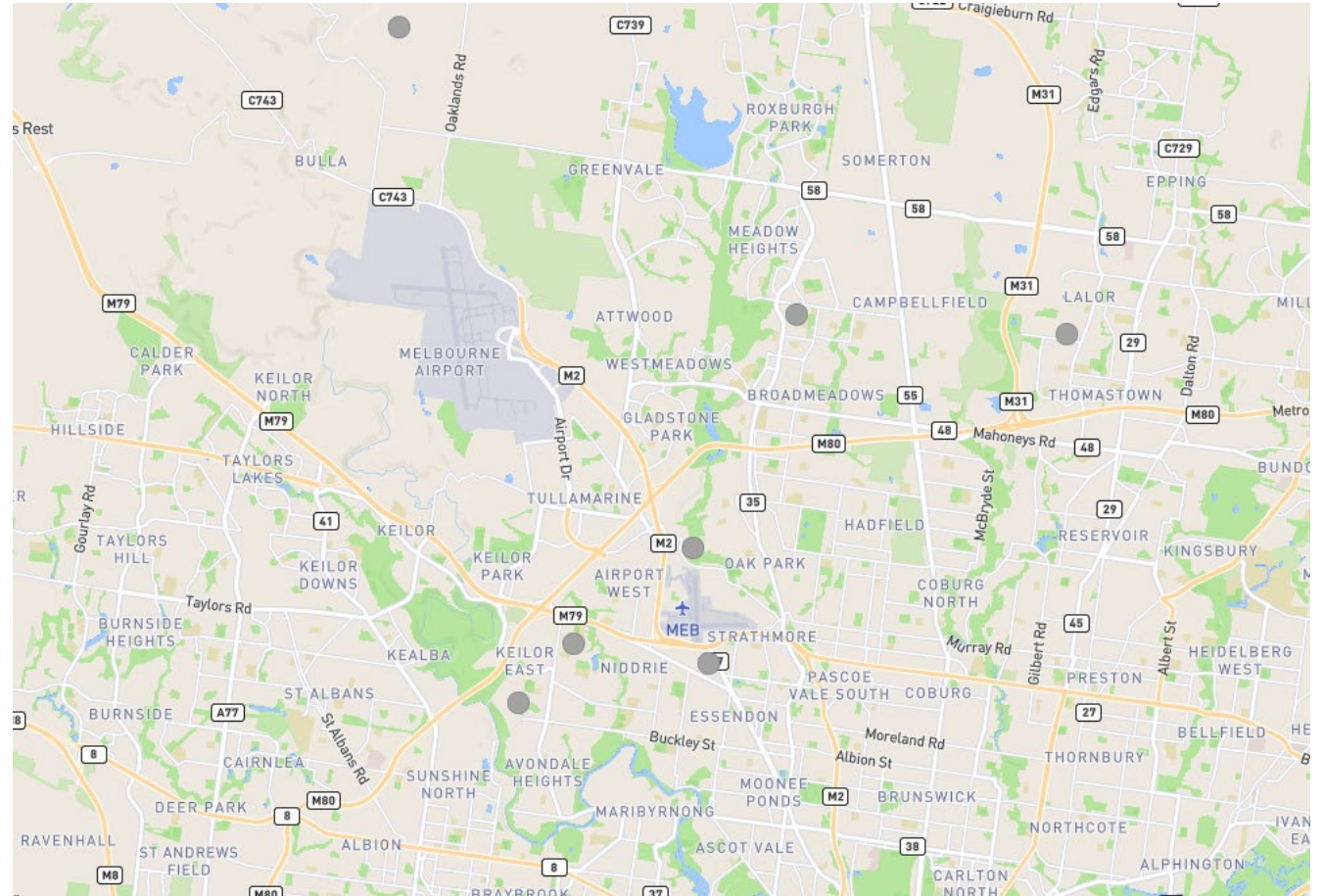
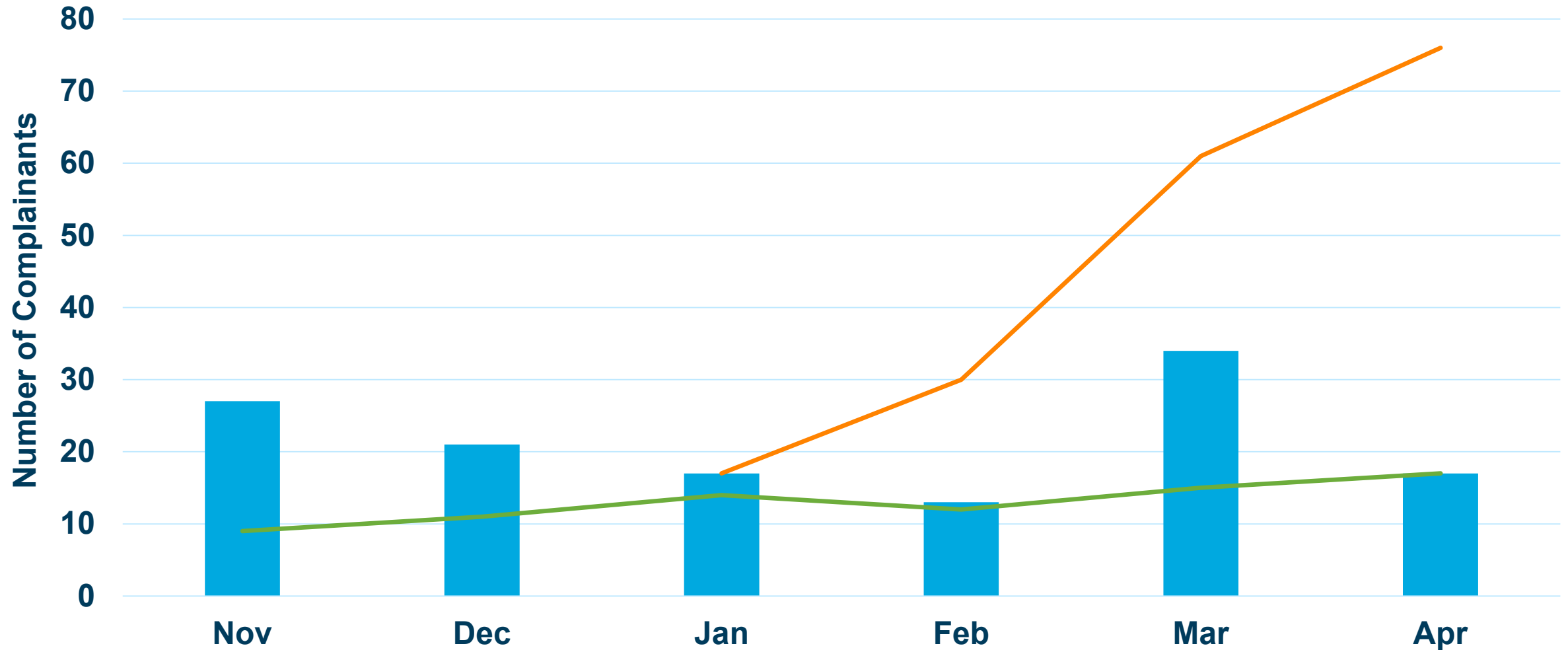


Figure 1: Noise monitoring terminals near Melbourne Airport and Essendon Airport (Grey circles)

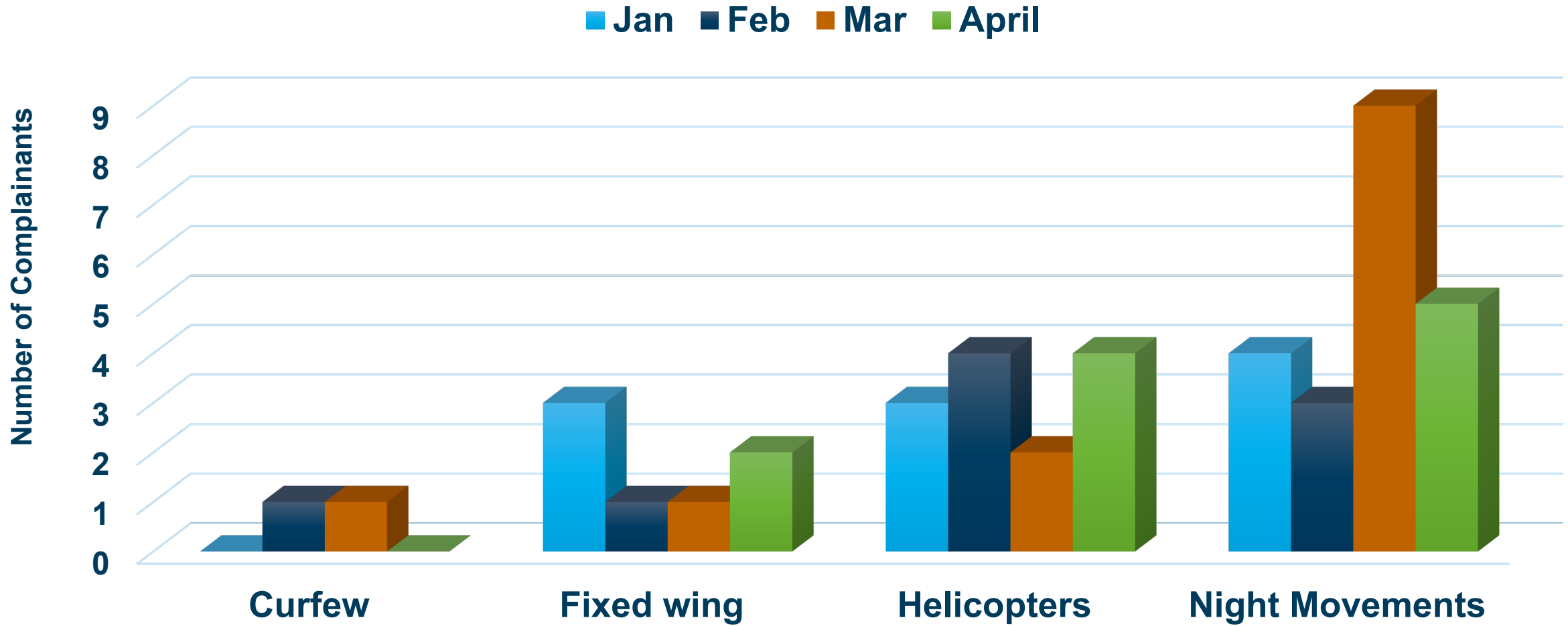
NCIS COMPLAINTS

NCIS DATA - COMPLAINANT NUMBERS PER MONTH

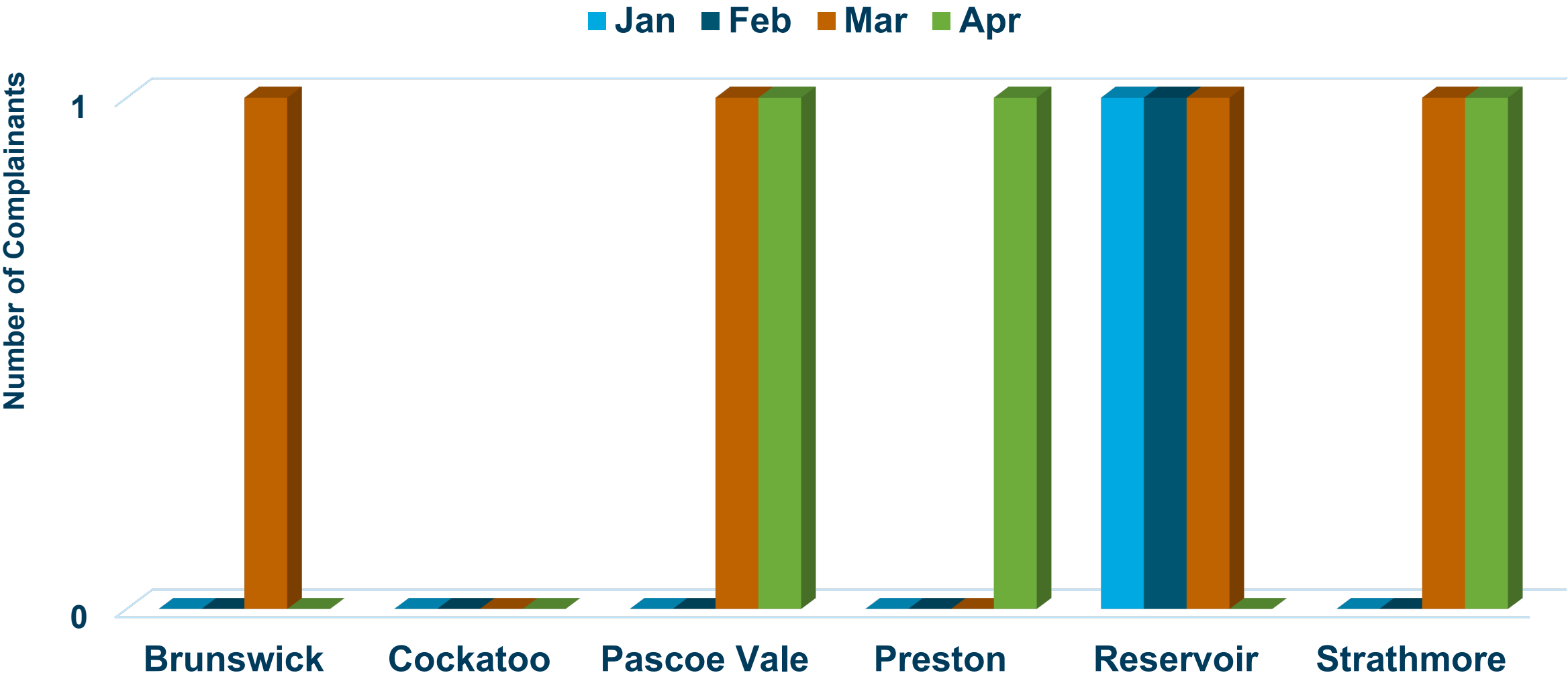
— Total Number of complainants 2020 — 3-YR Average



NCIS DATA EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATIONS



NCIS DATA - SUBURB COMPARISON



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Essendon Fields Airport

Aircraft operations during the curfew period April-June 2021

Movement Summary

Month	Dispensations Approved	Pre-curfew Taxi Clearance	Diversions	Emergency / Search & Rescue	Month	Dispensations Approved	Pre- curfew Taxi Clearance
April	0	1	0	230	0	13	1
May	0	0	0	266	0	12	3
June	0	0	0	166	0	21	0

Movements

There were a total of **713** permitted movements at Essendon Fields Airport between April and June 2021.

Dispensations

NIL

Pre-Curfew Taxi Clearance

One aircraft received pre-curfew taxi clearance.

Diversions

NIL

Emergency / Search and Rescue

There were **662** emergency movements conducted using helicopters and propeller driven aircraft.

There were also **13** other movements classified as emergency operations which included 13 movements declared as emergencies conducted by small jet aircraft (7 arrivals and 6 departures).

Permitted Propeller Driven Aircraft Movements

There were **46** permitted propeller driven aircraft movements. These aircraft included:

- 1x Beech Bonanza BE36
- 2x Beechcraft Baron BE58
- 1x Cessna 404 C404
- 2x Vulcanair P68
- 3x Piper Navajo PA30
- 20x Piper Navajo PA31
- 16x Cirrus SR

Permitted Helicopter Movements

There were **313** permitted helicopter movements between April to June 2021.